

J-7 SMOKING/USE OF TOBACCO

The Board views smoking and other uses of tobacco as being detrimental to health and as being significant contributors to lung and heart diseases.

Students shall not be permitted to smoke or use tobacco in any form on the school grounds or in school buildings during the school day, or when riding school buses to and from school or on a school sponsored trip. Parental permission to smoke or otherwise use tobacco does not exempt a student from this policy. Professional school personnel shall organize and maintain intensive programs of education designed to make pupils fully aware of the hazards of smoking and use of tobacco.

Students violating this policy are subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

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K-4 SMOKING AND OTHER TOBACCO USE

The members of the Opelika City Board of Education view smoking and other uses of tobacco as being detrimental to health and as being significant contributors to lung and heart diseases. Consequently, it is the policy of this Board that students shall not be permitted to possess, smoke or use tobacco products in any form.

The Opelika City Board of Education directs that all property owned by the school board be smoke-free environments. The following regulations will exist for each property listed:

School buildings and campus property:

Smoking or use of any tobacco products will not be permitted in or around any school building operated by the Opelika City Schools during school hours, or during school sponsored extra-curricular activities.

Opelika High School stadium and other athletic facilities:

Smoking and other tobacco usage will be confined to an area designated by posted signs away from the seated patrons on the home side and the concession area on the visitor side with no smoking allowed in any of the seated areas or in any restroom. Smoking during basketball games will be confined to the school parking lots. Smoking during track and baseball activities will be confined to areas behind the patron stands.

Opelika Center for the Performing Arts:

This facility will be a smoke-free facility at all times. Organizations renting this facility after school hours will be required to restrict all use of tobacco products to parking lots and porches only.

Opelika City School Buses:

No smoking or use of other tobacco products will be allowed at any time on school buses. This includes the drivers at all times, (with or without students being transported).

Opelika City Board Office:

This facility will be a smoke-free building.

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OATS

Students may be enrolled in Opelika Alternative to Suspension for a specific number of days at the discretion of administration. Students that do not attend may face further disciplinary action and be marked unexcused.

Tobacco

Students and employees are not allowed to use any form of tobacco during the school day or while on campus. Neither are they permitted to carry tobacco products, cigarette lighters, nor matches. Students caught using tobacco products in the school building, on campus, or at any function sponsored by the school will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. The 1st offense will result in 3 days ISS; 2nd offense-3 days ISS; 3rd offense-3 days ISS; 4th offense-indefinite suspension.

Weapons and Fireworks

Any student who uses, threatens to use, or is in possession of a knife, club, or any dangerous weapon will be subject to immediate indefinite suspension from school. Any student using or in possession of fireworks is also subject to indefinite suspension. The Opelika City Police Department Will Be Notified And Proper Charges Filed When Appropriate.

CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL ACTIONS THAT ARE NOT COVERED IN THIS HANDBOOK AND INTERPRETATION OF ALL RULES WITHIN THE HANDBOOK SHALL BE DECIDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Clubs and Organizations

Students are encouraged to develop an interest and become active participants in the extra-curricular programs offered at OHS. Students interested in any of these activities may request a meeting with any sponsor, director, or coach to learn more about the activity. All interested students are encouraged to apply for the extracurricular program of their choice. Detailed descriptions of all organizations can be found in the *OHS Activities Handbook* which will be provided to all students at the beginning of the school year.

Field Trips

The responsibility and authority for planning field trips rests with the classroom teacher. Field trips must be approved by the principal prior to final plans. A minimum notice of two weeks is expected, and students must have written parental permission to participate. These rules will

pants, nylon gym/athletic shorts, soffes, "Umbros," spandex, sweat pants, and soccer shorts.

- **Students are to wear clothing in the manner it was designed to be worn, i.e., clothing worn backward or inside out, suspenders undone are not allowed.**
- **Students are not to wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner.** (Examples: clothing which is too tight, too short, bare at the midriff, bare at the sides, sundresses, "spaghetti strap" type tops, tank tops, and off-the-shoulder tops, low-cut front or back tops, sheer or see-through clothing, etc. **Undergarments should be worn in an appropriate manner and should not be visible.** Clothes with holes in them that reveal the body in an inappropriate manner are not allowed.
- **Students may wear shorts to school under the following stipulations:** Old worn/torn, or other type cut-offs, athletic (gym), "Umbro," "Soffes," other nylon type, spandex, sweat type, tennis, or swim suit type shorts are not allowed.
- **Student athletes (Cheerleaders, majorettes, band members, etc.) may wear required game day attire previously approved by the sponsor and principal.**
- **Skirts, shorts, and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in front and back. No slits or leg openings may be above mid-thigh.** Whether the student is standing or sitting, the length of skirts and dresses must be appropriate. Spandex pants, leggings, leotards, etc., may be worn only when the article of clothing worn with them reaches to the mid-thigh requirement. (Long t-shirts are not allowed.)
- **Facial and/or tongue jewelry is not allowed for males or females.** Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories, i.e., excessively noisy jewelry and/or belts, that distract from the educational process or interfere with proper speech communication.
- **T-shirts or any other type clothing or personal item bearing a reference to firearms, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, and/or any other wording, drawings, pictures, etc., which in any way can be interpreted as being "off-color," suggestive, obscene, offensive, or relating to violence, etc., are not permitted.** "Gang" related slogans, names, apparel, etc., are not permitted in school or at any school-related activities. Gang related items include, but are not limited to, bandanas, washrags, doo rags, etc. These items are not to be worn or to hang from a pants pocket.
- **Caps, hats, bandannas, doo rags, sunglasses, or other headwear are not to be worn during the regular school day.** Headbands, designed to maintain hair placement, will be allowed.
- **Outerwear (coats, sunglasses, gloves, etc.) is not to be worn in**

school sponsored events. Permission will not be granted to bring visitors to OHS during the school day.

SYSTEM POLICIES

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SPECIALIST

The ADA Specialist for Opelika City Schools is the Asst. Superintendent for Administration, Mr. Kenneth Burton, Opelika City Board of Education, P.O. Box 2469, Opelika, Alabama 36803-2469, telephone (334) 745-9700, fax (334) 745-9721.

CHILD FIND

The Opelika City Schools is committed to locating and serving students with disabilities birth to twenty-one within the school system's jurisdiction. If you would like to refer a child for an evaluation for special education services please contact the Special Education Coordinator at (334) 741-5601.

DRUG & ALCOHOL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Students wishing to receive assistance in dealing with drug or alcohol related problems may do so by making appointments with a counselor or an administrator. No disciplinary action will be taken against a student seeking help, and all information will be kept in confidence.

OPELIKA HIGH SCHOOL IS A TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT.

ENRICHMENT SERVICES

According to the state definition, intellectually gifted children and youth are those who perform or who have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. These children and youth require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program. Children and youth possessing these abilities can be found in all populations, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor. Any individual with knowledge concerning a student's abilities may refer a student to be considered for an evaluation to determine if the student qualifies according to state criteria. In addition, all second grade students will be observed as potential referrals for enrichment services using a gifted behavior checklist provided by the State Department of Education. A referral to the Gifted Referral Screening Team (GRST) may be made by contacting the special education coordinator. The GRST will review information related to the student's aptitude, performance, and characteristics to determine if an evaluation for gifted eligibility is warranted.