

Addison Northwest Supervisory Union Policy

SECTION: BUSINESS

CODE: E8

TITLE: TOBACCO PROHIBITION

Policy

In accordance with state law, it is the policy of the Addison Northwest Supervisory Union and its member school boards to prohibit the use of tobacco or tobacco substitutes on supervisory union or school grounds or at school sponsored functions. 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, furthermore, prohibited from possessing tobacco products, tobacco substitutes or tobacco paraphernalia at all times while under the supervision of school staff or at school-sponsored activities. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall develop procedures, rules and regulations that are necessary to implement this policy and, at a minimum, will include provisions ensuring that tobacco products, tobacco substitutes or tobacco paraphernalia are confiscated when found in the possession of students and that referrals to law enforcement agencies are made when appropriate.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy and administrative rules and procedures developed pursuant to this policy:

1. **School grounds** means any property and facilities owned or leased by the school and used at any time for school related activities, including but not limited to school buildings, school buses, are as adjacent to school buildings, athletic fields and parking lots.
2. **School sponsored activity** means activities including but not limited to field trips, project graduation events, sporting events, work internships and dances.
3. **Tobacco product** has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. 1001(3), as amended from time to time.
4. **Tobacco paraphernalia** has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. 1001(7), as amended from time to time.
5. **Tobacco substitutes** has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. 1001(8), as amended—from time to time.

Violations of Policy

Students who violate this policy will be disciplined under the comprehensive plan for responding to student behavior (16 V.S.A. 1161a), and tobacco products shall be confiscated.

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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Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §140 (Tobacco on school grounds)

18 V.S.A. §§1422 et seq. (Smoking in the workplace)

13 V.S.A. §3705 (Unlawful Trespass)

20 U.S.C. §§6083 et seq. (Goals 2000 Educate America Act, Title X)

42 U.S.C. §§5119a et seq. (Children Protection Act of 1995)

Cross Reference: Student Conduct and Discipline (F1)

Bus Discipline (F2)