

TOBACCO PROHIBITION

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Tobacco Prohibition Policy is to comply with Vermont state law and to foster a learning environment free of tobacco and/or tobacco substitutes.

II. DEFINITIONS

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

School grounds means any property and facilities owned or leased by the school and used for school related activities, including but not limited to school buildings, school buses, areas adjacent to school buildings, athletic fields, trails and wooded areas, and parking lots.

School sponsored activities means activities including but not limited to field trips, sporting events, work internships and dances.

Tobacco product has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. 1001(3), as amended from time to time.

Tobacco paraphernalia has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. 1001(7), as amended from time to time.

Tobacco substitutes has the same meaning as set forth in 7 V.S.A. 1001(8), as amended from time to time.

III. POLICY

In accordance with state law, it is the policy of Thetford Academy to prohibit the use of tobacco or tobacco substitutes on school grounds or at school sponsored activities. This ban extends to any student, employee or visitor to the school, and applies at all times, whether or not school is in session. Students are, furthermore, prohibited from possessing tobacco products, tobacco substitutes or tobacco paraphernalia at all times while under the supervision of school employees or at school-sponsored activities. The Head of School, or his/her designee, shall develop procedures, rules and regulations that are necessary to implement this policy and that, at a minimum, include 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.

IV. COMPONENTS OF POLICY

For details on procedures pertaining to student use and abuse of tobacco products, please consult the current year's Student and Family Handbook. For additional questions about this policy or for other assistance, please contact the Dean of Students.

An employee who violates the terms of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

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