

**Acknowledgement of
Tobacco Policy & Law
Teacher _____**

Homeroom _____

School Year 2003-2004

Policy #222 - TOBACCO PRODUCTS

1. Purpose The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that the use of tobacco products, especially smoking, during school hours and on school property presents a health and safety hazard which can have serious consequences for the user and the non-user and the safety of the school and is, therefore, of concern to the Joint Operating Committee.

2. Definition For the purposes of this policy, tobacco products shall mean all uses of tobacco in any form, including cigars, cigarettes, snuff, chewing tobacco and pipes.

3. Authority The use and/or possession of tobacco products in the school building, on school buses, or any vehicle that transports students is prohibited by this policy and also by PA Crimes Code 6306.1.

 The use and/or possession of tobacco products on school grounds of the Dauphin County Technical School is prohibited when school is in session and pupils are present. The ban commences twenty (20) minutes before the beginning of normal working hours in the morning and is continuous until twenty (20) minutes following the close of school in the afternoon.

4. Guidelines
 1. Students found guilty of the use and/or possession of tobacco products shall be dealt with in the following manner:
 - a. First offense will result in a one (1) day in-school suspension and the filing of a charge with the district justice or police department. A parental notification shall be made by the school administration.
 - b. Second offense will result in a three (3) day in-school suspension and the filing of a charge with the district justice or police department. A parental notification shall be made by the school administration.
 - c. Third or subsequent offenses will result in suspensions consistent with the student disciplinary code as persistent and unmodified behaviors. Charges shall be filed with the district justice or police department for all violations.

