

Butler County Schools Tobacco Policy

Section 3.41 Tobacco Free Schools and Facilities

The use of tobacco products and secondary exposure to tobacco smoke are subjects of immediate concern in our society. From a safety perspective, the users of tobacco products may impair the well being of employees, students, and the public at large. Therefore, it is the policy of the Butler County Schools that the use of any and all tobacco products is prohibited on all school property by all persons. School property includes all buildings, grounds, athletic fields and motorized vehicles owned or leased by the Butler County Board of Education.

Any students violating this policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the most recently published edition of the Butler County Schools' Code of Student Conduct. Any employees violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action to include a verbal reprimand on the first offense, and a written reprimand on the second and third offenses. Any subsequent offense will be referred by the Superintendent to the Butler County Board of Education for appropriate disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment.

The Superintendent, any assistant to the Superintendent, any principal, any assistant principal, or any designee of any of the foregoing are authorized to request anyone violating this policy at any event to cease such violation. Upon failure of such person to cease such violation, the Superintendent, any assistant to the Superintendent, any principal, any assistant principal, or any designee of any of the foregoing, may request the person violating this policy to leave said facility and, upon failure of such person to leave, may engage the assistance of law enforcement personnel to remove such person from such facility.

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CLASS III OFFENSES

M. Possession and/or use of tobacco products, to include matches or lighters, in school buildings or on school buses

- possession on the person, in the locker, or in the effects of a student

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS III OFFENSES

Elementary Students

First Offense: Parental contact and could include the following:
corporal punishment, extended work assignments, detention, Alternative Center placement or suspension for up to ten (10) school days.

Subsequent Offenses: Suspension for 1-5 school days, and/or other disciplinary action.

Middle School and High School Students

First Offense could result in one of the following:

Corporal punishment, ISSP, extended work assignments, detention, Alternative Center, or suspension for up to ten (10) school days.

Subsequent Offenses could result in one of the following:

Corporal punishment, ISSP (if available), suspension up to ten (10) school days, detention, or Alternative Center placement.

Special circumstances may warrant a recommendation for a disciplinary hearing with the superintendent or his/her designee. Students suspended for Class III offenses may not participate in or attend any school-related activities until reinstated on the day following the suspension.

Class III offenses, when warranted or legally required, shall be reported to the designated law enforcement agency using the appropriate administrative procedures.