

NORTHERN TIER CAREER CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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| 222. TOBACCO USE | |
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| <p>1. Purpose</p> | <p>The Joint Operating Committee 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 center.</p> |
| <p>2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> | <p>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 and any device giving the appearance of a tobacco product, such as electronic or vapor cigarettes.</p> |
| <p>3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq</p> | <p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits students from possessing and using tobacco at any time in a school building and on any property, buses, vans, and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the center.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at center-sponsored activities that are held off school property.</p> |
| <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> | <p>The center 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 Administrative Director or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the center's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, Code of Student Conduct, parent newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.</p> |
| <p>SC 1303-A</p> | <p>The Administrative Director 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.</p> <p>The Administrative Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> |
| <p>5. Guidelines 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 fifty dollars (\$50) plus court costs or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of imposition of a fine.</p> |

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1303-A

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1

Tobacco Use Prohibition – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1

School Tobacco Control – 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5

Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.

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