

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO PRODUCTS

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222. TOBACCO PRODUCTS	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board recognizes that use of tobacco and tobacco products presents a health and safety hazard which can have serious consequences for the smoker and the nonsmoker and the safety of the district and is, therefore, of concern to the Board. Also, the health education curriculum stresses health practices which can discourage the use of tobacco in any form for the students.</p> <p>The school district has made health practices a district priority. The district feels the need to establish a good example for students by prohibiting the use of tobacco in any form.</p>
2. Definition Act 145 of 1996	<p>For purposes of this policy, tobacco shall be defined as a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar and pipe; other lighted smoking product; and smokeless tobacco in any form.</p>
3. Authority Act 168 of 1988 Act 145 of 1996 Title 22 Sec. 12.3	<p>The Board prohibits students from possessing or using tobacco in a school building, on school buses, or on school property owned by, leased by, or under the control of the school district.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which include informing all students and staff members of the tobacco use and possession regulations of this district.</p> <p>The building administrators shall be responsible for enforcing this policy in their respective buildings under guidelines developed by the school district. 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>
5. Guidelines	<p>In addition to any other discipline action the district may impose for violation of this policy, the district may initiate prosecution of a student who violates this policy.</p>

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<p>Pa Code Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p> <p>Act 168 of 1988</p> <p>Act 145 of 1996</p> <p>Goals 2000</p>	<p>A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in a school building or on a school bus or school property may be fined up to \$50 plus court costs or admitted to an adjudication alternative.</p>
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