

ROYALTON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

POLICY: TOBACCO POSSESSION POLICY

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REVISED:

This policy is an addendum to the Tobacco Prohibition Policy adopted by the Royalton Board of School Directors on December 7, 1995 and is adopted pursuant to the requirement set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 140.

It is the policy of the Royalton School District that students of the Royalton School District, or any individual who is not a Royalton School District student but who is under the age of 18, shall not possess tobacco on school grounds; and in the case of Royalton School District students, at any school sponsored activity off school grounds or in any vehicle owned, leased or used by the Royalton School District.

“School grounds”, for the purpose of this policy, is any real property owned or leased by the Royalton School District; or any other real property used by the Royalton School District for school sponsored activities.

“School sponsored activity”, for the purpose of this policy, is any activity which a student is involved in as a student of the Royalton School District; i.e., eligibility for and participation in an activity is determined by the fact that the individual is a Royalton School District student.

“Tobacco” when used in this policy refers to tobacco in any form regulated by 7 V.S.A. §1001 (4).

Any Royalton School District student, or any other individual under the age of 18, shall be asked by an employee of the Royalton School District to relinquish any tobacco in his or her possession.

An individual under the age of 18, who is not a Royalton School District student and who refuses to relinquish tobacco in his or her possession upon request by an employee of the Royalton School District, shall be considered a trespasser and asked to leave school grounds.

Royalton students who are in possession of tobacco in violation of this policy shall be referred to the principal or the principal’s designee who shall notify the student’s parents or legal custodian concerning the violation.

Students who violate this policy shall be subject to in-school suspension.

Violations of this policy may be reported to a law enforcement agency.

This policy shall be printed in the Royalton School Handbook