

# TAMAQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

ADOPTED: MAY 16, 2006

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> <p>3. Authority 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq 35 P.S. 1223.5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">222. TOBACCO USE</p> <p>The Tamaqua Area School District strongly supports a smoke-free school campus for the benefit of its students, faculty, staff and visitors. The use of tobacco in any form by students, faculty, staff, or visitors to the school campus is strictly prohibited. Possession and use are prohibited to reduce the risks of fire, secondhand smoke inhalation, poor health, and further drug experimentation or use.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, tobacco use is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, and any other smoking product, including paraphernalia, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, and snuff, in any form.</p> <p>With the concern for the safety of our school staff, students, visitors and faculty, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco products. The risks associated with smoking are passed on to innocent members of society who are directly affected by the effects of secondhand smoke.</p> <p>No student is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip, or chew tobacco at any time, including non-school hours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the Tamaqua Area School District.</li> <li>2. On school grounds, including athletic grounds, or parking lots.</li> <li>3. At any school-sponsored event off campus, including sporting events, field trips, and other trips sponsored by Tamaqua Area School District entities.</li> </ol> <p><u>Tobacco Promotion</u></p> <p>Tobacco promotional items, including clothing, bags, lighters, and other personal articles, are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events. Students are prohibited from wearing attire that publicizes the use or possession of tobacco in any form. Tobacco advertising is prohibited in all school-sponsored publications and at all school-sponsored events.</p>
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<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p><u>Enforcement</u></p> <p>Students who violate the district tobacco policy will face the following consequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Citation filed with the Magistrate.</li><li>2. Consequences outlined by the Tamaqua Area School District discipline code.</li></ol> <p>Incidents of possession, use and sale of tobacco 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><u>Notification Procedure</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students and parents about the district's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, parent newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.</p>
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