

TOBACCO PRODUCTS BAN USE AND POSSESSION IN AND ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

No person shall use any tobacco product in any facility maintained by the Shaker Regional School District (SRSD), on any of the grounds of SRSD, or in any vehicles or property engaged in service to and for students.

"Tobacco products" means cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, smokeless tobacco, smokeless cigarettes, products containing tobacco, and tobacco in any other form.

"Facility" is any place which is supported by public funds and which is used for the instruction of students enrolled in preschool programs and in all grades maintained by SRSD. This definition shall include all administrative buildings and offices and areas within facilities supportive of instruction and subject to educational administration, including, but not limited to, lounge areas, passageways, rest rooms, laboratories, classrooms, study areas, cafeterias, gymnasiums, maintenance rooms, and storage areas.

Signs shall be placed by SRSD in all buildings, facilities and SRSD vehicles stating that the use of tobacco products is prohibited.

Building Principal(s) shall enforce this policy initially by requesting that any person who is violating this policy to immediately cease the use of tobacco products. After this request is made, if any person refuses to refrain from using tobacco products in violation of this policy, the Principal or designee may call the local police who shall then be responsible for all enforcement.

Students

No student shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, distribute or use any tobacco product in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by SRSD.

Enforcement of this prohibition shall initially rest with building principals, who will impose consequences according to SRSD Policy JIC and who may report any violation to the local police department.¹ If reported to the police, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings, applicable fines and penalties, if any.

Employees

No employee shall use any tobacco product in any facility, in any SRSD vehicle or anywhere on SRSD property.

Initial responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with building Principals, or their designees.

Employees who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action, which may include warning, suspension or dismissal. In addition, fines or other penalties may result from enforcement of these prohibitions by other law enforcement officials.

1 **All Other Persons**

2 No visitor shall at any time use tobacco products in any facility, in any SRSD vehicle, or
3 anywhere on SRSD property.

4 Responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with all SRSD employees
5 who may report violations to the building administration. If reported to the police, the
6 police department shall be responsible for all proceedings, applicable fines and
7 penalties, if any.
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9 **Legal References:**

10 *RSA 126 – K:6, Possession and Use of Tobacco Products by Minors*

11 *RSA 155:64 to 77 (Indoor Smoking Act)*

12 *RSA 126 K:7, Use of Tobacco Products on Public Educational Grounds*

13 *Prohibited*