

## TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Students and visitors are not permitted to possess, use, or be involved with any type of tobacco products or "imitation substitute" during school, on school property, at athletic events or on the busses. Students in possession of or using tobacco products will be fined in accordance with Act 145 of 1996.

## POLICY REGARDING FOOD/BEVERAGES

The Tussey Mountain School District, in recognition of its responsibility to better protect the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff, prohibit the following:

1. The consumption of food and beverages in classes, study halls, corridors or other areas of the school without the permission of building administration.
2. Reclosable beverage containers or containers similar in nature for the consumption of water, soft drinks, juices, etc. are allowed only in the cafeteria. Consumption of the aforementioned items outside the cafeteria without building administration permission will be considered in violation of this policy and may be subject to disciplinary measures and/or confiscation without restitution.

## POLICY REGARDING BACKPACKS

The Tussey Mountain School District also prohibits the carrying and use of backpacks or items similar in nature in hallways, classrooms or any other area of the Tussey Mountain Schools during the school day, and while participating in or attending afterschool activities. This includes athletic events and dances. Prior to the beginning of the school day, before homeroom period, students must store backpacks and similar items in their assigned locker. At the elementary level, this will be in the areas designated for storage of such personal items.

Backpacks or items similar in nature can pose potential tripping hazards when removed and placed, as they often are, on floors. Occasionally, they may also be misused to carry and conceal drugs, alcohol, weapons, tobacco products, etc. This makes for a potentially dangerous situation for the school at large. Accordingly, this policy is intended to achieve a safer school environment for all.

## THEFT

Any student involved in the act of theft which includes, but is not limited to stealing, shoplifting,

and larceny, during any school activity including field trips, both during and after the normal school day will receive detention according to the discipline policy and will make the appropriate restitution in response to the stealing.

### VANDALISM

Any student involved in the act of vandalism which includes, but is not limited to the destruction of public, private, or school property during any school activity, including field trips, during and after the normal school day, will receive detention according to the discipline policy and will make the appropriate restitution in response to the vandalism.

### CELLULAR PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cellular phones/electronic devices may be used after the school day concludes at 3:05 P.M. and on weekends. The rest of the time (during/throughout the school day), cellular phones/electronic devices must be turned off, kept off, and kept out of sight. The exception is when a student is serving a 5:45 detention; his/her school day will end at the conclusion of that detention.

The Tussey Mountain School District will not be liable for stolen cellular phones or electronic devices.

If a student is found in violation of this policy, the cellular phone/electronic device will be confiscated, taken to the office, and kept until retrieved by the student's parent/guardian. The student will also be disciplined according to the policy outlined in the student/parent handbook.

### COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Tussey Mountain School District (TMSD) is committed to the provision of a healthful environment for its students.
- 1.2 In fulfillment of that commitment, the Board has and will continue to seek guidance from appropriate medical, educational, legal and government authorities. This policy statement is the result of such guidance.
- 1.3 Any and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and health regulations are hereby incorporated into this policy and the superintendent is given all necessary authority to comply with such laws and regulations.

The Tussey Mountain School District has responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all students. Therefore, the Tussey Mountain School District may investigate each reported case to determine how each student's educational needs can best be met and how to protect the health and welfare of all students of the Tussey Mountain School District.