

4446 SMOKING/TOBACCO USE

Union City Area School District recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, employees, school volunteers and school visitors.

For purposes of this policy, **tobacco use** shall be defined as use and/or possession of a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other lighted smoking product and smokeless tobacco in any form.

No student, employee, school volunteer or school visitor is permitted to use any tobacco product at any time, including non-school hours, in any school building; on any school property, including vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school; or at any school-sponsored event.

The School/School District may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians, employees, school volunteers, and school visitors about the School/School District's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, parent newsletters, posted notices, Code of Student Conduct and Discipline Plan and other efficient methods.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

Incidents of possession, use and sale of tobacco in violation of this policy by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.

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