

USE OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-FREE PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Mansfield School Committee recognizes that smoking represents a health and safety hazard which has serious consequences for the smoker, nonsmoker and the safety of the schools. The Committee also recognizes that all staff members should serve as positive role models for the students. In order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 71, Education Reform Act of 1993 and to protect students, staff, visitors, and guests of the schools from an environment that may be harmful to them, and a concern for the safety of school property, the board of education has determined that all uses of tobacco or tobacco-free products and devices (including, but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes or other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization), or other substitute forms of cigarettes and nicotine, within the school buildings, school facilities, on school grounds or school buses, or at school sponsored events by any individual, including school personnel, is prohibited at all times.

Disciplinary action may be issued to staff members who violate this policy.

It is understood that this policy will be in addition to existing board policy concerning the prohibition of smoking by students.

LEGAL REFS.: Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993
 M.G.L. 71:37H

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