



Book	Policy Manual
Section	300 Employees
Title	Tobacco, Vaping and Nicotine Use
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Purpose

The Board recognizes that tobacco, vaping, and nicotine use during school hours and on school property presents a health and safety hazard that can have serious consequences for the user and the nonuser and the safety of the schools.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, **tobacco, vaping and nicotine** use shall mean all use of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipes and smokeless tobacco, vaping products including the product marketed as Juul and other electronic cigarettes and nicotine delivery systems.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Authority

The Board prohibits tobacco, vaping and nicotine use (with the exception of smoking cessation products, ie: gum or patch) by administrative, professional and support employees in a school building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school district. When using or possessing smoking cessation products within the school district, it is the district employee's responsibility to ensure that smoking cessation products are properly stored and secured to prevent access by students and others.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

The Board prohibits tobacco, vaping and nicotine use (with the exception of smoking cessation products, ie: gum or patch) by administrative, professional and support employees at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.[\[2\]](#)

The district shall annually notify employees about the Board's tobacco use policy by distributing it through handbooks, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.[\[2\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use and sale of tobacco by any person on school property to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.[\[4\]](#)

Legal

1. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 6305
 2. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 6306.1
 3. 20 U.S.C. 7973
 4. 24 P.S. 1303-A
- 24 P.S. 1302.1-A
- 22 PA Code 10.2
- 22 PA Code 10.22
- 20 U.S.C. 7971 et seq
- Pol. 317
- Pol. 351