

# CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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## 222. TOBACCO USE

### **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** includes a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar and pipe; other smoking products including but not limited to electronic cigarettes or smoking devices, personal vaporizers or electronic delivery systems; chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; or material and smokeless tobacco in any form. [1]

### **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. [1]

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Tobacco Use policy shall be referenced in student handbooks and posted on the District website.

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.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use or sale of tobacco by any person on school property to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation. [4]

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### **Guidelines**

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.[1]

### **Legal References:**

1. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 6306.1
  2. 35 P.S. 1223.5
  3. 20 U.S.C. 7183
  4. SC 1303-A
- 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1  
20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114  
20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.  
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