

Shelby County Board of Education

TOBACCO USE OR POSSESSION

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I. PURPOSE

To provide a safe and healthy environment for all employees, students, and visitors and to serve as a positive example to all students concerning the use of tobacco.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees, students, and visitors.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

The Shelby County Schools system prohibits student smoking or possession of tobacco products, lighters or matches, on school campuses, at school sponsored activities or on school buses. Additionally, smoking and/or the use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, are prohibited in all Board of Education buildings¹ (schools and other facilities); in any public seating areas, including but not limited to, bleachers used for sporting events, or public restrooms²; and in all vehicles, owned, leased or operated by the district at all times. Signs will be posted throughout the District's facilities to notify students, employees and all other persons visiting the school that the use of tobacco and tobacco products is forbidden.¹ A “Smoking is Prohibited by Law in Seating Areas and in Restrooms” sign shall be prominently posted for elementary or secondary school sporting events (including at each ticket booth).² Any student who possesses tobacco products shall be issued a citation by the school principal.³ Parents and students shall be notified of this citation requirement at the beginning of each school year.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

A. The Superintendent (or designee) is responsible for administering this policy.

Legal Reference:

1. Section 1042 of the Environmental Tobacco Smoke/Pro-Children Act of 1994
2. TCA 39-17-1604(6)(10); TCA 39-17-1605; TCA 39-17-1606
3. TCA 39-17-1505