

Sylvan Heights Science Charter School

Policy Number: 323

Policy Title: Tobacco/Nicotine Use

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Purpose

The Board of the Sylvan Heights Science Charter School (the School) recognizes that tobacco, nicotine, and nicotine delivery products present a health and safety hazard that can have serious consequences for both users and nonusers and the safety and environment of the School.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, **tobacco** includes a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, little cigar, pipe or other smoking product or material, and smokeless tobacco in any form including chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, or dissolvable tobacco pieces.

For purposes of this policy, **nicotine** shall mean a product that contains or consists of nicotine in a form that can be ingested by chewing, smoking, inhaling, or through other means.

For purposes of this policy, a **nicotine delivery product** shall mean a product or device used, intended for use, or designed for the purpose of ingesting nicotine or another substance. This definition includes, but is not limited to, any device or associated product used for what is commonly referred to as vaping or juuling.

Authority

The Board prohibits use of tobacco, nicotine, and nicotine delivery products by administrative, professional, and support employees in School and on School property, buses, vans, and vehicles that are owned, leased, or controlled by the School.

The Board also prohibits use of tobacco, nicotine, and nicotine delivery products by School employees at School-sponsored activities that are held off School property.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Principal/Chief Academic Officer (CAO) or designee shall notify employees about the Board's tobacco/nicotine policy by publishing information in handbooks, newsletters, posters, and may publish through other efficient methods such as posted notices, signs, and on the School's website.

Guidelines

This policy does not prohibit the use of a patch, gum, or lozenge as a smoking cessation product by an employee who has a written order by a physician.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Reporting

The Principal/CAO or designee shall annually, by July 31, report incidents of possession, use or sale of tobacco, nicotine, and nicotine delivery products on School property to the Office for Safe Schools.

Additional Provisions – Tobacco Only

The Principal/CAO or designee may report incidents involving the sale of tobacco to minors by employees on School property, at any School-sponsored activity, or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from School or School-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the School's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement, and Board policies.

References:

20 U.S.C. 7181 et seq
20 U.S.C. 7183

24 P.S. 1302.1-A
24 P.S. 1303-A
34 P.S. 1223.5

22 PA Code 10.2
22 PA Code 10.22

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