

Book BCPS Policies  
Section J - Students  
Title TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
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Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 15.2-2820, 15.2-2824, 15.2-2827.  
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Purpose: To establish a policy that prohibits the possession, use, or distribution of tobacco products on school grounds or at school activities by students.

The possession, use, or distribution of any tobacco product by students is prohibited on school property.

For purposes of this policy:

1. "School property" shall mean all properties owned, leased, rented, or otherwise used by a school, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage.
  - b. Any indoor facility or portion of such facility owned or leased or contracted for and used for the provision of regular or routine health care, day care, or early childhood development (Head Start) services;
  - c. All vehicles used by the division for transporting students, staff, visitors, or other persons.
  - d. All outdoor facilities including those used for instruction, extra-curricular activities, and parking.

- e. All property surrounding buildings and structures, parking lots, or any other outdoor property owned, leased, or rented by the school.
2. "Tobacco" includes cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, bidi, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner as to be suitable for chewing, dipping, and/or smoking. "Tobacco" also includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Tobacco possession" means having tobacco while on school property, grounds, or at school-sponsored events or activities on or off campus at any time, including non-school hours.
4. "Tobacco use" means the lighting, chewing, dipping, inhaling, or smoking of any tobacco product while on school property, grounds, or at school-sponsored events or activities on or off campus at any time, including non-school hours.
5. "Smoking" means the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind.
6. "Distribution" means giving or selling to another person a tobacco product on school property, grounds, or at any school-sponsored event or activity off campus.

This policy shall be published in student and employee handbooks and announced annually at faculty and staff meetings and school activities as directed by the building principal.

Each principal shall post signs stating "No Smoking," or containing the international "No Smoking" symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a bar across it in conspicuous locations on the school campus.

Students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Cross Ref.:

GBEC Tobacco-Free School for Staff and Students

KGC Tobacco Use on School Premises

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