

## **PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

### **Background**

The building and grounds of the Mt. Lebanon School District are public property. As such they may only be used for lawful purposes and good order is to be maintained at all times. Illegal conduct on School District property is strictly prohibited.

### **Objective**

It is the objective of the Policy to provide for and establish rules and regulations concerning the entry upon or conduct on or in the buildings and grounds of the District, which may be enforced by the appropriate authorities when necessary.

### **Policy**

The following conduct on School District property is illegal, strictly prohibited, and may result in disciplinary action or prosecution as may be appropriate:

1. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs in any form in the buildings and on the grounds owned or occupied by the School District.
2. The possession or use of all forms of tobacco, including Electronic (E-) cigarettes, by Mt. Lebanon School District students in or on all buildings, vehicles and property or premises owned by, leased by or under the control of the Mt. Lebanon School District. Tobacco, including Electronic (E-) cigarette, use by any person other than a student is prohibited in or on all buildings, vehicles and property or premises owned by, leased by or under the control of the Mt. Lebanon School District.
3. The use, possession or transfer of weapons by persons on District property, with the exception of weapons under the control of law enforcement or security personnel who are on official business in the District or unless the weapon has been approved by the building principal or supervising administrator for possession in conjunction with a lawful, supervised activity or course.

For purposes of this policy, the term 'weapon' shall include, but not be limited to, any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchuck stick, firearm, shotgun, rifle and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury or any item otherwise prohibited by law.

Violations of the following provisions shall be unlawful, provided that the person or persons involved shall be informed or advised, whether by signage, posting or personally, that they are in

violation of the School District provisions, shall have been asked or directed by an official of the School District or by a Mt. Lebanon Police Officer to leave the school premises involved and shall have refused or failed to promptly leave the premises.

1. No person or persons shall enter upon or assemble with others within or upon the buildings and grounds owned or occupied by the School District in such manner as to cause public danger, alarm, disorder, damage or nuisance or with the purpose or knowledge that said actions are likely to create such public danger, alarm, disorder, damage, or nuisance, including but not limited to actions that interfere with, or impede the use of the property by students, visitors, guests, permittees or employees of the School District.
2. The buildings and grounds owned or occupied by the School District are closed to the public during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted; provided that this prohibition against entry upon or use of the premises shall not apply during the progress, nor for one hour before nor one hour after conclusion, of any authorized activity on the premises involved.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as limiting the ability of the Mt. Lebanon Police Department or the School District to press criminal charges or otherwise prosecute those individuals whose conduct on school property otherwise violates applicable law. This policy is in addition to any other applicable policy or policies concerning the conduct of students, employees or visitors.

#### Administrative Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of the Administration to implement and enforce this policy, and to develop Administrative Procedures for implementation and enforcement where necessary.

#### Communication

This policy shall be communicated to:

1. All District Staff
2. The Mt. Lebanon Community

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