
**WALDEN SCHOOL BOARD POLICY
TOBACCO PROHIBITION**

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Copies to: ___ Principal: ___ School Library; ___ Board Members: ___ CCSU: ___ Town Clerk: ___ Town Library: ___

The use of tobacco on school grounds is a violation of state law and is hereby prohibited. This ban extends to any student, employee or visitor to the school, and applies at all times, whether or not school is in session. In addition, it is a violation of state law for any student to use or possess tobacco either on school grounds or at a school sponsored function.

The superintendent or his or her designee is directed to take reasonable steps to inform students and employees of this policy, to post signs on school property and to provide notice to visitors and Those who are invited to attend school activities in bulletins, programs and announcements related to school events.

Students who violate this policy will be disciplined under the school's disciplinary policy and procedures. Tobacco will be confiscated, and referral may be made to an appropriate law enforcement agency by the principal.

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.

For purposes of this policy, "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, areas adjacent to school buildings, athletic fields and parking lots.

Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. § 140
16V.S.A. §131

Cross Reference: Smoking in the Workplace (D8)