



September 8, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Approval of Revisions to Smoking on School Premises, Prohibition Against Tobacco Use in School Buildings and Tobacco Use on School Property by Staff Members Policies

**Recommendation:** That the School Committee approve the revisions to the School Premises, Prohibition Against Tobacco Use in School Buildings and Tobacco Use on School Property by Staff Members Policies as detailed in the attached document.

This policy is being presented for its second reading.

**Description:** This revision is being proposed to expand the definition of tobacco products to clearly include as part of the prohibition against the use of tobacco products on school premises the use of e-cigarettes, nicotine vaporizers and other smokeless tobacco products, and to streamline the three current policies regarding the prohibition against tobacco use on school property into a single comprehensive policy.

**Supporting Data:** M.G.L.c. 71, §37H  
City of Cambridge Policy on Establishment of "No Smoking Zone" Around Municipal Buildings dated October 10, 2006  
Attached policies

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey M. Young".

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**PROHIBITION AGAINST TOBACCO USES SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

Use of any and all forms of tobacco products within the school buildings, school facilities, or on school grounds or school buses by any individual, including school personnel and students, is prohibited at all times. The term "tobacco products" shall mean tobacco in any form, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, nicotine vaporizers, smokeless tobacco products and other products of a similar nature.

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This policy shall pertain to all school-sponsored and/or school-related events, including athletic games, whether such events occur on school district property or grounds. School property and/or grounds shall be defined as all ground up to the curbs of sidewalks surrounding each school. Specifically, the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School grounds include the Cambridge Public Library grounds which are considered school grounds as to all student policies.

A staff member determined to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Based upon the specific circumstances of a violation of these requirements, a student determined to be in violation of this policy shall may be subject to disciplinary action and may be referred to an appropriate city/health education program on tobacco assistance and/or substance abuse pursuant to the student discipline code.

This policy shall be promulgated to all staff and students in appropriate handbook(s) and publications.

Signs shall be posted in all school buildings informing the general public of the district policy and requirements of state law.

Additionally, in accordance with the City of Cambridge policy on establishment of a "no smoking zone" around municipal buildings, a "no smoking zone" will be in effect outside all entrances, ventilation air intakes and operable windows to Cambridge Public School buildings for a distance of twenty (20) feet.

LEGAL REF: M.G.L.c. 71, §37H  
City of Cambridge Policy on Establishment of "No Smoking Zone" Around  
Municipal Buildings, dated October 10, 2006

Adopted: *March 3, 2009*

File: JICG

**PROHIBITION AGAINST TOBACCO USE IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

Smoking, chewing or other use of tobacco products by staff, students and members of the public shall be banned from all school district buildings. All forms of tobacco use shall be prohibited on all school district property and grounds. This policy shall pertain to all school-sponsored and/or school-related events, including athletic games, whether such events occur on school district property and/or grounds. School property and/or grounds shall be defined as all ground up to the curbs of sidewalks surrounding each school. Specifically, the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School grounds include the Cambridge Public Library grounds which are considered school grounds as regards to all student policies. Based upon the specific circumstances of a violation of these requirements, a student may be disciplined and may be referred to an appropriate city/health education program on tobacco assistance and/or substance abuse.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L.c. 71, §37H

*Adopted: November 20, 2012*

**TOBACCO USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY BY STAFF MEMBERS**

Smoking or the use of tobacco within school buildings, the school facilities or on school property or buses, by any individual, including school personnel is prohibited.

Additionally, smoking or the use of tobacco within twenty (20) feet of a school building or school grounds is prohibited.

Staff members who violate this policy will be referred to their immediate supervisor.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L.c. 71, §37H  
Cambridge Municipal Code 8.28.060 and 8.28.090

*Adopted: March 18, 2008*