

Policy 3.45: Tobacco Use in System Facilities

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The St. Clair County Board of Education prohibits the use or possession of tobacco in any form by students, faculty, support personnel, or any other person on school property under the control of the St. Clair County Board of Education. This includes a public school building, St. Clair County Board of Education Building, bus maintenance building, bus, campus, recreational area, athletic field, parking area or other area under the control of the St. Clair County Board of Education.

Parents/guardians and other persons are hereby notified that they are prohibited from use or possession of tobacco in any form on St. Clair County School System property at any time.

School principals and other work site supervisors as may be designated are directed to post signs at the entrance of all school buildings and on the grounds of St. Clair County School System property designating the school property as a tobacco free facility.

St. Clair County Board of Education employees found in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary actions not limited to: reprimand, suspension pending a hearing, and termination of employment. Students who violate this policy are subject to discipline as described in student handbooks and the Code of Student Conduct.

REFERENCE(S):
CODE OF ALABAMA 16-8-8

SUICIDE PREVENTION

St Clair County has adopted a Suicide Prevention Policy which includes training for certificated staff, education in suicide prevention for students, and procedures to follow in the event of a student attempting self-harm.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS/VAPES

All persons (students, employees, visitors, etc.) are prohibited from using tobacco and tobacco like products in any form (including vapes and electronic cigarettes) while on school property or at school-sponsored activities and/or events. School property includes schools, school campuses, school board-owned grounds, buildings, and vehicles.

SAFETY

All St. Clair County schools have current, approved school safety plans. Every effort will be made to keep students safe, secure, and healthy while attending school. Students, employees, parents, and visitors are to follow posted safety regulations, school rules, and federal and state law.

ASBESTOS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The St. Clair County Board of Education has complied with all the requirements set forth under federal and state statutes concerning asbestos. Management plans have been developed to establish guidelines for managing building materials containing asbestos.

The St. Clair County Board of Education remains in compliance with EPA's Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986. The school system has conducted three-year re-inspections, six-month periodic surveillances and the training of employees as required by EPA's AHERA regulations. The District's Asbestos Management Plans are on file at the Facilities Office and at each individual school. They are available for review during normal business hours. If you have questions, please contact the LEA Designated Coordinator, at (205) 594-2056.

BOOK BAGS, BACKPACKS and OVERSIZED PURSES

Book bags, backpacks, and oversized purses (larger than 12" x 12") are to be properly stored in lockers/cubicles upon entering school buildings. Athletic bags must be stored in a central location during school hours. Rolling backpacks or luggage bags are not allowed due to safety concerns. Exceptions will only be made with the principal's permission due to medically documented limitations. Visit the **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES** section at sccboe.org for information regarding heavy backpacks.

BUS SAFETY AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

THE CHARLES "CHUCK" POLAND, JR. ACT (ALABAMA ACT 2013-347) WAS PASSED MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE TO TRESPASS ON A SCHOOL BUS, OFFENDERS WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW. PROSECUTION COULD RESULT IN FINES OF UP TO \$6,000.00 AND UP TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL.

Due to the possible distractions to the bus driver, the use of cell phones, beepers, or other personal electronic communication devices, will not be allowed on the school bus. Under emergency situations (i.e., mechanical break-down of the school bus, accidents, or other possible safety issues) the use of these items may be allowed.

Students, while in transit, are under the jurisdiction of the St. Clair County Board of Education. All rules and regulations of the Code of Student Conduct are applicable.