

EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: EMPLOYEES

TITLE: TOBACCO

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323. TOBACCO	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable and productive environment for staff, students and visitors. Because the Board is concerned about the health of its employees and because it recognizes the importance of adult role-modeling for students during the formative years, a tobacco-free environment shall be established.</p>
<p>2. Definition 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, tobacco includes a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other smoking product or material and smokeless tobacco in any form.</p>
<p>3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7183</p>	<p>In order to protect students and staff from an environment that may be harmful to them, and because the Board cannot, even by indirection, condone the use of tobacco because of its harmful effects, the Board prohibits tobacco use 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.</p>
<p>35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5</p>	<p>The Board prohibits tobacco use by district employees at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.</p>
<p>35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5</p>	<p>The district shall annually notify employees about the Board's tobacco policy by distributing it through handbooks, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.22 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6305 Pol. 805.1</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee may report incidents involving the sale of tobacco to minors by employees on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>

SC 1303-A Pol. 805.1	In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report incidents of possession, use or sale of tobacco on school property to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.
	References:
	School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302.1-A, 1303-A
	State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 10.2, 10.22
	Sale of Tobacco – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6305
	School Tobacco Control – 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5
	Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.
	Board Policy – 805.1