HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE: TOBACCO USE

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	423. TOBACCO USE
1. Purpose	The Board 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 18 Pa. C.S.A. 6306.1	For purposes of this policy, tobacco use shall mean all use of tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco in any form. The district defines " Electronic cigarettes " as any oral device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine, lobelia, and/or other substance and the use or inhalation of which stimulates smoking. The term shall include any such devices, whether they are manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as e-cigars, e-pipes, or under any other product name or descriptor.
	The district defines "Smoking" as inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any 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 for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking.
	The district defines "Tobacco product" as any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that are intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part, or accessory of tobacco product, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cheroots, stogies, periques, granulated, plug cut and twisted tobacco; fine cut, and other chewing tobacco; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco, and other kinds and forms of tobacco. The district defines "Tobacco related devices" as any ashtrays, cigarette paper or
	pipes for smoking or electronic cigarettes or any components, parts, or accessories of electronic cigarettes, including cartridges.
3. Authority 20 U.S.C.	In order to protect students and staff from an environment that may be harmful to them, the Board prohibits tobacco use by professional employees in a school

	Sec. 7181 et seq	building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or
	35 P.S. 1223.5	controlled by the school district.
		The Board prohibits tobacco use by professional employees at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.
4.	Guidelines	The district shall annually notify employees about the district's tobacco use policy by publishing such in handbooks, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.
	SC 1303-A	Incidents of use or 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.
		Violators of this policy will be prosecuted under the provisions of the BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code.