

Tobacco Use in School

Due to the vast amount of medical evidence which demonstrates the harmful effects of tobacco use as it relates to heart, lung and gum disease and cancers of the lungs, throat, voice box and esophagus; and due to the fact tobacco is often a “gateway” drug which leads to the use of marijuana and other drugs; and due to the harmful effects of secondary smoke on others; and due to the fact that teachers, coaches, bus drivers and other personnel are perceived as role models whom school age children often admire and emulate, the policy concerning the use of tobacco products will be as follows:

1. Students will not be allowed to use or possess tobacco products during school hours, at extracurricular school functions, while participating in athletics, band or other school-sponsored practices, games or functions or in transit to or from a school function as a member of a school group, team or club.
2. Students found to be using or possessing tobacco products at school or school functions will be subject to disciplinary action as prescribed by the Marshall County Board of Education in the Student Handbook (See Below).
3. Employees of the Marshall County Board of Education will not use tobacco products (cigarettes, snuff, chewing tobacco, etc.) in the presence of students during school hours, at extra-curricular activities held after school hours, whether on or off the school campus, or in transit with a student group, team or club when the employee is in charge of the students or providing supervision.
4. Students, employees, and other persons using or having in their possession any artificial e-cigarette (Juuls, Vapes, etc), water vapor cigarette or nicotine delivery device will be considered to be in violation of this policy.
5. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in penalties as stipulated by the Board of Education.

Possession, Smoking, Use of Tobacco, and Other Electronic Delivery Devices

In conforming to state law which prohibits the sale of cigarettes and/or electronic delivery systems to children under the age of 21 years of age, smoking and the use of tobacco will not be allowed at any school in the Marshall County System (including Marshall Technical School). This includes the possession and/or use of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaping, juuling, and other delivery devices. A student will receive a written citation from a School Resource Officer or a Marshall County Sheriff's Deputy possession and/or distribution. The student will be required to attend court. A student will receive a school disciplinary consequence, and a Court System consequence determined by the judge.

1st Offense

MCS

Possession- 10 days in school suspension

Distribution- 5 days alternative school

COURT SYSTEM

- 16 hours community service to be completed in 2 weeks; AND

- 6 hour online course through courtsolutionsonline.com on vaping and nicotine awareness (paid for by the student or parent) to be completed with 2 weeks; AND
- Set a docket in 2 weeks to review the completion of the above requirements.
- If conditions have been met then the case is dismissed and therefore no conviction on their record.

2nd Offense

MCS

Possession- 5 days alternative school

Distribution- 15 days alternative school

COURT SYSTEM

- 24 hours community service at non-profit organization-court determined
- 6 hour online course through courtsolutionsonline.com on vaping and nicotine awareness (paid for by the student or parent) to be completed with 2 weeks; AND
- Set a docket in 2 weeks to review the completion of the above requirements.

3rd Offense

MCS

Possession- 10 days alternative school

Distribution- Suspension until hearing before the Marshall County Schools' Discipline Committee.

COURT SYSTEM

- 50 hours of community service.
- \$50 fine
- 6 hour online course through courtsolutionsonline.com on vaping and nicotine awareness (paid for by the student or parent) to be completed with 2 weeks; AND
- Set a docket in 2 weeks to review the completion of the above requirements.

4th Offense

MCS

Possession- Suspension until hearing before the Marshall County Schools' Discipline Committee.

Distribution- Suspension until hearing before the Marshall County Board of Education.

***Offenses occurring on Marshall County School Buses are subject to additional bus suspensions.**

****Any vapes(s) that test positive for illegal substances(s) will fall under the guidelines of Drug/Alcohol Offenses.**

COURT SYSTEM

- Failure to appear at court:
 - 10 days to file a written notice of reason for FTA or warrant issued on the 14th day.
- Failure to comply:
 - Fine- turn over to restitution and recovery and/or be placed in detention for violation of a valid court order.

- Community service or FTA or online course- detention for violation of a valid court order or more community service or fine if one hasn't been levied.

Vaping Offenses on MCS BUSES

1st Offense

Possession- 10 days bus suspension

Distribution- 20 days bus suspension

2nd Offense

Possession- 20 days bus suspension

Distribution- 45 days bus suspension

3rd Offense

Possession- 45 days bus suspension

Distribution- 90 days bus suspension- MCS Discipline Committee Hearing

4th Offense

Possession- MCS Discipline Committee Hearing

Distribution- MCS Board of Education Hearing

Substance Abuse by Students

It is in the policy of the Marshall County Board of Education that any student found to be in possession of illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia or under the influence of illicit drugs, **including alcoholic beverages**, on any campus or during any school sponsored activity, at or away from school, shall be immediately suspended from school by the school principal or his/her designee. Possession includes, but is not limited to, the presence of the illicit substance on the student's person, in his/her school locker, in his/her possessions (book bag, purse or other personal articles) or in his/her automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle. **The school principal shall make a report to the superintendent immediately**, and if the violation is of serious nature, the superintendent shall set a date within ten days for an expulsion hearing to be held before the Marshall County Board of Education.

If a person is found to have violated a local board of education policy concerning drugs, alcohol, weapons, physical harm to a person or threatened physical harm to a person, the person **may** not be readmitted to the public schools until criminal charges, if any, have been disposed of by appropriate authorities and the person is satisfied all other requirements imposed by the local board of education as a condition for readmission.

In the event that a student is found to be under the influence of or in possession of illicit drugs, the following procedures shall be followed:

The rights of parents in a divorce situation are set by the court, and the school does not wish to get involved any more than necessary. The school cannot grant more rights than the court has granted nor can it restrict rights any more than the court has restricted them.

If there are programs at school that are open for attendance by the general public, obviously they are open for attendance by the non-custodial parent.

Guidance And Counseling

The Marshall County Board of Education is committed to offering a program of comprehensive developmental guidance for all students in grades PK-12. This program will consist of planned, purposeful and sequential activities that are both proactive and reactive in nature. Each student will be provided with the opportunity to learn the essential skills which will assist him/her in attaining his/her maximum potential in personal/social, educational and career/technical development. This will be accomplished through a variety of methods including the following: Individual and small group counseling; Large group counseling; Assessment of abilities, aptitudes and interests; Consultation with parents, staff and community groups; Educational and career/technical placement and follow-up; and, Referrals.

The major objectives of a comprehensive developmental counseling and guidance program are:

1. To help all students in the transition through normal life stage development and critical periods.
2. To convey a "NO-USE" message in regards to drugs, bullying and harassment, alcohol and tobacco through the development of skills aimed at making intelligent decisions, solving problems and handling peer-pressure.
3. To help all students to develop a positive self-concept and self-esteem.
4. To identify and assist those students who are "At Risk" of not finishing school by providing appropriate intervention activities.
5. To assist students in setting short term and long range goals, career exploration and receive information concerning the health, welfare and safety of their child, the noncustodial parent is entitled to any and all information concerning the health, welfare and safety of the child, including matters relating to education. The last date/issued court document on file in the principal's office will be followed in all custody matters.

School counselors are trained in different areas of counseling and provide different services and therefore are not able to provide therapy, psychological diagnoses, or medical diagnoses. School counseling is brief in nature (6 - 8 sessions) and is not intended to replace long term therapy. If the school counselor determines that the child would be best served by another form of intervention, the counselor will make appropriate recommendations for outside referral and discuss these options with the Mental Health Service Coordinator. The Mental Health Service Coordinator can provide guidance to students and families in identifying specific needs and