

# Tobacco

The River School Sodus Township #5 School District as both an employer and a Public School District, is concerned with, and interested in protecting the health and welfare of its students, employees and visitors. The Board acknowledges that tobacco use is a danger to everyone, capable of killing and disabling both those who use the product and those who are exposed to other's use. It can be particularly life threatening for those who have asthma and other respiratory illnesses.

In addition to being a deadly health hazard, exposure to tobacco has demonstrated negative effects on school performance. Recent research suggests that exposure to tobacco smoke is related to cognitive deficits, even at extremely low levels of exposure.

Accordingly, the Board of Education prohibits the use of any tobacco product in all school related situations, by any person, at any time, in any location, and at any event.

- a. "Any tobacco product" includes spit tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, or any other kind of tobacco product.
- b. "Any person" includes students, staff, visitors, all groups using school property, and any other persons
- c. "Any time" means 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year.
- d. "Any location" includes the school's property, grounds, buildings, and vehicles, even when school is out of session or the event is sponsored by another organization.
- e. "Any event" includes all school-sponsored events, whether on or off school property.

In addition, the Board of Education prohibits tobacco advertising or promotion. Studies suggest that tobacco advertising and promotion influence tobacco use. Therefore the River School Sodus Township #5 prohibit tobacco advertising or promotion:

- a. on signs.

- b. on clothing such as T-shirts, caps, or bags.
- c. through sponsorship of school events