

Holbrook Public Schools

TOBACCO FREE POLICY

The Education Reform Act, effective June 18, 1993, prohibits the use of tobacco at all times at all schools and grounds, as well as at school functions and activities (Mass.Gen.Laws Chapter 71, Section 37H). No one is allowed to smoke or to use smokeless tobacco on school buses, school property, before or after school, at anytime during the school day, or at co-curricular or athletic events. If a violation of this Tobacco Free Schools Policy is substantiated, the school will take steps reasonably calculated to prevent recurrence. The response should be individually tailored to all of the circumstances, including whether the persons involved are students.

A staff member determined to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action.

A student determined to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the student discipline code.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, "cigarette smoking is the most devastating, preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States." Second hand smoke, that non-smokers involuntarily inhale, is a contributing factor to the cause of many avoidable fatal illnesses such as heart disease and lung cancer. Smokeless tobacco is yet another contributor to cancer. All tobacco products found on school property will be confiscated and are not subject to return.

This policy shall be promulgated to all staff and students in appropriate handbooks and publications.

Signs shall be posted in all school buildings informing the general public of the district policy and requirements of state law.

SOURCE: MASC, JSHS Handbook

LEGAL REF: M.G.L 71:37H

CROSS REF: ADC Smoking on School Premises

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