

WEST JEFFERSON HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO/NICOTINE USE

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222. TOBACCO/NICOTINE USE	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that tobacco/nicotine 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/nicotine use shall be defined as the actual use and/or possession of any tobacco/nicotine product including lighted or unlighted cigars, cigarettes or pipes; any other lighted or unlighted smoking product or material, including electronic smoking and vaping devices; and smokeless tobacco/nicotine in any form. Smoking electronic cigarettes regardless of whether or not they contain tobacco/nicotine derivatives is also prohibited.</p>
<p>3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7183</p>	<p>The Board prohibits tobacco/nicotine 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/nicotine 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/nicotine in violation of this policy.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the district's tobacco/nicotine use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, parent newsletters, posted notices, district website and other efficient methods.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use or sale of tobacco/nicotine 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 Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines 18 Pa. C.S.A.</p>	<p>A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco/nicotine in violation of this policy may be fined up to fifty dollars (\$50) plus court costs or admitted to</p>

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<p>Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>alternative adjudication in lieu of imposition of a fine.</p> <p>Violation for possession/use of tobacco/nicotine products shall result in the following progressive discipline:</p> <p>1st 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 and/or attendance at Smokeless Saturday</p> <p>2nd Offense: Five (5) days out-of-school suspension and referral to the Magistrate and/or attendance at Smokeless Saturday.</p> <p>3rd Offense and Subsequent Offenses: Ten (10) days out-of-school suspension and referral to the Magistrate.</p> <p>In addition, violations of tobacco/nicotine use will be charged under the appropriate municipal code resulting in a hearing before the District Magistrate having jurisdiction over the matter.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1303-A</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1</p> <p>Tobacco Use Prohibition – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> <p>School Tobacco Control – 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 000</p>
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