

# ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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222. TOBACCO USE	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, <b>tobacco use</b> shall be defined as use and/or possession of a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar and pipe; other lighted smoking product; and smokeless tobacco in any form.</p>
<p>3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property, including, but not limited to, field trips and athletic events.</p> <p>The school district may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>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, parent newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods. Whenever practical, public address announcements at events held in district buildings or on district property shall inform the public of the tobacco-free policy.</p> <p>The district shall place appropriate signs wherever and whenever possible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On all buildings owned by, leased by, leased to or under the control of the district.</li> <li>2. On all district property.</li> <li>3. In all vehicles owned, leased or controlled by the district.</li> </ol>

<p>5. Guidelines SC 1303-A</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> <p>Pol. 323, 904</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.</p> <p>Incidents of possession, use and/or 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.</p> <p>A student possessing, selling or using any tobacco product in violation of this policy shall be prosecuted for a summary offense. If convicted, s/he may be fined a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) plus court costs. Violators of this policy shall also be subject to consequences consistent with the school's discipline guidelines and practices.</p> <p><u>Related Policies</u></p> <p>Further reference is made to policy 323 prohibiting the use of tobacco products by administrators, professionals, and support employees, and Policy 904 prohibiting public smoking in or upon district facilities.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1303-A</p> <p>Tobacco Use Prohibition – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> <p>School Tobacco Control – 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5</p> <p>Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 403.1</p> <p>Board Policy – 323, 904</p>
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