



Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
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Purpose

The Board recognizes that tobacco use by students presents a health and safety hazard that can have serious consequences for both users and nonusers and the safety and environment of the schools.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, **tobacco use** shall be defined as use and/or possession of a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar and pipe; other lighted smoking product; electronic cigarette (e-cigarette), personal vaporizer or any other nicotine delivery system that produces vapor or smoke intended to be inhaled; and smokeless tobacco in any form.[\[5\]](#)

Authority

The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at any time in a school building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school district.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.

The school district may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy.[\[5\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the district's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, Code of Student Conduct, parent newsletters, posted notices, district web site and other efficient methods.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy, which include procedures to intervene and provide education to students who violate the tobacco use policy.

Guidelines

Incidents of possession, use and sale of tobacco in violation of this policy by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.[\[4\]](#)

A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in violation of this policy may be fined up to fifty dollars (\$50) plus court costs or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of imposition of a fine.[\[5\]](#)

Legal

- 2. 35 P.S. 1223.5
- 3. 20 U.S.C. 7183
- 4. 24 P.S. 1303-A
- 5. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 6306.1
- 24 P.S. 510
- 22 PA Code 403.1
- 20 U.S.C. 7114
- 20 U.S.C. 7181 et seq
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