

shall immediately report the information to a teacher, school counselor, principal, or the Superintendent. A student's request to make his or her report to someone of the same sex will be granted.

Annalyn's Law/Low Risk Juvenile Sex Offender

(Ala. Code §§ 15-20A-27, 15-20A-30 and 16-1-15.1)

Pursuant to Annalyn's Law, the Superintendent shall be notified by local law enforcement when a low risk juvenile sex offender is enrolled or attending school within the board's jurisdiction for the purpose of appropriate supervision during the school day and during school activities.

Jamari Terrell Williams Student Bullying Prevention Act

(Ala. Code § 16-28B-1)

This new Act expands the current law to include student against student bullying, intimidation, violence, and threats of violence that occur off school property. In Addition, the new Act specifically includes cyberbullying, which may also occur off school property.

Assault on a Teacher (§13A-6-21)

A person commits the crime of assault in the second degree (Class C felony) if the person assaults with intent to cause serious physical injury to a teacher or to an employee of a public education institution during or as a result of the performance of his or her duty.

Tobacco Possession (§28-11-13)

It is unlawful for any person under 21 to purchase, use, possess, or transport tobacco or tobacco products or alternative e-liquids/nicotine products or electronic nicotine delivery devices within this state. (See Alabama Code §28-11-14 for additional reference.)

It is the intention of the Coosa County School System to become tobacco-free. Smoking has been identified as the number one health problem in the United States. It is the leading cause of premature death, disease, and chronic disability in our country, with 340,000 deaths from smoking related illnesses annually.

There is increasing evidence that non-smokers who are exposed to the smoking of others are also at risk due to the irritating and toxic effects of tobacco smoke. In recent years, one and one-quarter million young

Americans between the ages of twelve and eighteen have started smoking cigarettes per year.

The use and/or possession of tobacco products and E-cigarettes shall be prohibited within all school buildings, on school grounds, and in vehicles owned and/or operated by the system. This policy shall apply to all students, employees, parents, sales persons, and visitors.

The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. All individuals on school premises share the responsibility for adhering to this policy. All violations of this policy by students shall be a "Class II" violation and subject to discipline policies and procedures for Coosa County Schools. Parents and guardians may be notified of actual or suspected violations of the tobacco and e-cigarette prohibition by their child whether or not the student is charged with a violation of Board policy.

Vandalism (§6-5-380)

The parent, guardian, or other person having control of any minor under the age of 18 with whom the minor is living and who has custody of the minor shall be liable for the actual damages sustained to school property, plus the court costs, caused by an intentional, willful, or malicious act of the minor.

Weapons in School (§13A-11-72)

No person shall knowingly with intent to do bodily harm carry or possess a deadly weapon on the premises of a public school. Possession of a deadly weapon with the intent to do bodily harm on the premises of a public school or school bus is a Class C felony. (Note: Deadly weapons include but are not limited to a bazooka, hand grenade, explosive or incendiary device; a pistol, rifle, or shotgun; or a switch-blade knife, gravity knife, stiletto, sword, or dagger; or any club, baton, billy, black-jack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles.)

Non-weapons used as weapons are also prohibited. Students are prohibited from using or threatening to use any article, object, or substance with intent to do bodily harm to another person. Violations of this policy will be a Class IV offense.

on school grounds, on Board property, on school buses, or at school-sponsored functions is prohibited.

- a. *Penalties for Violations* - In addition to any criminal penalties that may be imposed, the following penalties will be imposed for unauthorized possession of illegal drugs or alcohol:
 1. *Students* – Students will be disciplined in accordance with the Board’s Code of Student Conduct.
 2. *Employees* – Employees will be subject to adverse personnel action, which may include termination.
 3. *Other persons* – Other persons may be denied re-entry to school property.
- b. *Notification of Law Enforcement* – The principal shall notify the appropriate law enforcement officials when a person violates Board policy concerning illegal drugs and alcohol. These officials may include the School Resource Officer, Juvenile Probation Officer, county sheriff or local district attorney. If any criminal charge is warranted, the principal is authorized to sign the appropriate warrant. If that person is a student in any Coosa County public school, he (she) shall immediately be suspended from attending regular classes and a hearing shall be scheduled by the Superintendent. The decision to suspend or initiate criminal charges against a student shall include a review and consideration of the student’s exceptional status, if applicable.

[Reference: ALA CODE §16-1-24.1 (1975); Ala. Admin. Code 290-3-1-.02(1)(b)]

- 4.2.4 Tobacco and E-Cigarettes – The use of tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery system (“e-cigarettes”) and the illegal possession, distribution, and sale of tobacco and e-cigarette products in a school building, on school grounds, on school buses, or any Board property, or at school-sponsored functions is prohibited.

E-cigarette product is defined as an electronic device used to deliver nicotine or other substance, chemical or flavoring to the person inhaling from the device. The following are examples of prohibited devices: electronic cigarettes, vape pens, hookah pens, e-hookahs, vape pipes and any similar type of device designed to deliver nicotine, flavor and other chemicals or substances via inhalation.

- a. *Penalties for Violations*
1. *Students* – Students who violate the tobacco and e-cigarette prohibition will be disciplined in accordance with the Board’s Code of Student Conduct.
 2. *Employees* – Employees who violate the tobacco and e-cigarette prohibition will be subject to adverse personnel action, which may include termination.
 3. *Other Persons* - Other persons who violate the tobacco and e-cigarette prohibition may be denied re-entry to school property.
- b. *Parental Notification* - Parents and guardians may be notified of actual or suspected violations of the tobacco and e-cigarette prohibition whether or not the student is charged with a violation of Board policy, which includes the Code of Student Conduct.

[Reference: ALA. CODE §16-1-24.1 (1975); ALA. ADMIN. CODE 290-3-1-.02(1)(b)]

- 4.2.5 Searches - Law enforcement agencies are permitted to make periodic visits to all schools to detect the presence of illegal drugs or weapons and may use any lawful means at their disposal to detect the presence of such substances. The visits will be unannounced to anyone except the Superintendent and the Principal.

[Reference: ALA. CODE §16-1-24.1 (1975); ALA. ADMIN. CODE 290-3-1-.02(1)(b)]

- 4.2.6 Drug and Alcohol Free Environment - All students, employees, volunteers, parents, visitors, and other persons are prohibited from possessing, using, consuming, manufacturing, or distributing illegal controlled substances and alcohol while on Board property or while attending any Board sponsored or sanctioned event, program, activity, or function. Persons who are intoxicated or impaired by the use, consumption, or ingestion of any illegal controlled substance or alcohol are not permitted to be on school property, or to attend or participate in any Board sponsored or sanctioned event, program, activity, or function.

[Reference: ALA. CODE §16-1-24.1, 25-5-330 (1975)]

- 4.2.7 Adoption of Statutory Penalties and Consequences - Persons who violate the Board’s prohibition of firearms, weapons, illegal drugs, or alcohol will be subject to all notification, referral, suspension, placement, re-admission, and other provisions set forth in Alabama law.

[Reference: ALA. CODE §16-1-24.1 and 24.3 (1975)]