

Amendment A
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The Use of Tobacco Products

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that the use of tobacco products and other presumptive look-alike tobacco products presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences both for the user and the nonuser and is, therefore, of concern.

Act 145 of 1996 Use of Tobacco in Schools took effect on February 3, 1997. The new law defines possession or use of tobacco products or smokeless tobacco by a student in a school building, a school bus, or on school property owned by, leased by, or under control of a school district as a summary offense. School districts must initiate prosecution. The student may be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$50 for the benefit of the school district in which the offending student resides. These same restrictions apply to field trips.

Students will receive a copy of this law at the beginning of the school year and will be required to read it and sign that they understand the law and the penalties that will occur as a result of possession or use of tobacco at SUN Tech.

SUN Area Career & Technology Center will enforce this law. The following is a guideline for how this law will be enforced at SUN Tech. Please note, the penalties are the same for possession as for use. ~~Students will be given 10 school days to pay the fine.~~

~~First Offense—\$25 \$50 fine and one day of Career Enhancement~~

~~Second Offense—\$50 100 fine and 2 days Out-of-School Suspension~~

~~Additional Offenses—\$50 100 fine and 6-10 days Out-of-School Suspension Fourth Offense—\$50 fine and 10 days Out-of-School Suspension and review of students' record for possible expulsion from school.~~

A student convicted of possessing or using tobacco in violation of this policy may be fined up to \$50 plus court costs or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of imposition of a fine.

In addition to the monetary fine, the following consequences shall also be imposed for misconduct:

1. First offense – One (1) day of career enhancement.
2. Second Offense – Two (2) days of out-of- school suspension.
3. Third Offense- Six (6) days out-of-school suspension.
4. Subsequent Offenses- An immediate referral to the Board to determine if the student shall remain in school. Out-of-school suspension shall also be levied by the building administrator, with the number of days of such suspension at the discretion of the administrator, up to a maximum of ten (10) school days.

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Refer to SUN Tech Policy 222 Tobacco Use