

CAPITAL AREA
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SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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222. TOBACCO USE	
1. Purpose	The Board 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 charter school.
2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A Sec. 6306.1	For purposes of this policy, tobacco use shall be defined as use and/or possession of a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar and pipe; other lighted smoking product; and smokeless tobacco in any form.
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3 35 P.S. 1223.5 SC – Art. XVII - A	The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at any time in a school building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the chartering school districts or the charter school.
18 Pa. C.S.A Sec. 6306.1	The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at school sponsored activities that are held off school property.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The charter school may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy.
SC 1303-A	The Principal or designee shall annually notify students, parents and staff about the charter school’s tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, school web site and other efficient methods.
5. Guidelines 18 Pa. C.S.A Sec. 6306.1	The Principal shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use or sale of tobacco by any person on school property to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.
	The Principal or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.
	A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in violation of this policy may be fined up to \$50 plus court costs or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of imposition of a fine.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1303-A, Article XVII – A

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1

Tobacco Use Prohibition – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1

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

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

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