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**BSD Policy B7**

## **BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY**

### **CODE B7: TOBACCO PROHIBITION**

Formerly Policy D2R

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to address the prohibited use of tobacco or tobacco substitutes on school grounds or school functions by employees, visitors and students.

#### **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.

#### **Policy**

It is the policy of Burlington School District to prohibit the use of tobacco or tobacco substitutes on district or school grounds or at school-sponsored functions.

#### **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 may, at a minimum, include provisions ensuring that tobacco products, tobacco substitutes, or tobacco paraphernalia are confiscated when found in the possession of students.

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	<i>18 V.S.A. §§ 1421 et seq. (Smoking in the workplace)</i>
	<i>7 V.S.A. §§ 1001 et seq.</i>
	<i>VSBA Model Policy, B7 Tobacco Prohibition</i>
<i>Cross References:</i>	<i>C2: Student Alcohol and Drugs</i>
	<i>B3: Drug Free Workplace</i>