

SECTION: **STUDENTS**

TITLE: **TOBACCO USE PROHIBITION**

<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that tobacco use presents a health and safety hazard that can have serious consequences for users, non-users, and the safety and environment of the schools. Therefore, the Board prohibits tobacco use, including electronic or vapor cigarettes, by any person in its school buildings and on any property, buses, vans or any other vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the School District.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, tobacco use shall be defined as use and/or possession of a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, smokeless tobacco, and electronic or vapor cigarettes.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p>Wilson Area School District students are prohibited from possessing or using tobacco, tobacco products, and electronic or vapor cigarettes in school buildings, on a school bus, or on school property owned by, leased by, or under the control of the School District. This includes prohibiting tobacco use and possession by students at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.</p> <p>Violators will receive consequences as per the District's progression discipline policy and will be subject to prosecution initiated by the School District. A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in violation of this policy may be fined up to \$50.00 plus court costs, or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of a fine.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents, and staff about the District's Tobacco Use Policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, newsletters, and other efficient methods.</p> <p>Incidents of possession, use and sale of tobacco in violation of this policy by any person on school property shall be reported annually to the Office of Safe Schools, on the required form.</p>