



SECTION: 232

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	• <b>Smoking</b> 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		• <b>Tobacco Use</b> shall mean smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco in any	10
11		form.	11
12		• <b>Public Meetings</b> 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		• <b>District Facilities and Buildings</b> shall mean lobbies, hallways,	14
15		instructional areas, school buses, and other school vehicles utilized	15
16		for the conveyance of students and District employees.	16
17		• <b>No Tobacco Use Sign</b> shall mean a sign or placard, the contents of which	17
18		shall 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		• <b>"Pupil"</b> 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 sections, 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.	• Smoking and tobacco use by employees of Neshaminy School District is	27
28	PROHIBITION	prohibited, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, in all District facilities and	28
29	PA Department	buildings and on buses, vans or other vehicles owned by, leased by or	29
30	of Health (2011)	under the control of the Neshaminy School District; on property	30
31		owned by, leased by or under the control of the Neshaminy School	31
32		District; and at school-sponsored functions on as well as off-property, as	32
33		well as those not associated with or sponsored by the school.	33
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2		• Smoking and tobacco use by all members of the general public is	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; and at school-sponsored functions on as well as off-property, as	7
8		well as those 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	11
12		entrances to all District facilities and buildings and in such other areas as	12
13		necessary. Said No Tobacco Use signs shall refer to this policy and	13
14		its prohibitions and shall state that violation of this policy shall result in the	14
15		sanctions set forth herein.	15
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17	IV.	Advertising of tobacco products is prohibited in school buildings, on school	17
18	ADVERTISEMENT	property, at school functions and in all school publications. This includes	18
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20	PA Department of	clothing worn by students, staff, and visitors, that advertises tobacco	20
21	Health (2011)	products. Sponsorship from any tobacco industry affiliate will not be	21
22		accepted.	22
23	V. SUPPORTS	The Neshaminy School District will offer smoking cessation classes to any	23
24	OFFERED	employee who requests support in his/her effort to stop smoking. The first	24
25		time the District will pay the complete fee for each employee. If an employee	25
26		requests an additional set of smoking cessation classes, only 50 percent of the	26
27		fee will be paid by the District.	27
28	PA Department of	• Any employee who violates this Policy shall be subject to the disciplinary	28
29	Health (2011)	actions set forth in School Board Policies 227,327, or 427 with the exception	29
30		that termination of employment will not be imposed. Under appropriate	30
31		circumstances, violators may be prosecuted for the fines authorized by	31
32		the <i>Clean Indoor Air Act</i> .	32
33		• Any member of the general public found smoking or using tobacco	33
34	Approved: 3/27/90	products will be asked by the appropriate school official to refrain from	34
35	Revised: 2/23/93	smoking or tobacco use while on District property. They will be informed	35
36	Revised: 8/23/94	of the school's tobacco-free policy. If the visitor does not comply, he/she	36
37	Revised: 3/10/97	will be asked to leave. If the request is refused,, the police may be called.	37
38	Revised: 3/25/97	• Any member of the general public who violates this Policy shall be subject	38
39	Revised: 4/24/01	to prosecution for the fines as authorized by the <i>Clean Indoor Air Act</i> .	39
40	Reviewed: 2/4/2003		40
41	Revised/App: 1/2012		41
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