

BETHEL PARK 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, tobacco use 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 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq Title 22 Sec. 12.3 35 P.S. 1223.5</p>	<p>The Board prohibits tobacco use and/or 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>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at school-sponsored activities that are held on or off school property.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The school district may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines SC 1303-A</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, Discipline/ Attendance Code of Conduct and other efficient methods.</p>
<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.</p>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in violation of this policy shall be cited by the School Resource Officer or admitted to alternative adjudication</p>
	<p>Students referred to the office by staff members for tobacco use shall be disciplined.</p>

<p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.3, Sec. 403.1</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> <p>School Code 510, 1303-A</p> <p>35 P.S. 1223.5</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians shall be notified, and referral shall be made to local authorities for violations of this policy.</p> <p>Any student loitering near the restrooms or other areas, and serving as a look-out shall be assigned an out-of-school suspension. Parents/Guardians will be notified.</p>
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