

1:0 STUDENTS - SMOKE FREE POLICY

2:0 POLICY STATEMENT

2:1 It is the policy of the Fairhaven School Committee that the use of any tobacco products within the school buildings, the school facilities or on the school grounds or on school buses by any individual, including school personnel shall be prohibited. Copies of this policy shall be provided to any person upon request, without cost, by the principal of every school within the school district.

This prohibition extends to all areas of school property; i.e., basements, bathrooms, parking lots, etc., and this prohibition is applicable to all personnel.

3:0 DEFINITIONS

3:1 Tobacco Education Group - TEG

3:2 Tobacco Awareness Program - TAP

3:3 Employee Assistance Program - EAP

4:0 SANCTIONS - High School Students - Grades 9-12

4:1 Smoking, the use of any tobacco products, such as smokeless tobacco, snuff, or the visible possession of any smoking materials (cigarette, lighter, matches, etc.) is prohibited in the buildings and on the grounds of Fairhaven High School and during any school sponsored activity or event. Students must be across Larch Avenue from the school or on the sidewalk adjacent to Huttleston Avenue to smoke before and after school. Students in violation of this rule will be required to participate in a Tobacco Education Group (TEG), a series of educational sessions leading participants toward a healthier tobacco-free life style. Students refusing to participate in or failing to complete TEG will face a two-day suspension out of school. For those students who voluntarily want to quit their tobacco addiction, the Tobacco Awareness Program (TAP) will provide students with an opportunity to participate in a comprehensive tobacco awareness and cessation behavior modification curriculum.

5:0 SANCTIONS - Middle School Students - Grades 6-8

5:1 Smoking, the use of any tobacco products, or the visible possession of any smoking materials (cigarette, lighter, matches, etc.) is prohibited in the buildings and on the grounds of Hastings Middle School and during any school sponsored activity or event. Students in violation of this rule will be required to participate in a Tobacco Education Group (TEG), a series of educational sessions leading participants toward a healthier tobacco-free life style. Students refusing to participate in or failing to complete TEG will face a two-day suspension out of school. For those students who voluntarily want to quit their tobacco addiction, the Tobacco Awareness Program (TAP) will provide students with an opportunity to participate in a comprehensive tobacco awareness and cessation behavior modification curriculum.

6:0 SANCTIONS - Elementary Students - Grades K-5

5:1 School suspensions may vary as determined by the severity of the action. They may be served in school or at home. Upon suspension, parents must return with their child the next school day to sign certain papers and to be apprised of their rights. The elementary principal will be allowed a broad latitude in dealing with this matter.

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