

# Palmyra Area School District

No. 222

Section: PUPILS

Title: SMOKING/TOBACCO USE

Adopted: November 9, 1995

Revised: August 13, 2009

222. SMOKING/TOBACCO USE	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board recognizes that smoking presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences for both the smoker and the nonsmoker and is, therefore, of concern to the Board.</p>
2. Definition	<p>For the purposes of this policy, <b>smoking</b> shall mean all uses of tobacco, including cigar, cigarette, pipe, chewing tobacco and snuff.</p> <p><b>Tobacco</b> shall be defined as a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar and pipe; other lighted smoking product; and smokeless tobacco in any form. Also included is any tobacco paraphernalia such as lighters or matches.</p>
Act 145 of 1996  3. Authority  SC 510 Goals 2000 Title 22 Sec. 12.3	<p>The District has enacted a resolution based on Title 35 of Purdon's Statutes, Section 1223.5, which prohibits tobacco use by pupils in the schools, in any bus or van being operated by the school district and its employees, and/or at any school-sponsored events and activities, such as sporting events or field trips. <b>Tobacco use</b> includes smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco in any form.</p> <p>The school district shall initiate disciplinary procedures for a student who violates the tobacco use policy.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students and parents about the district's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook and other efficient means.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.</p>
SC 1303-a (b)	<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>The purpose of this policy is to improve the health, safety and overall atmosphere of the schools. Therefore, the following will occur if a student possesses tobacco, smokes, or uses smokeless tobacco on school property. These consequences were decided on, not only to punish but also to educate students who possess and/or use tobacco on school property.</p>

**Infractions and Consequences**

As stated in the *Palmyra Area High School Student and Parent Handbook*,

“It has been proven that smoking and using smokeless tobacco are hazardous to a person’s health. Furthermore, second-hand smoke is known to be injurious to the health. For these reasons, the use of tobacco and the possession of tobacco are prohibited on school property. Disciplinary action, fines, and learning packets will result for violations of this rule.”

Direct observation of smoking or use is not required; any reasonable evidence of smoking, use, or possession shall justify punishment.

First offense –

3 days Saturday detention or In-School Suspension.

Completion of learning packet on effects of tobacco use.

Fine of \$20\*.

Administrative contact with parents.

Second offense –

Five (5) days of Saturday detention or In-School Suspension.

Work required is completion of second learning packet on the effects of smoking.

Intervention by the guidance counselor.

Fine of \$50\*.

A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in a school building or on a school bus or school property shall be fined up to \$50 plus court costs or admitted to alternative adjudication.

Administrative meeting with parents, to assure that all understand the next step.

Fines must be paid within ten (10) days of the offense. Failure to pay fines shall lead to the district filing a complaint with the district justice demanding payment.

Any and all revenue from fines shall be placed in the school’s Drug Free

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	<p>School's account for the benefit of that program.</p> <p>Third offense –</p> <p>10 days O.S.S.</p> <p>Referral to the Palmyra Area School District Board of Directors for further disciplinary action.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall notify all students and parents of this policy.</p> <p>A possible consequence for any offense could be participation in the Pennsylvania Department of Health cessation program.</p>
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