## MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TOBACCO

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		222. TOBACCO
1.	Purpose	The Executive Council recognizes that tobacco use by students presents a health and safety hazard which can have serious consequences for both the user and the nonuser and the safety and environment of the school.
2.	Definition 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5	For purposes of this policy, <b>tobacco</b> shall include a lighted or unlighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, smokeless tobacco, personal vaporizers, electronic cigarettes, or other lighted smoking product in any form.
3.	Authority 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6305 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7183	In order to protect students and staff from the safety hazards of smoking and from an environment noxious to nonsmokers, the Executive Council prohibits possession, use or sale of tobacco by students at any time in the school buildings, on school grounds, school buses, vans, and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school.
		The Executive Council prohibits possession, use or sale of tobacco by students at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.
4.	Delegation of Responsibility	The Administrative Director or a designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy, which include annually informing all students and staff members of the smoking regulations of the School by publishing such policy in the student handbook, staff handbook, school website and other efficient methods.
		The Administrative Director shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use or sale of tobacco by any person on school property to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.
5.	Guidelines 18 Pa C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1	A student convicted of possessing, using or selling tobacco in violation of this policy may be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs.

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