

WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

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TOBACCO PROHIBITION

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union to prohibit the use of tobacco or tobacco substitutes on supervisory union or school grounds or at school sponsored functions.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy and administrative rules and procedures developed pursuant to this policy:

1. **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, school buses, areas adjacent to school buildings, athletic fields and parking lots.
2. **Public school sponsored functions** means activities including but not limited to field trips, project graduation events, sporting events, work internships and dances.
3. **Tobacco product** has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. § 1001(3), as amended from time to time.
4. **Tobacco paraphernalia** has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. § 1001(7), as amended from time to time.
5. **Tobacco substitutes** has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. § 1001(8), as amended from time to time.

Administrative Responsibilities

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that:

1. Students, employees and visitors are prohibited from using tobacco or tobacco substitutes on school grounds at all times, including when school is in and out of session, and during public school sponsored functions.
2. Students are prohibited from possessing tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and tobacco substitutes on school grounds at all times, including when school is in and out of session, and during public school sponsored functions.
3. Procedures are developed and implemented. Those procedures may¹include provisions ensuring that tobacco products, tobacco substitutes or tobacco paraphernalia are confiscated when found in the possession of students and that referrals to law enforcement agencies are made when appropriate.

¹ 16 V.S.A. §140 states “Public school boards may adopt policies that include confiscation and appropriate referrals to law enforcement authorities.”

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<i>Legal References</i>	16 V.S.A. § 140 (Tobacco on school grounds)
	18 V.S.A. §§ 1421 et seq. (Smoking in the workplace)
	7 V.S.A. §§ 1001 et seq.
<i>Cross References</i>	