

4.02.3 **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:

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 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)]

- 4.02.6 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)]

- 4.02.7 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 ALA. CODE §16-1-24.1 and 24.3 (1975).

4.03 *Accreditation*

The Board will implement and adhere to such accreditation policies, principles, standards, and procedures as may be established or required by Cognia as a condition to receiving or maintaining accreditation.

4.04 *Use of Board Property*

- 4.04.1 Equipment, Supplies, Materials, Vehicles – Equipment, supplies, materials, vehicles, and other movable or consumable property owned by or under lease to the Board may not be used by or made available to persons or entities for private or personal use, benefit, or consumption, or for any non-Board related use or purpose. Such property may not be removed from Board premises except as necessary to serve a school or Board-related function or purpose, and with the knowledge and approval of the appropriate supervisor, administrator, or the Superintendent.

- 4.04.2 Use of Board Facilities -- Schools and other Board owned or controlled facilities may be made available for use by sanctioned or generally recognized school support organizations if the use of the facility will not disrupt school operations or be inconsistent with the purpose and mission of the school system, and if adequate

student is required to schedule an appointment to meet with his/her teacher to discuss the missed assignments.

2nd Offense - Student will receive an alternative school placement for ten (10) days.

3rd Offense - Students will receive an alternative school placement for up to forty five (45) days and a possible referral to Youth Services.

The Opp City Police Department may be notified and a written report made by an officer. If the fight warrants a more severe response, the officer will be asked to take further action.

Gambling / Gambling Paraphernalia

Cards, dice, sports gambling squares, and other gambling paraphernalia are not permitted on campus. These items will be confiscated and held pending disposition of individual offenses. Reminder—gambling is a serious violation of school policy and subject to stern disciplinary action.

Suspensions

Students may be suspended out of school (OSS) for committing infractions of school rules and policies. A parent/guardian conference is required before a student may return. Suspended students may forfeit their right to hold major school or club offices. A student assigned OSS cannot participate in any school activity during the day or night, nor can he/she be on campus.

Tobacco

Students and employees are not allowed to use any form of tobacco, nicotine or nicotine alternative during the school day or while on campus. Neither are they permitted to carry tobacco/nicotine or nicotine alternative products, e-cigarettes, vapes, cigarette lighters, matches, or similar devices. Students caught using any such product, including but not limited to juuls, vapes, cigarettes, skoal or similar products in the school building, on campus, or at any function sponsored by the school will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

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 Opp 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

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SPECIALIST

The ADA Specialist for Opp City Schools is the Asst. Superintendent for Administration, Ms. Emily Edgar, Opp City Board of Education.

CHILD FIND

The Opp 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, Samantha Russell, at Opp City Board of Education.

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.

OPP HIGH SCHOOL IS A TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT.

MEDICATION POLICY

All medications brought to school must be age appropriate and in an unopened, original container, with the child's name, name of the medication, directions and dosage of administering, and expiration date legible on the container. All medications should be taken to the nurse's office for storage and administering. **NO MEDICATIONS ARE TO BE KEPT BY THE STUDENTS OR TEACHER FOR ADMINISTRATION. STUDENTS WHO ARE CAUGHT IN POSSESSION OF MEDICATIONS WILL BE REPRIMANDED FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH MEDICATION POLICY.**

The State of Alabama Department of Education School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization form must be completed and signed by both prescribing physician and the parent/legal guardian prior to any prescriptive medications being administered to children at school. For non-prescriptive medications, only the parent/legal guardian signature will be required on the above mentioned form. No other form of consent will be accepted.