

Policies

Westerly Public Schools No Smoking

No. 4150

Public Law Chapters 92-230 and 23-20.9-5 require that every school in Rhode Island post enforcement procedures to prohibit tobacco use, e-cigarettes and vaping devices in all buildings. The Act applies to all people, children or adults, who utilize Rhode Island School buildings at any time of the day or night. It prohibits having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, e-cigarette, vaping device or other substance containing tobacco. The prohibition includes, but is not limited to, all school playgrounds, school administration buildings, indoor school athletic facilities, school gymnasiums, school locker rooms, school buses, and other school vehicles.

Further, the Westerly School Committee:

- 1) Prohibits the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaping devices in all outside areas on school property, including school trips, events and functions; and, that signs citing same are posted at all buildings.
- 2) Prohibits the use or possession of tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaping devices at any time by students and staff in any school building or on any school property at all times.
- 3) Requires that any fields surrounding the schools or under the control of the schools are to be posted with the following signs: "Tobacco use is prohibited."

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