

SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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423. TOBACCO USE	
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that tobacco 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.
2. Definition 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5	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.
3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7183	The Joint Operating Committee prohibits tobacco use by professional employees in a school building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school.
35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5	The Joint Operating Committee prohibits tobacco use by employees at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.
35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5	The Joint Operating Committee shall annually notify employees about the Joint Operating Committee's tobacco use policy by distributing it through handbooks, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.
4. Guidelines SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.22 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6305	The Administrative Director 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 the school or a 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 Joint Operating Committee policies.
SC 1303-A	In accordance with state law, the Administrative Director or designee shall annually, by July 31, report all 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.