

- 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. 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.

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(4)(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 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)]

Registration)

4.18 Pets

Pets are not to be brought to school. Pets are not to be kept on the school campus, in vehicles, or in the school buildings without permission.

4.19 Prohibited Behaviors, Other

Students committing the following will be subject to disciplinary action if warranted by the severity of the following acts:

- The act of using **obscene or profane language** in verbal or written form or in pictures, caricatures, or obscene gestures on any school property
- The act of **extortion** or borrowing or attempting to borrow any money or things of value from a person in the school, unless both parties enter into the agreement freely and without the presence of either an implied or expressed threat
- **Assault or battery** of a teacher or other school personnel (verbal or physical)
- The act of **initiating a false fire alarm** or a **false report** of fire or an impending bombing or other catastrophe without just cause (This is a felony.)
- **Theft** of property
- **Defiance** of authority
- **Inciting** or participating in student disorder
- Possession of **illegal substances, weapons, alcohol, or tobacco** (including electronic cigarettes)
- **Harassment, threat, or intimidation** of another student or employee
- Violation of the terms of suspension
- **Intentionally falsifying information** to a teacher, administrator, or other personnel

4.20 Saturday School

Students may be assigned to Saturday School by the principal or assistant principal based on the tardy policy. Saturday School will be held at Muscle Shoals Middle School. Parents will be notified when Saturday School assignments are made. Students should report no later than 8:00 a.m. with schoolwork to be accomplished.

Saturday School Guidelines:

1. Saturday School begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. and dismisses at 11:30 a.m. Any student not in place by 8:00 a.m. will be marked tardy and assigned an additional Saturday School.
2. Any student arriving after 8:30 a.m. will not be admitted to Saturday School. The student will be assigned to one day of In-School Suspension the following week.
3. Any student who fails to attend Saturday School will be assigned one day of ISS. Any student who misses two Saturday School assignments for excessive tardiness will be assigned ISS for future excessive tardies in lieu of Saturday School.
4. All students must bring books and materials to Saturday School. Students without books and materials will not be admitted and will be assigned to In-School Suspension the following week.
5. Students who leave prior to the 11:30 a.m. dismissal time will be assigned to Saturday School the following week.
6. Students are to be picked up at 11:30 a.m. each Saturday. Staff members are not responsible for students after 11:30 a.m.
7. If a student accumulates more tardies than there are Saturdays available, the student will then be assigned one day of In-School Suspension for each tardy.
8. Students will be expected to abide by the following rules:
 - a. No talking without permission.
 - b. No food or drink during class.
 - c. No sleeping.
 - d. No playing.

7.12.1.1.1 FIREARMS

The possession of a firearm (defined by 18 U.S.C. §921) in a school building, on school grounds, on Board property, on school buses, or at school-sponsored events is prohibited except by authorized law enforcement personnel as provided by law. Students found in violation will be expelled for a period one year. The expulsion requirement may be modified in writing by the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis. Students who are expelled for firearm possession may not attend regular school classes, but may be permitted to attend alternative schools or education programs established by the Board.

7.12.1.1.2 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.

7.12.1.2 TOBACCO and/or ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES / "VAPES"

The use, possession, distribution, and sale of tobacco products on school property, at school-sponsored events, or on a school-related trip or activity away from school is prohibited. These prohibitions also apply to electronic cigarettes and similar items designed to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals via inhalation. A minimum of 10 days of in-school suspension will be assigned for possession, use, or distribution of a tobacco product/e-cigarette/vape. Progressive disciplinary actions will be taken for subsequent offenses. For second and subsequent offenses of possession, use, or distribution of a tobacco product/e-cigarette/vape, the School Resource Officer is authorized to issue a non-traffic citation that may result in a fine ranging from \$10-\$50 and/or community service as determined by a judge.

7.12.1.3 WEAPONS

The possession of dangerous weapons on school premises is prohibited. A dangerous weapon is defined as an explosive, incendiary device, projectile, knife, archery equipment, firearm (defined by 18 U.S.C. §921), chain, any device either used or intended to be used to inflict bodily harm, or any other object deemed dangerous by the Principal. This policy pertains to the possession of a weapon at school, on school grounds, on school buses, and/or at any school-sponsored event before, during, or after regular school hours. Any student who violates this policy shall be subject to suspension or expulsion. The Muscle Shoals Board of Education has no desire to place undue restriction upon the use of certain items of dress and grooming. However, if the items are used as weapons, they will, consequently, be defined as such.

The Superintendent and Board authorizes the Principal or his/her designee to automatically suspend out-of-school (OSS), pending a board hearing, any student found in possession of a dangerous weapon. The student may also be referred to the local law enforcement agency.

7.13 SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Such conduct will not be tolerated in this school. Any person who feels he or she is the victim of sexual harassment should report it to an administrator immediately. Dr. Matthew Carpenter is the district Title IX coordinator.

STUDENT CONFERENCE WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL
PARENTAL CONTACT
DETENTION
CORPORAL PUNISHMENT
JUVENILE AUTHORITIES
IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Type II

1. Use of obscene or profane communication (verbal, written, gesture) directed toward another person
2. Threats to or harassment of other students
3. Fighting
4. Stealing-Larceny-Petty Theft
5. Possession of fireworks
6. Vandalism
7. Offensive touching of another student
8. Cheating
9. Insubordination to, or disrespect toward, school employee(s)
10. Possession, use, and/or sale of tobacco products
11. Disruption on any school bus
12. Participation in a non-school sanctioned group that is deemed disruptive to the school environment
13. Possession of pornographic material
14. Use of a computer to access inappropriate material (Internet)
15. Bringing inappropriate objects to school including unauthorized communication devices.
16. Verbal abuse of another person
17. Repeated and/or excessive Type I offenses