

CHAPTER 3.00 - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

TOBACCO USE IN SYSTEM FACILITIES

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The Choctaw County Board of Education prohibits the use or possession of tobacco in any form by students, faculty, support personnel, or any other person on school property under the control of the Choctaw County Board of Education. This includes a public school building, Choctaw County Board of Education Building, bus maintenance building, bus, campus, recreational area, athletic field, parking area or other area under the control of the Choctaw County Board of Education. Use of tobacco products is also prohibited in vehicles on School Board property.

Parents/guardians and other persons are hereby notified that they are prohibited from use or possession of tobacco in any form on Choctaw County School System property at any time.

School principals and other work site supervisors as may be designated are directed to post signs at the entrance of all school buildings and on the grounds of Choctaw County School System property designating the school property as a tobacco free facility.

Choctaw County Board of Education employees found in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary actions not limited to: reprimand, suspension pending a hearing, and termination of employment.

REFERENCES:

CODE OF ALABAMA
16-8-8, AAC §290-3-1-.02

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with local fire department officials and rules and regulations as may be set forth by Alabama law and the state fire marshal's office.

Fire drills shall be held in each school at least once per month and a report filed with the Superintendent. Fire exit plans shall be posted in each school in all rooms occupied at any time by students.

Civil Defense Drills

Local school principals shall cooperate with local civil defense officials to plan and implement drills that would help to insure the safety to students and staff in the event of a national or local emergency.

- a. Severe Thunderstorm Watch -- Means that weather conditions are such that a severe thunderstorm may develop.
- b. Severe Thunderstorm Warning -- Means that a severe thunderstorm has developed and will probably affect those areas stated in the weather bulletin.
- c. Tornado Watch -- Conditions are favorable for a tornado.
- d. Tornado Warning -- Means that a tornado has been formed and sighted and may affect those areas in the weather bulletin.

Recommended Actions: The following actions coincide with the conditions cited above:

Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Those in charge are to review the severe weather plan of operation.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning

Relocate all students from portable classrooms and plan areas to the main school building designated as storm location building.

Tornado Watch

All students are to be relocated in the inner corridors or areas designated as the safest places by the civil defense authorities.

Tornado Warning

Notify all teachers of impending weather conditions and open all windows and doors between classrooms and corridors.

During the warning, the students should be seated on the floor with their backs to the corridor walls or inner walls of the building. Coats and jackets should be used to cover students' heads, arms, and legs, to reduce the number of injuries from flying missiles of glass or other debris.

Bomb Threat/Explosion

A bomb threat should be treated with seriousness. The buildings will be evacuated immediately using a coded message over the intercom. Students are to be evaluated to an area far enough away from the building to provide maximum safety.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE

Students shall not be permitted to possess or use tobacco, electronic smoking devices, or any alcoholic beverage in any form on the school grounds, in school buildings during the school day, when riding school buses to and from school or on school-sponsored trips.

Any student violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action by the local school principal. Parental permission to smoke or otherwise use tobacco does not exempt a student from this policy.

Professional school personnel shall organize and conduct programs of education designed to make students fully aware of the hazards of the use of tobacco or alcohol.

VAPING

Vaping, the use or possession of tobacco in any form, including vapor and/or electronic cigarettes, chemical pods, etc., is expressly prohibited on school premises, during school-sponsored activities (on or off campus), and on school buses, including trips, at all times, regardless of whether school is in or out of session.

DRUG USE

The Board, recognizing the increased incidence of drug use by students, instructs the superintendent to take steps to improve the educational program so that students are made aware of the physical and psychological dangers incurred through the improper use of drugs.

All local school principals are instructed to cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and are to report to them any and all information that would be considered beneficial in their efforts to stem the increase in illegal drug use.

The superintendent is also instructed to take steps to prevent any person from coming upon the campus of any school in the school district who is in possession of or under the influence of any substance other than prescription drugs, which may alter behavior.

The administration will arrange to cooperate with the local, state, and federal narcotic officers in the detection, prevention and prosecution of any and all possible violations. Law enforcement agencies will be encouraged to make periodic unannounced visits to all local public schools for the purpose of detecting the presence of illegal drugs.

Students violating this policy may be subject to punishment by law and/or disciplinary action by appropriate school officials.

Any person who violates policies concerning illegal drugs shall be arrested on the appropriate warrant. The student shall be suspended immediately and have a hearing at the earliest possible date. If the student is found to be guilty of violating the policies regarding illegal drugs, he/she shall not be admitted to the public schools of this state until all criminal charges or offenses have been disposed of by proper authorities and the violator has satisfied all the requirements imposed by the school system for readmission.

CHAPTER 4.00 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

**STUDENT
PUBLICATIONS**

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Choctaw County School System school principals may approve establishment of a school newspaper or magazine for students.

- I. The principal shall be responsible for supervising the publication of newspapers, magazines, yearbooks, and programs and for ensuring these publications do not impede or otherwise interfere with the educational purpose of the school.
- II. The principal shall not allow advertisements of intoxicants or tobacco products or other products which would be inappropriate for the intended audience.

REFERENCES:

**CODE OF ALABAMA
16-8-8**

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