

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

4.2.3 Illegal Drugs and Alcohol – The use, possession, distribution, and sale of alcohol and the illegal use, possession, distribution, and sale of drugs in a school building, 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:

i. *Students* – Students will be disciplined in accordance with the Board’s Code of Student Conduct.

ii. *Employees* – Employees will be subject to adverse personnel action, which may include termination.

iii. *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.

4.2.4 Tobacco – The use of tobacco products and the illegal possession, distribution, and sale of tobacco products on school property is prohibited.

a. *Penalties for Violations*

i. *Students* – Students who violate the tobacco prohibition will be disciplined in accordance with the Board’s Code of Student Conduct.

ii. *Employees* – Employees who violate the tobacco prohibition will be subject to adverse personnel action, which may include termination.

iii. *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 suspect 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.

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8. The device is to be used only by the student or staff member to whom it is issued. The person to whom the device is issued will be responsible for any activity or action performed on the device.
9. The device must be returned in acceptable working order by the last day of each school year, upon withdrawal or exit date from the school district, and whenever requested by school staff.

Compensation for Losses, Costs, and/or Damages

In the event that an electronic device is lost, stolen, or damaged the individual student/ staff member is responsible for the cost of the device. In addition all users (students and staff) may be responsible for compensating the school district for any losses, costs, or damages incurred for violations of board policies/procedures and school rules. The school district assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or costs incurred by users while using school district computers, devices, or the school network.

Terms of Use

MCBOE reserves the right to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user privileges and/or take other disciplinary action, including suspensions or expulsion from school, for violations of this policy. Additionally, all handbook regulations apply to the use of the MCBOE network, Internet, and electronic resources.

Disclaimer

MCBOE, its employees and agents, make no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, concerning the network, Internet access, and electronic resources it is providing. Furthermore, MCBOE is not responsible for the following:

1. The accuracy, nature, quality, or privacy of information stored on local servers or devices or information gathered through Internet access.
2. Any damages suffered by a user (whether the cause is accidental or not) including but not limited to, loss of data, delays or interruptions in service, and the infection of viruses or other malware on personal computers or other devices.
3. Unauthorized financial obligations resulting from the use of MCBOE electronic resources.
4. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit our school system from blocking access on the Internet computers owned or operated by our school system to any content other than content covered by this policy or the amendments made by this policy.

ITEMS NOT TO BRING TO SCHOOL (Please refer to each school's handbook for details.)

- **Non-See Through Book Bags**-In keeping with the Macon County Board of Education's policy to provide a safe school environment, it is recommended that a clear or mesh book bag be used.
- **Large Purses**-Girls may bring purses of a reasonable sizes no larger than 7 inches in width to school to house permissible items.
- **Weapons and Fireworks** -Any student who exhibits or is in possession of a knife, club, or any other dangerous weapon to include b-b and toy weapons will be subject to immediate suspension. Fireworks cannot be brought to school. Any student using or in possession of fireworks is also subject to suspension. For further information pertaining to other items not to be brought on school premises, refer to Discipline/Code of Conduct section of this handbook.
- **Drugs/Tobacco/Alcohol** -The possession or use of drugs, tobacco, and/or alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance (drugs) as well as other unauthorized prescription/over the counter medications by a student at school is a serious violation of school policy and will result in immediate suspension or expulsion. Electronic Devices

- The right to examine all relevant educational records relating to decisions regarding identification, evaluation, educational programming, and placement regarding your child.
- The right to obtain copies of our child's educational records at a reasonable cost, unless the fee would effectively deny access to the educational records.
- The right to receive a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's educational records.
- The right to request an amendment of your child's educational records if there is a reasonable cause to believe they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child.
- You have the right to challenge the actions of the District's Section 504 Committee in regard to your child's identification, evaluation, or educational placement, by filing a complaint with the District's Section 504 Coordinator, within 30 calendar days from the time you received written notice of the Section 504 Committee's action(s). A due process hearing will be scheduled before an impartial hearing officer and you will be notified in writing of the date, time, and place for the hearing. You have the right to participate in the hearing and to be represented by counsel if you choose. If you disagree with the decision of the impartial hearing officer, you have a right to request a review of the decision in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- On Section 504 matters other than your child's identification, evaluation, and/or placement, you have a right to file complaint with the District's Section 504 Coordinator, who will investigate the allegations to the extent warranted by the nature of the complaint in an effort to reach a prompt and equitable resolution.
- You have a right to file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights. The contact information is as follows:

Office for Civil Rights
 U.S. Department of Education
 61 Forsyth Street S.W.
 Suite 19T70
 Atlanta, GA 30303-3104.
 Telephone: (404) 562-6350
 Fax: (404) 562-6455
 Email: OCR.Atlanta@ed.gov

SMOKING / USE OF TOBACCO

Parents or students are not allowed to smoke or use any form of tobacco either in the buildings or on the school campus at any time. Neither are students permitted to carry tobacco products, cigarette lighters, nor matches with them at any time while on the school campus. Students caught using or in possession of tobacco while in the school building, on campus, or at any function sponsored by the school will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

STUDENT ELECTIONS

All student elections should be handled in a professional manner with the following ideas to be used as guidelines:

1. To conduct election campaigns in a positive, mature manner with respect shown for the opponent at all times;
2. To elect officers and representatives who are responsive to the needs of the school and who will work constructively toward the resolution of such needs;
3. To expect the elected student to exhibit appropriate conduct at all times;
4. To use printed ballots for all elections and keep them on file until the end of the school year.