

PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 schools.
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 smoking product; and smokeless tobacco in any form.
3. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7183	<p>For purposes of this policy, electronic cigarette means any oral device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine, lobelia, and/or other substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such devices, whether they are manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vapor cigarettes or under any other product name or descriptor.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, tobacco-related devices means cigarette papers, lighters, pipes for smoking, hookahs and any instrument used for inhaling tobacco smoke.</p> <p>The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession of tobacco, electronic cigarettes or any tobacco-related device 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 School District.</p> <p>The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession of tobacco, electronic cigarettes or any tobacco-related device by students at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.</p>
18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1	The School District may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy. In addition, violations are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the District's student disciplinary policy.

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the District's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the Student Handbook, parent newsletters, posted notices, Code of Student Conduct, and other efficient methods.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines SC 1303-A</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</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>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1303-A</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1</p> <p>Tobacco Use Prohibition – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> <p>School Tobacco Control – 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 218, 225</p>