

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

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No person shall use any tobacco product in any facility maintained by the school school, on any of the grounds of the school, or at any school sponsored event on or off school property.

Tobacco products means cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, smokeless cigarettes, e-cigarette, or liquid nicotine, 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 all grades maintained by the school. 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 the school in all buildings, facilities and school vehicles stating that the use of tobacco products is prohibited during school hours.

It is the responsibility of the Director, or designee, to initially enforce this policy 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 Director or designee may call the local police who shall then be responsible for all enforcement proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

Students

Spark Academy students are not permitted to use tobacco during school hours in any facility at school during school hours.

Enforcement of this prohibition shall initially rest with the Director or designees, who may report any violation to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

The Director will develop regulations which cover disciplinary action to be taken for violations of this policy. These regulations will be communicated to students by means deemed appropriate by the Director.

Employees

No employee shall use any tobacco product during school hours while at school during school hours.

Initial responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with building administration, or their designees. The Director may report violations to the local police department. In

accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

The Director will develop and implement the appropriate means of notifying employees of the possible disciplinary consequences of violating this policy. Any employee(s) who violate(s) this policy is 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.

All other persons

No visitor shall at any time use tobacco products on school grounds during school hours.

Responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with all school employees who may report violations to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

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Legal References:

RSA 155:64 – 76, Indoor Smoking Act

RSA 126-K:6, Possession and Use of Tobacco Products by Minors

RSA 126 – K:7, Use of Tobacco Products on Public Educational Facility Grounds Prohibited

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