



SECTION: 532 (Student)

TITLE: RESTRICTIONS UPON POSSESSION,
SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	I. PURPOSE	The Neshaminy School District has determined that smoking and tobacco use	1
2		create a health hazard for both the smoker and nonsmoker. Therefore, the	2
3		Neshaminy School District wishes to establish a policy restricting smoking and	3
4		tobacco use in the Neshaminy School District for the express purpose of	4
5		protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its students, its employees, and the	5
6		general public.	6
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8	II. DEFINITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smoking shall mean possession of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar	8
9		object formed of or containing tobacco or other vegetable substance.	9
10		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tobacco Use shall mean smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco in any	10
11		form.	11
12		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Meetings shall mean all meetings open to the public pursuant to	12
13		Act of July 3, 1989 (P.L. 388, No. 85) known as the <i>Sunshine Act</i> .	13
14		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Facilities and Buildings shall mean all classrooms, lobbies	14
15		hallways, instructional areas, school buses, and other school	15
16		vehicles utilized for the conveyance of students and District employees.	16
17		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Tobacco use shall mean a sign or placard, the contents of which shall	17
18		notify the viewer that smoking and tobacco use, as defined herein, is	18
19		prohibited and that violation of that prohibition shall result in sanctions	19
20		set forth in this Policy.	20
21		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Pupil" means a person who is at least six (6) years of age but not more	21
22		than twenty-one (21) years of age and who is enrolled in a school. For	22
23		purposes of this section, this definition shall not include an individual	23
24		eighteen (18) years of age or older who is enrolled in an adult education	24
25		program.	25
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27	III.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smoking, tobacco use, and possession of tobacco products by	27
28	PROHIBITION	students of the Neshaminy School District is prohibited, 24 hours a	28
29	PA Department	day, 365 days per year, in all District facilities and buildings and on	29
30	of Health	buses, vans or other vehicles owned by, leased by, or under the control	30
31		of the Neshaminy School District; on property owned by, leased by,	31
32		or under the control of the Neshaminy School District and all functions	32
33		both on and off-campus, such as athletic functions and other activities,	33
34		as well as those not associated with or sponsored by the school.	34

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2		• Smoking and tobacco use by all members of the general public are	2
3		prohibited 24 hours a day, 365 days per year in all District facilities and	3
4		buildings and on buses, vans or other vehicles owned by, leased by, or	4
5		under the control of the Neshaminy School District; on property	5
6		owned by, leased by, or under the control of the Neshaminy School	6
7		District; at school-sponsored events on and off campus; and those	7
8		functions not associated with or sponsored by the school.	8
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10		To implement and define the prohibitions established by this policy, the	10
11		Neshaminy School District shall post No Tobacco Use signs at entrances to all	11
12		District facilities and buildings and in such other areas as necessary. Said	12
13		No Tobacco Use signs shall refer to this policy and its prohibitions and shall	13
14		state that violation of this policy shall result in the sanctions set forth herein.	14
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16	IV.	Advertising of tobacco products is prohibited in school buildings, on school	16
17	ADVERTISEMENT	property, at school functions and in all school publications. This includes	17
18	S	clothing worn by students, staff, and visitors, that advertises tobacco	18
19	PA Department of	products. Sponsorship from any tobacco industry affiliate will not be	19
20	Health (2011)	accepted.	20
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22	V.	• Any student who violates this policy shall be subject to the disciplinary	22
23	SANCTIONS	action set forth in School Board Policy 505 and any applicable local	23
24	FOR	ordinances, and under appropriate circumstances, to prosecution for the	24
25	VIOLATIONS	finances authorized by the <i>Clean Indoor Air Act</i> and the <i>School Tobacco Control</i>	25
26		Act.	26
27	PA Department of	• Any member of the general public found smoking or using tobacco	27
28	Health (2011)	products will be asked by the appropriate school official to refrain from	28
29		smoking or tobacco use while on District property. They will be informed	29
30		of the school's tobacco-free policy. If the visitor does not comply, he/she	30
31		will be asked to leave. If the request is refused, the police may be called.	31
32		• Any member of the general public who violates this Policy shall be subject	32
33		to prosecution for the fines as authorized by the <i>Clean Indoor Air Act</i> .	33
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35	VI. EDUCATION,	Education on the danger of tobacco use is a means of preventing such use.	35
36	PREVENTION	Education programs in conjunction with the health curriculum shall	36
37	AND	(a) inform students that tobacco products are harmful and dangerous;	37
38	CESSATION	(b) address the legal, social and health consequences of tobacco use; and	38
39		(c) provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure	39
40	Approved: 3/27/90	to use tobacco.	40
41	Revised: 2/23/93		41
42	Revised: 8/23/94	Every effort will be made to be supportive of students and employees who	42
43	Revised: 3/10/97	are using tobacco and wish to quit. Students who wish assistance are	43
44	Revised: 3/25/97	invited to see their counselor or school nurse for a referral to the Student	44
45	Revised: 4/24/01	Assistance Program for referral for cessation services.	45
46	Reviewed: 9/2003		46
47	Revised/App: 1/2012		47
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