

Minersville Area 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 includes a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other smoking product or material, smokeless tobacco in any form, and electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are defined as battery-operated products designed to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals by turning the substance into a vapor that is inhaled by the user.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3 35 P.S. 1223.5</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.</p>
<p>18 Pa. C.S.A Sec. 6306.1</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 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.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines SC 1303-A</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>18 Pa. C.S.A Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in violation of this policy may be fined up to AA50 plus court costed or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of imposition of a fine.</p>

Any student violating this policy shall be subject to the following penalties:

1st Offense – Tobacco confiscated, parents notified, two (2) days in-school suspension.

2nd Offense – Tobacco confiscated, parent notified, three (3) days in or out of school suspension as determined by building principal.

3rd Offense – Tobacco confiscated, parent notified, five (5) days out of school suspension. Parent and student conference with Superintendent to outline condition for return to school.

4th Offense – Tobacco confiscated, parent notified. Suspend and schedule a hearing before Board with recommendation for expulsion for minimum of one (1) semester.