



POLICY 225 -- NO SMOKING

1. Purpose

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.

2. Definition

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

The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at any time in a school building and on any property, buses, van, and vehicles that are owned, leased, or controlled by the School District. The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property. The School District may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

5. Guidelines

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. A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in violation of this policy may be fined up to \$50.00 plus court costs or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of a fine. Violation for possession/use of tobacco products will result in the following progressive discipline:

1 st Offense:	Referral to Magistrate. (Completion of a Smoking Cessation Program may indicate a willingness to reform.) Three (3) days out-of-school suspension and referral to the Magistrate.
2 nd Offense:	Five (5) days out-of-school suspension and referral to the Magistrate
3 rd Offense and Subsequent Offenses:	Ten (10) days out-of-school suspension and referral to the Magistrate

In addition, violations of tobacco use will be charged under the appropriate municipal code resulting in a hearing before the District Magistrate having jurisdiction over the matter.

