

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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222. TOBACCO USE	
1. Purpose	The School Reform Commission 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.
2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1	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.
3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7183 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1	<p>The SRC 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 SRC prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.</p> <p>The school district may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy.</p> <p>The SRC also prohibits the possession of paraphernalia associated with tobacco use such as rolling papers, matches, and lighters.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<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, Code of Student Conduct, district web site and other efficient methods.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.</p>
5. Guidelines	All tobacco products and/or paraphernalia discovered in the possession of students shall be confiscated and not returned.

<p>SC 1303-A</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</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 as required by law and regulations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1303-A</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1</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>No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.</p>
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