

Maine's Updated Tobacco and Vaping Prevention Law

Understanding the Impact on Your School

Maine schools have seen a significant increase in the number of students using electronic smoking devices over the past year. These products are also known as electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), including e-cigarettes and other products (including "vape pens").

LD152

An Act to Prohibit the Possession and Use of Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds



This law is intended to support school personnel to support their efforts to create and enforce tobacco-free school settings.

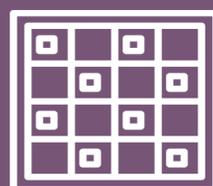


Prohibits tobacco use and possession of tobacco products or accessories

Applies to all students, staff, parents and community members



Includes all times in the buildings or on the grounds of any public school, on a school bus and at any school-sponsored event



LD152 Effective Date: September 19th 2019

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Updating Maine's Existing Tobacco-Free School Law

LD152 modernizes Maine's current law restricting tobacco use at public elementary and secondary schools (22 MRSA § 1578-B).

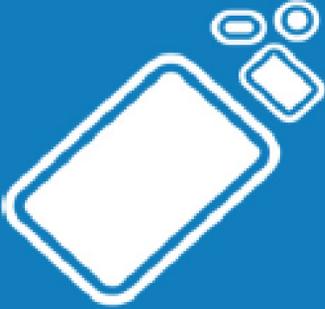
The updated law:

- Prohibits tobacco use by anyone on school buses and at any school-sponsored event (in addition to school buildings and grounds).
- Prohibits possession of tobacco products by anyone. This includes electronic smoking devices and accessories, on school grounds, in buildings, on a school bus or at any school-sponsored event by anyone at any time.

This law does not reinstate the citations for youth possession of tobacco products that was removed under Maine's Tobacco 21 Law in 2019 (An Act to Reduce Youth Access to Tobacco Products (Section 5-A)).

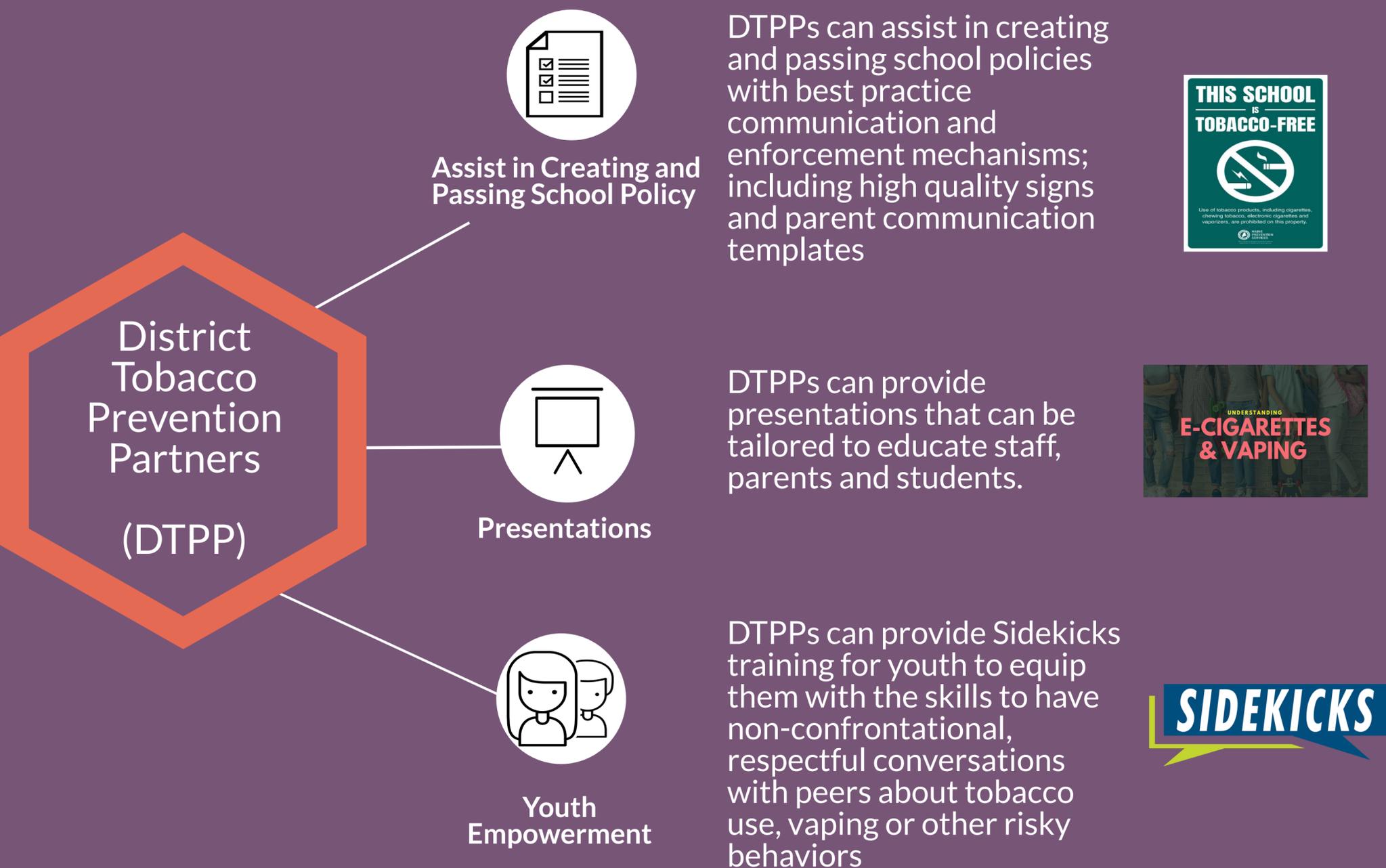
- Expands the definition of tobacco products to include electronic smoking devices.

Maine Tobacco Products

 Hookah	 Electronic Cigarettes*	 Dissolvable
 Smokeless Tobacco	 Cigarettes	 All Cigars
 Rolling Papers	 Pipe Tobacco	*Electronic Smoking Devices, whether or not they contain nicotine, including, but not limited to: JUUL Accessories Components Liquids

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Technical Assistance and Support is Available for Schools



For Additional Resources and to connect with your local District Tobacco Prevention Partner, visit CTIMaine.org/DTTP



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