

**STUDENT SMOKING, USE AND/OR
POSSESSION OF TOBACCO & E-CIGARETTE OFFENSES POLICY**

Background

The Mt. Lebanon School District is committed to maintenance of a smoke/tobacco/e-cigarette free academic environment for students with appropriate enforcement and disciplinary action to implement achievement of this goal.

Objective

It is the objective of this policy that the District's prohibition of smoking, use and/or possession of tobacco or e-cigarettes in any form by students in school district locations complement Policy ADC/GBED, Tobacco Free Schools/Tobacco Free Workplace, applicable to all persons using school property.

Definitions

Tobacco: includes a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other smoking products or material and smokeless tobacco product in any form.

Tobacco Use: is the use of Tobacco in any form, including, but not limited to, smoking or chewing.

Smokeless Tobacco Product: shall include, but not be limited to, any chewing tobacco, snuff, or similar smokeless tobacco product that is used, chewed, sniffed or ingested.

Electronic cigarette or e-cigarette: any oral device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine, lobelia, and/or other substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such devices, whether they are manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, hookah pens, or under any other product name or descriptor.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of School Directors that:

1. Tobacco and/or e-cigarette use or possession by pupils is prohibited in school buildings, and on buses, vans or other vehicles owned by, leased by or under the control of the District; on property owned by, leased by or under the control of the District, and at District sponsored events held off school premises.
2. Students who violate the terms of this policy may be disciplined, suspended or expelled from school, in accordance with prescribed school policies, administrative procedures and codes of conduct applicable to student offenses.

3. Any student found using, or in possession of tobacco or any e-cigarette, tobacco product, including smokeless tobacco in any form, shall be subject to prosecution pursuant to 18 Pa. C.S. ' 6306.1.

Administration Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of the Administration to develop any administrative procedures deemed necessary to implement this policy.

Communication

This policy shall be communicated to:

1. All District Staff
2. Students and Parents through Parent/Student Handbooks
3. The Mt. Lebanon Community

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