

**Addison Northeast Supervisory Union and Member School Districts
(Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, Mt. Abraham Union High, New Haven,
Starksboro)
Boards of Directors' Policy**

Policy Area: Business & Non-Instructional
Operations: E2
Policy Subject: **TOBACCO PROHIBITION**

The use of tobacco on school grounds is a violation of state law and is hereby prohibited. This ban extends to any student, employee or visitor to the school, and applies at all times, whether or not school is in session. Students are prohibited from possession, use, sale, or transmission of any tobacco products on school property and at all school-sponsored functions or while under the supervision of school staff.

There are significant health risks associated with smoking. Addison Northeast Supervisory Union and its member school districts are dedicated to teaching its students about the effects of tobacco as well as the legal consequences of possession and use of tobacco.

Definitions:

School property - however characterized herein, means any property owned or leased by the school district and used at any time for school-related activities including but not limited to school buildings, areas adjacent to school buildings, parking lots, athletic fields, and school buses.

School-sponsored activity includes but is not limited to such activities as field trips, project graduation events, sporting events, work internships, and dances.

Tobacco Product has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A.1001 (4), as amended from time to time, and includes cigarettes, cigars, cheroots, stogies, periques, granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco, snuff, snuff flour, Cavendish, plug and twist tobacco, fine-cut and other chewing tobaccos, shorts, refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco, and other forms of tobacco prepared in a manner suitable for chewing or smoking in a pipe or otherwise, or both for chewing and smoking.

Violations:

Students who violate this policy will be disciplined under the school's disciplinary policy and procedures. All tobacco products in the possession of a student in violation of this policy shall be confiscated immediately by an employee and reported to the principal or his or her designee who shall, if appropriate, make a referral to law enforcement.

Employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accord with applicable employee policies, employment contracts and requirements of law.

Others who use tobacco on school grounds will be informed of this policy and asked to comply. A person failing to comply will be asked to leave school grounds. A person who refuses to comply or to leave school grounds when requested to do so under this policy may be referred for prosecution as a trespasser.

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Date Warned	4/30/10	4/30/10	5/11/10	5/24/10	4/30/10	6/9/10	4/30/10
Date Adopted	5/26/10	5/11/10	6/14/10	6/21/10	5/13/10	6/22/10	5/12/10

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Prevention Education:

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union member school districts shall teach about the health effects and legal ramifications of possession and use of tobacco in its alcohol and drug prevention education curriculum.

A qualified school nurse or educator shall be available to speak with individual students, when appropriate, about tobacco use and possession and smoking cessation programs. The nurse or educator shall be aware of available resources and programs to assist students in quitting smoking or other use of tobacco products.

To the extent possible, school officials shall coordinate the implementation of this policy with law enforcement agencies and community officials with a focus on directing students to relevant education cessation programs.

Searches of Students and Their Property:

When a teacher or administrator or his/her designee has reasonable suspicion that a particular student is concealing an object or substance, which is prohibited under school policy or state law, the teacher or administrator will follow the Search & Seizure Policy.

Training and Information:

The principal or his or her designee is directed to take reasonable steps to inform students and employees of this policy, to post signs on school property and to provide notice to visitors and those who are invited to attend school activities in bulletins, programs and announcements related to school events.