

# FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE: TOBACCO USE **OR**  
**POSSESSION**

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1</p> <p>3. Authority 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq 35 P.S. 1223.5</p> <p>4. Guidelines  SC 1303-A</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 403.1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">423. TOBACCO USE <b>OR</b> POSSESSION</p> <p><b>The Board recognizes that tobacco use or possession 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.</b></p> <p>In recognition of the hazards associated with the use of tobacco, in compliance <b>with applicable</b> laws, and in support of the district’s goal for the practice of sound health habits, the <b>Board</b> adopts the following policy prohibiting tobacco use <b>or possession</b>.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, <b>tobacco use or possession</b> shall mean <b>all forms</b> of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipes and <b>smokeless tobacco</b>.</p> <p>The Board prohibits tobacco use <b>or possession</b> by <b>professional employees</b> in a school building and on any property, (<b>unless in the individual’s locked vehicle</b>), buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school district.</p> <p>The Board prohibits tobacco use <b>or possession</b> by <b>professional employees</b> at any school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events, (<b>unless in the individual’s locked vehicle</b>).</p> <p><b>The district shall annually notify employees about the district's tobacco use or possession policy by publishing such in handbooks, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.</b></p> <p><b>Incidents of possession, use and sale of tobacco by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</b></p>
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