No. 323

## A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

SECTION: EMPLOYEES

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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## 323. TOBACCO USE

1. Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) recognizes that tobacco or electronic smoking device usage 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 Career Center.

2. Definition35 P.S.Sec. 1223.5

For purposes of this policy, **tobacco use** shall mean all use of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipes, smokeless tobacco and electronic smoking devices.

3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7183 In order to protect students and staff from an environment that may be harmful to them, the JOC prohibits tobacco or electronic smoking device usage by administrative, professional and classified employees in the school building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that that are owned, leased or controlled by the Career Center.

35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 The JOC prohibits all employees from using tobacco or electronic smoking devices at events sponsored by the Career Center on or off the Career Center property.

35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 The Career Center annually notifies employees about the JOC's tobacco and electronic smoking device use policy by distributing it through handbooks, newsletters, posted notices, and/or other efficient methods.

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Incidents of possession, use and sale of tobacco or electronic smoking devices by any person on Career Center property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.

References:

School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1303-A

School Tobacco Control - 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5

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