

OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: SMOKING, TOBACCO USE
AND CLEAN AIR

ADOPTED: February 15, 1995

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<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">904.1. SMOKING, TOBACCO USE AND CLEAN AIR</p> <p>State legislation known as S.B. 96 P.M. 2492 was signed into law in December 1988 and mandated the development, posting and implementation of a policy to regulate smoking and other kinds of tobacco use in the workplace and in or on certain facilities. Two sections of this state law are pertinent to public school districts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>SECTION 3.5</u> of the above-referenced legislation is entitled "School Tobacco Control" and indicates that tobacco use by pupils is prohibited in school buildings, in school buses and in or on school property which is owned by, leased by, or under the control of a public school district.2. <u>SECTION 10.1</u> of the legislation entitled "Clean Indoor Air" is intended to protect public health and to provide for the comfort of all parties by regulating and controlling smoking in meetings and in the workplace. <p>In addition, federal law entitled "Goals 2000: Educate America Act" contains certain smoke-free provisions which have become incumbent upon schools for adoption, effective December 26, 1994. These provisions prohibit the use of tobacco on all school-owned or leased property.</p> <p>The policy described herein considers the provisions of both laws and incorporates the more exacting provisions of each in the final establishment of the terms of said policy.</p> <p>The Old Forge School District also recognizes the research performed by state and federal agencies in determining that smoking is hazardous to the health of the tobacco smoker and user, as well as to the non-smoker in a tobacco-environment. This policy is designed both to adhere to state and federal law, as well as provide a practical administration to protect the health, safety and comfort of the public at large, students, professional and support staffs and other employees and visitors to the Old Forge School District.</p>
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<p>2. Definitions</p>	<p>The following definitions shall apply to the Old Forge School District Smoking, Tobacco Use and Clean Air Policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Smoking - describes an act which entails the possession of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other lighted smoking equipment.2. Tobacco use - describes an act which entails the use of smokeless tobacco in any form; "tobacco use" can also include "smoking".3. Public meeting - an event(s) which includes any formal or informal gathering which serves the purpose of engaging in services necessary in an employee(s)'s workday (whether on district property or on other property while representing the district); serves the purpose of providing or attending the process of any of the district's educational, cultural, recreational or athletic endeavors; serves the purpose of attending, witnessing or providing input toward the district's administrative function, including attendance of public School Board meetings, work sessions and executive meeting sessions; and otherwise serves the purpose of attending a formal or informal visit, scheduled or unscheduled, by individuals to a public place(s) of the Old Forge School District, for any other purpose, where "public place" is defined as:4. Public place - an area, facility or ground or conveyance, either enclosed, unenclosed or outdoors, which is owned, leased, operated or under the control of the Old Forge School District, where such public place serves the purpose of accommodating the employment, educational, cultural, athletic, administrative, recreational or other purposes as administered or employed by or through the Old Forge School District. These public places will include, but not be limited to, all buildings, educational facilities, administrative facilities, work sites or storage buildings or warehouses, offices, classrooms, workrooms or areas, lounge areas, cafeterias, restrooms, auditoriums, gymnasiums, hallways, athletic fields, meeting rooms, buses and vans, public conveyances and district-owned or leased vehicles; or any area, facility or ground to which an individual may attend in representation or on behalf of the Old Forge School District.
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<p>3. Authority</p> <p>Goals 2000</p>	<p>In compliance with state and federal law on the matter of tobacco use, it shall be the policy of the Old Forge School District that the following rules become an order of conduct and behavior for all individuals who are students of the Old Forge School District, employed by the Old Forge School District or who are in attendance of a public meeting or at a public place of the Old Forge School District:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students are not permitted to use tobacco or to smoke in any school building, school bus or on any school property owned by, leased by, or under the control of the Old Forge School District; likewise, students are not permitted to use tobacco or to smoke in any area, facility, ground or conveyance while representing the Old Forge School District. 2. Employees and members of the public are not permitted to smoke or use tobacco in school buildings, stadiums or athletic fields, gymnasiums, or in or on other facilities or public places owned, leased or under control of the Old Forge School District. All areas associated with the Old Forge School District, as represented as "public places" within the "Definitions" section of this policy are to be and remain "smoke-free" and "tobacco-free" areas. No employee or other individual shall smoke or use tobacco while in or on a district-owned, leased or controlled bus, van or other conveyance while at work for the district, in attendance of a district-sponsored or provided activity or event, or while representing the Old Forge School District. 3. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to designate appropriate district officials and personnel to be responsible for the enforcement of this policy. The Superintendent, or his/her designee(s) shall develop procedures to implement this policy, which shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Informing all students, employees, staff members and the general public of the smoking and tobacco use regulations of the district. b. Monitoring school buildings, facilities, buses, and all public places which are owned, leased or under the control of the district. c. Utilizing health curriculum instruction to convey the potential hazards associated with the use of tobacco and tobacco products. d. Directing building principals and supervisors to post "No Smoking" signs in each school building, structure, facility room or outdoor area, as well as in all school buses, vans and in other district-owned vehicles and on all public places owned, leased or under control of the Old Forge School District to which the "tobacco-free" spirit of this policy shall apply.
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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Violation of the policy shall be punishable by a Civil Penalty fine, enforceable by law, of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Civil costs shall also include any court costs associated with the adjudication of such violation.5. Notification of the enactment of this policy shall be made to all employees, students, parents and citizens of the district community by publishing it in student handbooks, newsletters, posted signs, as a legal notice in local newspapers and through other efficient means as may be available. |
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LEGAL NOTICE

OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT "TOBACCO-FREE" POLICY

As per the smoke-free provisions of federal law, Goals 2000: Educate America Act, enacted December 26, 1994, the Old Forge School District has hereby adopted a Smoking, Tobacco Use and Clean Air Policy.

Tobacco Use in any form is hereby prohibited on or in any properties owned, leased or under control of the Old Forge School District.

All students, employees, visitors and general public are required to maintain the "Tobacco-Free" mandate while on or in district-owned, leased or controlled facilities, properties or places. As per PA Law known as S.B. 96 P.M. 2492, individuals found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to a Civil fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50), plus associated court costs.

A copy of this policy may be reviewed at the Office of the Superintendent, Old Forge School District, Josephine and Grace Streets, Old Forge, PA 18517.