

TOBACCO AND NICOTINE CONTROL POLICY

The Hadley Public Schools is dedicated to providing a healthy, smoke-free environment for its students, staff and visitors to its facilities. The Hadley Public Schools believes that tobacco prevention and education play a critical role in establishing life-long positive health habits for its students. A comprehensive health curriculum K-12 emphasizing the dangers of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol continues to be an integral part of the educational process.

Use of any tobacco products, including, but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco and snuff and electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes or other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization, 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.

Staff members who violate this policy will be referred to their immediate supervisor. Smoking and the use of tobacco products by students, staff, volunteers, and visitors are prohibited on all school property at all times in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, section 37H. District policy prohibits student possession of tobacco products or paraphernalia on school property and at school-sponsored trips or events. School property includes school buildings, school facilities, school grounds, school parking lots and school buses and any property controlled by the School Committee. It is the policy of the School Committee to fully implement the tobacco-free law, on the premise that tobacco prevention, education and treatment services, coupled with enforcement is the most effective way to comply with the law. District policy also prohibits student possession or use of nicotine products and delivery systems that include but are not limited to electronic cigarettes, nicotine gum, or nicotine patches (unless medically prescribed).

CROSS REFS: ADC

SOURCE: MASC September 2016

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [71:37H](#)

CROSS REFS.: [ADC](#), Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited

[JCH](#), Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students Prohibit

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