

4.01.4 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)]

4.01.5 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)]

4.01.6 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)]

4.01.7 Adoption of Statutory Penalties and Consequences – Persons who violate the Board’s prohibition of firearms, weapons, illegal drugs, or alcohol will be subject

HALL TRAFFIC

Students are requested to walk on the right side of the hall at all times and not block stairways, restrooms, or other entrances to the physical plant. Congregating in groups in the halls is not permissible.

SMOKING/USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The Ozark City School System prohibits the use of tobacco, e-cigarette and/or vaping in any form in any school building, on any school system property, in any school system vehicle, or at any school or school system function. The prohibition of any tobacco, e-cigarette and/or vaping in any form applies to students, employees, or patrons in attendance on school property. Students and faculty using tobacco, e-cigarette and/or vaping products will be disciplined according to the Ozark City School System Policies and Code of Conduct. Parents and patrons will be asked to leave and may be barred from campus.

ALCOHOL

Students shall be specifically prohibited from being under the influence of, consuming, or being in possession of alcohol on school premises or school bus, or at a school function away from school, any alcoholic beverages as defined by state statutes. Students violating this policy shall be subject to applicable sanctions listed in the Student Code of Conduct.

DRUGS/ MEDICINE

Any student who is in possession of narcotics, over the counter, prescription medications, or CBD products, during school or at a school function, or who is involved in the use of narcotics and/paraphernalia during school, or who is involved in the use of narcotics prior to coming to campus, or who is involved in selling or buying drugs, or who is involved in selling "imitation" drugs, will be disciplined according to the Ozark City School System Code of Conduct.

DEADLY WEAPONS / DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The possession of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument in a school building, on school grounds, on Board property, on school buses, or at school-sponsored functions is prohibited except for authorized law enforcement personnel and as provided by law. In the case of suspected or known offenders, the Ozark City Police Department will be notified, and the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken according to the Ozark City School System Code of Conduct at the school and system level.

SELLING ITEMS ON CAMPUS

Students are not allowed to sell any items on the school campus without written permission from the principal.

LOITERING

During the school day students are required to remain in designated areas. Students are not allowed to loiter in any area of the school campus.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP NO LATER THAN 3:15 P.M. UNLESS REQUIRED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO REMAIN ON CAMPUS. IF NOT REQUIRED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO REMAIN ON CAMPUS, THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (S.R.O.) WILL BE CONTACTED.

For elementary students (grades K-5), first and second offense Class II sanctions may include: parental contact, parent conference, student conference, loss of privilege(s), detention, time out, referral to outside agency, restitution of property and damages, withdrawal of privileges. Any other sanction deemed appropriate; for subsequent offenses, Class II offenses may include the same sanctions listed for first and second offenses with the addition of suspension.

For students in grades 6-12, Class II Sanctions may include detention, In School Study (ISS), suspension, alternative school placement, referral to outside agency (including the criminal justice system), expulsion, restitution of property and damages, withdrawal of privilege(s), and any other sanction deemed appropriate. Special circumstances may warrant a recommendation for a disciplinary hearing with the superintendent and/or designee. Students suspended may not participate in any school-related activities.

CLASS III VIOLATIONS

- 3.01 Vandalism/property damage – intentional and deliberate action resulting in injury or damages of less than \$50.00 to public property or the real or personal property of another
- 3.02 Stealing, larceny, petty theft – the intentional unlawful taking or carrying away of property valued at less than \$25.00 belonging to or in the possession or custody of another
- 3.03 Theft of property – the intentional unlawful taking or carrying away of property belonging to or in the possession or custody of another
- 3.04 Possession of stolen property – being in the possession of stolen property
- 3.05 Receipt, possession, or transfer of stolen property with the knowledge or reasonable suspicion that it was stolen
- 3.06 Gambling – any participation in games of chance for money and/or things of value
- 3.07 Threats/extortion – verbal, non-verbal, printed, electronic, etc. communication maliciously threatening an injury to the person, property, or reputation of another with the intent to extort money or take advantage of any person or to force one to do any act or refrain from doing any act against his/her will
- 3.08 Trespassing or presence in unauthorized areas – willfully entering or remaining on any school property without being authorized, licensed or invited; or after having been authorized licensed or invited, refusing to depart when requested to do so by an authorized person
- 3.09 Repeated direct or non-direct use of profane language or obscene manifestations
- 3.10 Use or possession of obscene and/or pornographic material
- 3.11 Inappropriate touching of another person
- 3.12 Possession of and/or use of matches or lighters
- 3.13 Accessing or changing information in school computers or technology systems
- 3.14 Possession, sale, or use of a tobacco product, smokeless, electronic cigarettes, all forms of vaping and vaping products
- 3.15 All CBD products
- 3.16 Written or verbal proposition to engage in sexual acts
- 3.17 Involvement in an altercation
- 3.18 Unjustified activation of fire alarm system or fire extinguisher
- 3.19 Possession of fireworks or firecrackers, etc.
- 3.20 Sexual harassment – written or verbal, or any transmittal of sexually offensive material
- 3.21 Bullying
- 3.22 Biting and or spitting
- 3.23 Any other violation which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after investigation and consideration of extenuating circumstances
- 3.24 Habitual offender – a student who commits five (5) Class II or III offenses in any combination (note: a manifestation hearing is required to be held for any student who is in the Special Education program or the 504 program upon three (3) Class II or III offenses in any combination)

For elementary students (grade K-5), first and second offense Class III sanctions may include: parental contact, parent conference, student conference, loss of privilege(s), detention, time out, referral to outside agency, restitution of property and damages, withdrawal of privileges, and any other sanction deemed appropriate; for subsequent offenses, Class III offenses may include the same sanctions listed for first and second offenses with the addition of suspension.

Class III Sanctions for grades 6 – 12 may include detention, in-school study, suspension, alternative school placement, referral to outside agency (including the criminal justice system), expulsion, restitution of property and damages withdrawal of privilege(s), and any other sanction deemed appropriate. Special circumstances may warrant a recommendation for a disciplinary hearing with the superintendent and/or designee. Students suspended may not participate in any school-related activities.

CLASS IV VIOLATIONS

- 4.01 Arson – the willful and malicious burning of any School System property or the personal property of anyone on School System property.
- 4.02 Robbery – the taking of money or other property from the person or custody of another by force, violence, assault, or by instilling the fear of same
- 4.03 Burglary of school property – entering or remaining in a school board structure or on the premises of any School System property with the intent to commit an offense
- 4.04 Criminal mischief – willful and malicious damage or theft in excess of \$50.00 to public property or to the real or personal property belonging to another
- 4.05 Bomb threat or other threats – any communication which has the effect of interrupting the educational environment