

STUDENTS AND PERSONNEL – 5131.6

SMOKING POLICY

General Statement

The Manchester Board of Education recognizes the many health hazards associated with smoking. It has long been established that smoking/vaping harm the health of those who smoke/vape. New studies and research have shown that the toxic fumes generated by second-hand smoke can cause heart damage to people who breathe them.

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that no smoking, vaping, or other use of tobacco products be allowed on school property at any time or on any transportation provided by the Board of Education.

Further, it shall be the policy of the Board to provide all students in the district programs as directed by Sec. 10-19 of the CT General Statutes. It is expected that these programs will help students to become more aware of health hazards caused by smoking/vaping and better informed about the diseases related to smoking/vaping. In addition, it is also expected that these programs will aid students in developing constructive attitudes and help them make wise decisions about smoking.

Penalties for infractions of smoking regulations must be consistently administered by the school administration to both students and board employees. The administration is charged with enforcing this regulation.

The administration will provide accurate up-to-date materials and resources for an effective and stimulating instructional program in this important health area. Programs for those students and staff members who may desire to terminate smoking are to be provided.

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