

MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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222. TOBACCO USE	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee 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 school.</p>
<p>2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, tobacco use shall mean all use and/or possession of tobacco, including a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, other smoking product or material, chewing tobacco, and smokeless tobacco in any form, as well as look-alike items/devices including, but not limited to, electronic cigarettes.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 12.3 35 P.S. 1223.5</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits all persons, including employees, officers, volunteers, visitors and students from smoking, and/or possessing tobacco at any time in a school building and on any property, buses, vans, and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school.</p>
<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p>	<p>The school 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 Director or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the school's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, parent newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.</p> <p>The Director or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.</p> <p>Penalties shall be applied as outlined in appropriate Student Code of Conduct, employee contracts, and state statute. Penalties shall include suspension (3 day, 5 day, etc.) confiscation of tobacco products and removal from school premises.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines SC 1303-A</p>	<p>Incidents of possession, use and sale of tobacco in violation of this policy by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</p>
<p>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 and incur court costs or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of imposition of a fine.</p>
<p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>The school may initiate prosecution of a student who violates the tobacco use policy.</p>