

**MOUNT DESERT ISLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT TOBACCO POLICY**

The health hazards of tobacco use have been well established and accepted by society. Therefore, this policy is established to emphasize the hazards of student tobacco use and protect the health and safety of all students.

Students are prohibited from smoking, using, possessing, selling, distributing or dispensing any tobacco products in school buildings, facilities, during school-sponsored events, on school buses, and at all other times on school grounds.

Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action. The following consequences and procedures are guidelines and administrators have the authority to modify them as warranted by the circumstances of a particular case. Administrators may consider student's prior violation of other substance abuse policies.

High School Students (9-12)

Possession

1. First Violation: Will result in confiscation of tobacco products and one or more of the following at the discretion of the administration: warning; parental contact; meeting and assessment with school nurse or health educator; provide students with resources for available cessation programs; and/or Saturday detention.
2. Second Violation: Will result in the following: confiscate tobacco products; parental conference; meeting and continued assessment with school nurse or health educator; mandatory tobacco education program (where available); provide students with resources for available cessation programs; out-of-school suspension and referral to the Hearing Committee. Report to police and turn over tobacco products.
3. Subsequent Violations: Will result in the following: confiscate tobacco products; parental conference; meeting and continued assessment with school nurse or health educator; provide student with resources for available cessation programs; out-of-school suspension and referral to School Committee for extended suspension or possible expulsion. Report to police and turn over tobacco products.

Use, Sale, Distribution, Dispensing

1. First Violation: Will result in confiscation of tobacco products and one or more of the following at the discretion of the administration: warning; parental contact; meeting and assessment with school nurse or health educator; provide student with resources for available cessation programs; and three-day in-school suspension.

2. Second Violation: Will result in the following: confiscate tobacco products; parental conference; meeting and continued assessment with school nurse or health educator; mandatory tobacco education program (where available); provide student with resources for available cessation programs; out-of-school suspension and referral to the Hearing Committee. Report to police and turn over tobacco products.
3. Subsequent Offenses: Will result in the following: confiscate tobacco products, parental conference, meeting and continued assessment with school nurse or health educator, mandatory tobacco education program (where available); provide student with resources for available cessation programs; out-of-school suspension and referral to School Committee for extended suspension or possible expulsion. Report to police and turn over tobacco products.

Cross Reference: ADCA – Tobacco Policy for School Employees and Visitors

Legal Reference: 22 M.R.S.A. § 1578-B
Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use by Minors)
20 USC § 7181 et seq. (Pro-Children Act of 2001)

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