

TOBACCO USE IN SYSTEM FACILITIES

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The Tuscaloosa County Board of Education prohibits the use or possession of tobacco in any form, any and all electronic cigarettes, medically non-prescribed vaporizers, and/or any similar device or object by students, faculty, support personnel, or any other person on school property under the control of the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education. This includes a public school building, Tuscaloosa County Board of Education Building, bus maintenance building, bus, campus, recreational area, athletic field, parking area or other area under the control of the Tuscaloosa 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, any and all electronic cigarettes, medically non-prescribed vaporizers, and/or any similar device or object on Tuscaloosa 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 Tuscaloosa County School System property designating the school property as a tobacco free facility.

Tuscaloosa 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
16-8-10, 16-9-15**

HISTORY:

**ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 9, 1991
REVISED: JULY 11, 1994; MAY 9, 2005; APRIL 8, 2013; MARCH 9, 2015
FORMERLY: GAMC**

CHAPTER 4.00 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Tuscaloosa County School System school principals may approve establishment of a school newspaper or magazine for students.

- I. The principal shall be responsible for supervising the publication of newspapers, magazines, yearbooks, and programs and for ensuring these publications do not impede or otherwise interfere with the educational purpose of the school.
- II. The principal shall not allow advertisements of intoxicants or tobacco products or other products which would be inappropriate for the intended audience.

REFERENCE(S):

**CODE OF ALABAMA
16-8-8**

HISTORY:

**ADOPTED: APRIL 8, 2013
REVISED: _____
FORMERLY: NEW**

APPLICABLE PROCEDURES – SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCIES

Provided a student experiences a substance abuse emergency while under the supervision of school authorities, the Principal or his/her designee will comply with the following procedures

to safeguard the student and the total school environment:

- obtain appropriate licensed medical assistance for the student; school authorities, if possible, will provide the medical assistants with (a) the name of the substance, (b) the amount of the substance consumed, and (c) the time of consumption;

- notify, if possible, the parents/guardians of the student and inform them of the emergency.

If confirmation is received that the medical emergency is related to substance abuse that is in violation of the Tuscaloosa County School System's substance abuse policy or applicable

laws, the Principal may suspend the student for up to ten (10) days (see Policy 5.33.2 for definition of days) pending a hearing before the Board for expulsion. In all cases, the Principal will

ensure that all applicable due process procedures are accorded the student (Policy: 5.29).

STUDENT POSSESSION OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR PARAPHERNALIA

(LIGHTERS, MATCHES, VAPOR PENS, E-CIGARETTES, ROLLING PAPERS, CIGARETTES, SMOKE-LESS TOBACCO, AND ANY SIMILAR DEVICES OR OBJECTS)

It is the policy of the Board that students will not be permitted to possess, smoke, or use tobacco products in any form while in school buildings, on school grounds, or in school buses during

the school day or during any school sponsored activities. Possession, control, or use of tobacco products is a Class II/Intermediate Offense in the Student Code of Conduct. Administrative

responses to this violation may include but are not limited to the following: parent contact(s) conference(s), corporal punishment, out of school suspension (not to exceed five days) and legal action.

REGARD TO A CLASS III OFFENSE

314 UNJUSTIFIED ACTIVATION OF A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM OR ITS COMPONENTS, EMERGENCY OR SECURITY SYSTEMS

315 ASSAULT

316 THE MISUSE AND/OR ABUSE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES - Sending inappropriate messages and/or images via

electronic communication devices or any other form of technology whether owned or owned by the school district, at any time may result in serious

school, personal, and/or civil criminal legal consequences.

317 SEXUAL OFFENSES - Acts of a sexual nature including, but not limited to, lewd behavior, indecent exposure, sexual contact, sexual

intercourse, sexting, viewing or sharing obscene material or other conduct intended to result in sexual gratification.

318 POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, LIGHTERS, MATCHES, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES/VAPOR, SYNTHETIC

NICOTINE PRODUCTS and/or paraphernalia to include pens, batteries, etc.. (SEE VAPE POLICY FOR CONSEQUENCES)

318.1 TOBACCO, POSSESSION

318.2 TOBACCO, SALE

318.3 TOBACCO, USE

318.4 E-CIGARETTES/VAPOR

318.5 SYNTHETIC NICOTINE

It is the policy of the Board that students will not be permitted to possess, smoke, or use tobacco products in any form while in school buildings, on

school grounds, or in school buses during the school day or during any school- sponsored activities.

Possession, control, or use of tobacco products

is a Class III Intermediate Offense in the Student Code of Conduct. Administrative responses to this violation may include but are not limited to the following: parent contact(s) conference(s), out - of - school suspension (not to exceed five days), and legal action.

VAPING OFFENSES (Secondary Students)

Below is a full list of penalties for each violation of the policy:

1st Offense

- Possession – 5-day suspension
- Distribution – Alternative school recommendation

2nd Offense

- Possession – 5-day suspension –alternative school recommendation
- Distribution – Alternative school recommendation
- Student Juuling Awareness Online Course

3rd Offense

- Possession – Alternative school
- Distribution – One (1) semester long-term alternative school recommendation

4th Offense

- Possession – Expulsion
- Distribution – Expulsion

Elementary Students in violation of this policy shall be disciplined at the discretion of the principal not to exceed the procedures as outlined for Secondary Students.

319 MAJOR MISUSE OF BATHROOM FACILITY - includes vandalism/destruction of property, making bathroom unusable, using camera/video in bathroom, using wrong bathroom, etc.

320 POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF CBD PRODUCTS - includes gummies, supplements, oils, etc.

321 REFUSING OR HINDERING AN ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH OR SEIZURE OF PROPERTY

322 ANY OTHER OFFENSE WHICH THE PRINCIPAL MAY REASONABLY DEEM TO FALL WITHIN THIS CATEGORY.

Class III Disciplinary Action

The Office of Student Services shall be informed about any infraction that falls within this category. The disciplinary action for such

violations committed on school premises or during school related functions may be in-school detention or out-of-school and/or bus suspension up to

ten (10) days with possible recommendation for expulsion or referral to Alternative School. Educational class/counseling may be required. Parental

contact will be made as soon as possible.

Law enforcement and/or juvenile court personnel may be contacted and a complaint or petition may be filed after consultation with juvenile

authorities.