

**LUZERNE  
INTERMEDIATE  
UNIT #18**

**SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: TOBACCO AND VAPING  
PRODUCTS  
ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 20, 2002  
REVISED: MAY 20, 2020**

<b>222 TOBACCO and VAPING PRODUCTS</b>	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that tobacco and vaping products, including the product marketed as Juul and other electronic cigarettes, present a health and safety hazard that can have serious consequences for users, nonusers and the school environment. <b>The purpose of this policy is to prohibit student possession, use, purchase and sale of tobacco and vaping products, including Juuls and other electronic cigarettes.</b>
2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A 6305 18 Pa. C.S.A 6306.1	<b>State law defines the term tobacco product to broadly encompass not only tobacco but also vaping products including Juuls and other electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes). Tobacco products, for purposes of this policy and in accordance with state law, shall be defined to include the following:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Any product containing, made or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, cigar, little cigar, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff and snus.</b></li><li>2. <b>Any electronic device that delivers nicotine or another substance to a person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, an electronic cigarette, a cigar, a pipe and a hookah.</b></li><li>3. <b>Any product containing, made or derived from either:</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>Tobacco, whether in its natural or synthetic form; or</b></li><li>b. <b>Nicotine, whether in its natural or synthetic form, which is regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration as a deemed tobacco product.</b></li></ol></li><li>4. <b>Any component, part or accessory of the product or electronic device listed in this definition, whether or not sold separately.</b></li></ol>

<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. 6305 18 Pa. C.S.A 6306.1 Pol. 310</p>	<p><b>The term tobacco product does <u>not</u> include the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for other therapeutic purposes where the product is marketed and sold solely for such approved purpose, as long as the product is not inhaled. NOTE: <i>This exception shall be governed by Board Policy relating to Medications.</i></b></li> </ol>
<p>Pol. 227</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A device, included under the definition of tobacco product above, if sold by a dispensary licensed in compliance with the Medical Marijuana Act. NOTE: <i>Guidance issued by the PA Department of Health directs schools to prohibit possession of any form of medical marijuana by students at any time on school property or during any school activities on school property. This exception shall be governed by Board policy relation to Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia.</i></b></li> </ol>
<p>3. Authority 18 Pa. C.S.A.6305 18 Pa. C.S.A 6306-1 20 U.S.C. 7973</p>	<p>The Board prohibits possession, use, <b>purchase</b> or sale of tobacco <b>and vaping products, including the product marketed as Juul and other e-cigarettes, regardless of whether such products contain tobacco or nicotine</b>, by or to students at any time in an Intermediate Unit building; on <b>school buses or other vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the Intermediate Unit; on property owned, leased or controlled by the Intermediate Unit; or at Intermediate Unit-sponsored activities that are held off Intermediate Unit property.</b></p>
<p><b>Pol. 210</b></p>	<p><b>The Board prohibits student possession or use of products marketed and sold as tobacco cessation products or for other therapeutic purposes, except as authorized in the Board’s Medication policy.</b></p>
<p><b>Pol. 227</b></p>	<p><b>The Board prohibits student possession of any form of medical marijuana at any time in an Intermediate Unit building; on school buses or other vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the Intermediate Unit; on property owned, leased or controlled by the Intermediate Unit; or at Intermediate Unit-sponsored activities that are held off Intermediate Unit property.</b></p> <p><b>The Board authorizes the confiscation and disposal of products prohibited by this policy.</b></p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility  18 Pa. C.S.A 6306-1</p>	<p>The Executive Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p>The Executive Director or Designee shall notify students, parents/guardians</p>

<p>5. Reporting</p>	<p>and staff about the Board’s tobacco <b>and vaping products</b> policy by publishing information in student handbooks, parental newsletters, posters, and by other efficient methods, such as posted notices, signs and on the Intermediate Unit website.</p>
<p>22 PA Code 10.2 22 PA Code 10.25 Pol. 805.1</p>	<p><b>Parental Report -</b></p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving possession, use, <b>purchase</b> or sale of a <b>tobacco or vaping product, including a Juul or other e-cigarette</b>, immediately, as soon as practicable. The Executive Director or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property of the Intermediate Unit has been or may be notified of the incident. The Executive Director of designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.</p>
<p>Pol. 805.1 24 P.S. 1303-A</p>	<p><b>Office for Safe Schools Report -</b></p> <p>The Executive Director shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use or sale of <b>tobacco and vaping products, including Juuls or other e-cigarettes</b>, by students to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form.</p>
<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. 6305 18 Pa. C.S.A. 6306-1 22 PA Code 10.2 Pol 805-1 24 P.S. 1303-A 22 PA Code 10.22 24 P.S. 1302-1-A</p>	<p><b>Law Enforcement Incident Report -</b></p> <p>The Executive Director or designee may report incidents of possession, use or sale of tobacco <b>and vaping products, including Juuls or other e-cigarettes</b>, by students on school property of the Intermediate Unit, at any school function under the jurisdiction of the Intermediate Unit or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from any school function under the jurisdiction of the Intermediate Unit to the school police, School Resource Officer (SRO) or to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property of the Intermediate Unit, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>
<p>6. Guidelines 18 Pa. C.S.A. 6306-1</p>	<p>A student <b>who violates this policy shall be subject to prosecution initiated by the Intermediate Unit and, if convicted, shall be required to pay a fine for the benefit of the Intermediate Unit</b>, plus court costs. <b>In lieu of the imposition of a fine, the court may admit the student to an adjudication alternative.</b></p>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><b>Tampering with devices installed to detect use of tobacco or vaping products shall be deemed a violation of this policy and subject to disciplinary action.</b></p>

<p>7. Students with Disabilities Pol. 805-1 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq 22 PA Code 10.23 Pol. 103.1 Pol. 113.1 Pol. 113.2</p>	<p>In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the Intermediate Unit shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>
---	---