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  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 appropriate law enforcement authority, which may include the city police, county sheriff, and the local district attorney, will be notified by the principal of violations of this policy.

4.02.4 Tobacco – The use of tobacco products and the illegal possession, distribution, and sale of tobacco products on school property is prohibited. For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco product” is defined to include cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vape pens, hookah pens, e-hookahs, vape pipes and any similar type of device designed to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals via inhalation, cigars, blunts, bidis, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff and other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products. “Tobacco use” includes smoking, vaping, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

a. *Penalties for Violation*

1. *Students* – Students who violate the tobacco prohibition will be disciplined in accordance with the Board’s Code of Student Conduct.
  2. *Employees* – Employees who violate the tobacco prohibition will be subject to adverse personnel action, which may include termination.
  3. *Other Persons* – Other persons who violate the tobacco 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 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)]

4.02.5 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 principal.

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

### **PHYSICAL RESTRAINT**

The principal or designee has the authority to use reasonable physical force to restrain a student from abusing or attempting to abuse himself or herself, other students, teachers, administrators, parents, guardians, or other staff members. This action may be necessary to stop the behavior and to ensure to the extent possible the care, welfare, safety, and security of students and staff members. This must be done in a reasonable manner to protect all parties involved. Law enforcement may assist in this action.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Law enforcement officers have the right to come on campus to interview students as suspects or witnesses. The Board of Education authorizes building administrators to release minor students into the custody of a law enforcement officer upon presentation of a court order or warrant for the student's arrest. The student may be removed from school premises if the officer or school administrator has reason to believe that the student has violated the law. The police department, juvenile services, or other law enforcement agencies may be informed regarding the misconduct of a student. Such notification may result in an arrest, a petition, a complaint, a warrant, a conference with law enforcement officials and/or other actions deemed appropriate by the agencies involved.

### **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

The Dale County Board of Education permits reasonable and proper use of corporal punishment (padding/spanking). "No student has the right to be unruly in his/her classroom to the extent that such disruption denies fellow students of their rights to learn. The teacher in each classroom is expected to maintain order and discipline. Teachers are hereby given the authority and responsibility to use appropriate means of discipline up to and including corporal punishment as may be prescribed by the local board of education." (AL Law 16-28a-1) Corporal punishment will be administered under the following guidelines:

1. The student will be given the reason for the punishment and the opportunity to explain his/her actions.
2. Corporal punishment will be administered by the principal or his/her designee in the presence of a school board employee.
3. A written report will be prepared for each incident and copy will be sent to the parent/guardian.

### **TOBACCO POLICY**

The use of tobacco products and the illegal possession, distribution, and sale of tobacco products in a school building, on school grounds, on Board property, on school buses, in Board-owned vehicles, or at school-sponsored functions is prohibited. These prohibitions also apply to electronic cigarettes, vape pens, hookah pens, e-hookahs, vape pipes and any similar type of device designed to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals via inhalation or simulated smoking.

Students violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct. Employees violating this policy shall be subject to adverse employment action as defined in the employee handbook. Other persons violating this policy, including visitors and guests, may be denied re-entry to school property or Board property.

### **ALABAMA SAFE AND DRUG-FREE POLICY**

The principal shall notify appropriate law enforcement officials when any person violates state policies concerning drugs and alcohol. If a student violates the drug-free policies, that student shall be immediately suspended from attending regular classes. The student may not be readmitted to the public schools of this state until 1) Criminal charges or offenses arising from the conduct have been disposed of by appropriate authorities, and 2) the student has satisfied all other requirements imposed by the local board of education.

Any student found to have violated school system and/or state policy concerning drugs may be referred to the Dale County Board of Education for appropriate disciplinary action to include expulsion.

If any criminal charge is warranted arising from the conduct, the principal is authorized to sign the appropriate warrant. Any decision to suspend or initiate criminal charges against a student shall include a review and consideration of the student's exceptional status, if any, or appropriate federal statutory or case law.

### **STATE TEXTBOOK POLICY**

Textbooks must not be damaged. Some of the damages are as follows:

- One or more pages of content missing.
- Water-soaked, causing backs and pages to be swollen or molded.
- Physically marked with any kind of pencil, pen, crayon, etc., on outside/inside of backs, on ends, or any of the pages.
- Defaced or marred, such as broken, cut, or smeared backs of pages.

Penalty for lost or damaged textbooks:

- Full price, if new when issued
- Seventy-five percent (75%) if one year old when issued
- Fifty percent (50%) if book is two years old or older when issued

No textbook will be issued to any student while the payment for lost or damaged textbooks is outstanding.