

# BLAIRSVILLE- SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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222. TOBACCO USE	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, <b>tobacco use</b> 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.</p>
<p>3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7183</p>	<p>The Board prohibits tobacco 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 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 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 use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, parent newsletters, posted notices, Code of Student Conduct, district web site 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 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 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

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

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

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