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| BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy Manual |
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Section: PUPILS

Title: USE OF TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND TOBACCO ALTERNATIVES

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222. USE OF TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND TOBACCO ALTERNATIVES

- .1 The Board recognizes that smoking presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences for the smoker and the nonsmoker, and the safety of the district, and is, therefore, of concern to the Board.
- .2 For purposes of this policy, “smoking” shall mean all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, and pipes. In addition, this policy includes nicotine alternatives including, but not limited to, e-cigarettes, liquid nicotine, and vapor cigarettes as well as the use of tobacco in the form of chewing tobacco and snuff or the possession of any of the above products.
- .3 In order to protect students and staff from the safety hazards of smoking, and from an environment noxious to nonsmokers, and because the Board cannot, even by indirection, condone the use of tobacco by students, the Board prohibits use of and or possession of tobacco products on school property.
- .4 If a student is found using or is in possession of tobacco products while on school property, the following procedure will be followed:
 - .41 The Principal or designated official will file a Criminal Complaint with the District Magistrate’s office.
 - .411 Act 145 of 1996, The School Tobacco Control Act, defines possession or use of tobacco products or smokeless tobacco by a student in a school building, a school bus or on school property owned by, leased by or under the control of a school district as a summary offense. School districts must initiate prosecution. The student may be sentenced to pay a fine for the benefit of the school district, in which such offending pupil resides, and to pay court

costs, or be assigned to an adjudication alternative. A “student” is defined as a person between the ages of 6 and 21 years who is enrolled in school.

- .42 The student will also be subject to school disciplinary procedures of the district.
- .5 The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy, which includes informing all students and staff members of the use or possession of tobacco regulations of this district.