

## **DeKalb County Schools Tobacco Policy**

### **TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**

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The DeKalb County School System has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding the possession or use of tobacco products on any and all school board owned or operated property. School gymnasiums and lobbies are included and signs are to be posted for visitors.

This policy is to be enforced uniformly on a county-wide basis, at all school events, even after the regular school day is over.

See GBRS for employee policy with sanctions.

### **TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**

**GBRS**

No smoking or use of tobacco products of any kind, is permitted in school buildings, offices, buses, on campus, or at any school functions, athletic or other, whether on or off school property.

School gymnasiums and lobbies are included in this prohibition, and signs are to be posted for visitors. This policy is to be enforced uniformly, on a county-wide basis, at all school events, regardless of the time of day. This tobacco ban applies to all students, employees, visitors, and volunteer assistants.

Employees of the DeKalb County Board of Education are prohibited from use of tobacco products (cigarettes, snuff, chewing tobacco, etc.) while on school board owned or operated property.

This ZERO TOLERANCE mandate includes extra-curricular school activities held after school hours during the time the employee is in charge of supervising students, whether on or off school campus, or in transit with a student group, team or club.

Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the employee receiving the following:

- A. First Offense: Verbal Warning;
- B. Second Offense: Written Warning;
- C. Third Offense: Referral to the DeKalb County Board of Education for possible termination based on insubordination.

### **TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED FOR STUDENTS**

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No smoking or use of tobacco products of any kind will be permitted on campus or at any school function, athletic or other, whether on or off school property. Also, see 2.11 Code of Student Conduct.

### **INTERMEDIATE OFFENSES — TYPE II**

2.11 Possession and/or use of tobacco products.

Possession on the person, in the locker, vehicles, or in other effects of a student; holding a lighted cigarette (cigar, etc.) inhaling or exhaling of the smoke of tobacco, or the using of any other tobacco products. (Refer to Act 97-423.)

**Administrative responses for Type II violations include but are not limited to:**

(Notices/Reports to parents may be made when possible)

1. Corporal Punishment
2. Suspension from Class
3. Suspension from School
4. In-School Suspension (Supervised)
5. Alternative School - Principals shall utilize In-School Suspension when possible. The seriousness of the offense shall be taken into consideration. Since punishment should be immediate and a lack of space at the A-School prohibits students below 5th grade from attending, principals may consider out-of-school suspension if in-school suspension is unavailable.

**Possession of Tobacco (Act 97-423)**

This act provides penalties, charges and court procedures regarding any minor possessing, using, purchasing, or transporting tobacco or tobacco products. A fine of not less than \$50 is established for each violation.