

**TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TOBACCO ABUSE BY STUDENTS AND VISITORS**

**STUDENTS**

**Purpose** – The Board recognizes that tobacco use by students presents a health and safety hazard that can have serious consequences for both users and nonusers and the safety and environment of the schools.

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

The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at any time in a school building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school district.

The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students or visitors at school sponsored activities that are held off school property. The 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 and staff about the district's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, parent newsletters, posted notices, Code of Student Conduct, district newsletter 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. A student convicted of possession or using tobacco in violation of this policy may be fined up to \$100 plus court costs or admitted to alternative adjudication in lieu of imposition of a fine.

**COMMUNITY**

Public Attendance at School Events

**Purpose** – The Board welcomes the public at activities and events sponsored by the school district, but the Board also acknowledges its duty to maintain order and preserve district facilities during such events.

The Board has the authority to prohibit at a school event the attendance of any individual whose conduct may constitute a disruption. The Board prohibits gambling and the possession and use of controlled substances, alcoholic beverages and weapons on school premises.

The Board prohibits tobacco use by any persons in its school buildings and on any property, during school sanctioned activities, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school district.

The district shall annually notify staff, parents and members of the public about the district's tobacco use policy by publishing such in handbooks, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.

### TEXTBOOK CHARGES

Students and/or their parents will be expected to pay for lost or damaged textbooks. As a rule of thumb, textbooks are utilized five or more years. Students will be charged a replacement fee equal to the amount of the cost incurred by the district to buy a replacement book. Used books will be purchased when possible.

### GUIDELINES FOR PARENT GROUPS OR OTHERS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

PTA's, individuals and/or groups of parents or others who provide services and assistance to the instructional staff or have students deserve the district's gratitude. These individuals are giving of their time or effort to provide a better learning experience for Tussey Mountain School District students. It is necessary; however, to have some guidelines for individuals who come into the building while the regular function of carrying forth instruction takes place. This is an attempt to bring some clarity pertaining to equipment usage, student interaction, building restrictions, etc.

1. Phones - Phones are for school uses and should not be used by school personnel or anyone else for other than school use except in the case of emergencies. Lengths of calls should be kept at a minimum; the private lines at each of the buildings should not be used for any length of time and only in a case of minor emergencies.
2. Copiers - The number of copies permitted to be run on each of the copiers is minimal compared to the number of teachers, etc. in the building. Therefore, organizations should not be utilizing the building copier for making larger number of copies. The aide should be consulted prior to copies being made. If the copies are for school purposes and there