

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER TOBACCO USE POLICY

WACTC defines *tobacco* as a lighted cigarette (tobacco, vapor or electronic), cigar, pipe or any other lighted smoking product as well as smokeless tobacco in any form. *Tobacco use* is defined as using smokeless tobacco in any form or smoking, including cigarettes (tobacco, vapor or electronic), cigars, pipes or any other lighted smoking product or any facsimile or imitation thereof. Tobacco items discovered by any member of the school staff or Administration will be confiscated and **will not be returned at any time or for any reason.**

The law defines possession or use of tobacco products or smokeless tobacco by a student in a school building, on a school bus or school property owned by, leased by or under the control of a school district as a summary offense, and school districts must initiate prosecution. The student will be sentenced to pay a fine set by the District Justice. Students who are smoking or in possession of tobacco will be referred to the Magistrate.

- The first offense shall result in an out-of-school suspension for one day and a prosecution under Act 145 of 1996.
- The second and each subsequent offense shall result in an out-of-school suspension for three days and a prosecution under Act 145 of 1996.

You have been taught the health hazards of using tobacco products. We hope that you will refrain from the practice of using all tobacco products. If you are in need of help or counseling, please ask a teacher, a counselor, the nurse or me for a referral. Above all, do not force the residual health effects of this habit upon others. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

