



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES
TITLE:	USE OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-LIKE PRODUCTS
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Act 128

423 – USE OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-LIKE PRODUCTS

Section 1. Purpose

- a. The Board recognizes that the use of tobacco and tobacco-like products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, employees, visitors, and school facilities. The Board believes that the use of tobacco and tobacco-like products on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, on school property, or at school-related or school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors.
- b. The Board acknowledges that professional employees serve as role models or students. The Board recognizes that it has an obligation to promote positive role models in schools and promote a healthy learning and working environment, free from unwanted smoke and tobacco or tobacco-like use for the students, employees, and visitors on the school campus.
- c. The Board believes that, as an educational institution, the school district must maintain a smoke-free environment in all locations utilized by the District.

Section 2. Definitions

- a. Electronic Cigarettes - battery-operated products designed to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals by turning the substance into a vapor that is inhaled by the user 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, or under any other product name or descriptor.
- b. Nicotine Replacement Therapy - a method of weaning a smoker away from both the nicotine and the oral fixation that accompanies a smoking habit by giving the smoker smaller and smaller doses of nicotine. The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy designed to deliver nicotine is permitted. This term shall include, but is not limited to, the following products: nicotine patch, nicotine gum, nicotine nasal spray, inhaler, or lozenges.

<p>Act 128</p> <p>22 PA Sec. 403.1</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1 35 P.S.</p>	<p>c. Smoking - inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an e-cigarette that creates a vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device used for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking.</p> <p>d. Tobacco or Tobacco-like Products - include possession of a lighted or unlit cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other lighted or unlit smoking product or material; chewing tobacco and all forms of smokeless tobacco; and any oil or liquid/solid substance that produces the same physical manifestations that tobacco/smokeless tobacco/nicotine produces; as well as look-alike items/devices including, but not limited to, electronic cigarettes.</p> <p>e. Smokeless Tobacco Products - shall include, but not be limited to, any chewing tobacco, snuff, or similar smokeless tobacco product or other nicotine product that is used, chewed, sniffed, or ingested.</p> <p>f. Tobacco Cessation Programs – an intervention program provided through a public health agency or private provider to assist professional employees in abstaining from the use of tobacco products. These programs include an initial assessment and follow-up treatment consisting of individual and/or group counseling and are support systems, programs, and services to help people impacted by this Policy to abstain from the use of tobacco and tobacco-like products.</p> <p>g. Tobacco-Free Environment- one hundred percent (100%) absence of tobacco and tobacco-like products and no use, advertising, or promotion (24/7) on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, or in vehicles owned, leased, chartered, or controlled by the District.</p> <p>h. Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA) International – a service organization which issues a series of model regulatory construction codes for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare. The codes are published in sections, such as the National Building Code, National Plumbing Code, National Fire Prevention Code, etc. - For purposes of this Policy, the BOCA Code references the posted "No Smoking" signs which make it unlawful to smoke, throw, or deposit any lighted or smoldering substance.</p> <p>Section 3. <u>Policy</u></p> <p>a. In order to protect students and employees from an environment that may be harmful to them, the Board prohibits use of tobacco and tobacco-like products by professional employees in a school building and on any property, buses, vans, and vehicles that are owned, leased, or controlled by the District.</p> <p>b. The Board prohibits use of tobacco and tobacco-like products by professional employees at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.</p>
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