

SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE

Smoking and/or use or possession of tobacco, other smoking substances, and/or tobacco products are hereby prohibited by all students in grades kindergarten (K) through twelve (12) in or on school properties during the regular school day.

The regular school day is defined as the normal hours schools are open to students for instructional purposes. The regular school day begins for students at the time of arrival on the respective school premises (school-owned property, school buses, parking lots, etc.).

Students violating this policy shall be subject to punishment by school officials according to the established code of conduct. Use or possession of tobacco products is classified as an Intermediate or Class II offense (2.02) in the Lamar County Schools' "Code of Conduct". Administrative responses for Class II offenses include, but are not limited to the following:

Elementary (Grades K - 6)

1. Parental or guardian contact and disciplinary action
2. Suspension for one (1) to three (3) school days
3. Recommendation for expulsion

Secondary (Grades 7 - 12)

1. ~~Appropriate disciplinary action~~
2. Suspension
3. Recommendation for expulsion