

**TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

The Lawrence County Board of Education is dedicated to providing a healthful, comfortable, and productive work environment for its employees and students.

The United States Surgeon General, in a 1986 report, The Health Effects of Involuntary Smoking, concluded that:

Involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers. The simple separation of smokers and non-smokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke.

In light of these findings, The Lawrence County Board of Education facilities shall be entirely tobacco-free, effective August 1, 1995.

The use of any tobacco products will be strictly prohibited on ALL properties owned by The Lawrence County Board of Education including but not limited to: offices, hallways, waiting rooms, gyms, field houses, stadiums, restrooms. This policy applies to all employees, students, salespersons, and visitors.

Students in Lawrence County shall not be permitted to smoke, use tobacco, or have tobacco in any form in their possession on the grounds or in school building during the school day or when riding school buses. Furthermore, students shall not be permitted to smoke, use tobacco in any form at school functions or activities while under supervision of school personnel. Parental permission to possess, smoke, or otherwise use tobacco does not exempt a student from this policy.

Students who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action of the Principal/designee as outlined in Lawrence County Code of Conduct and Policy.

“No Smoking” signs shall be posted at all building entrances and throughout each building.

The success of this policy will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. All employees share in the responsibility of adhering to and enforcing the policy. Any problems should be brought to the attention of the principal or superintendent and handled through the normal chain of command.

**290-030-010-06: Regulations Governing Public, Non-Public Accredited and Non-accredited Schools - Alabama Administrative Code**

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