

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT # 097
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TOBACCO PROHIBITION**Statement of Policy**

It is the policy of the Barre Unified Union School District (BUUSD) to prohibit the use of tobacco or tobacco substitutes on BUUSD school grounds or at school sponsored functions.

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 BUUSD 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.

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 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.