 **No. 219**

**SECTION: PUPILS**

**TITLE: TOBACCO USE**

**MEDICAL ACADEMY ADOPTED: 10/8/13**

**CHARTER SCHOOL REVISED:**

219. TOBACCO USE

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

The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at any time in the school and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school. The Board prohibits tobacco use and possession by students at school-sponsored activities that are held off school property.

The school may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy. The Principal/CEO or designee shall develop administrative regulations 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 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.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1303-A

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1

Tobacco Use Prohibition – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6306.1

School Tobacco Control – 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.