

Washington County Board of Education

TOBACCO - FREE SCHOOLS POLICY

General Statement: ALL TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED

All persons are prohibited from using tobacco products of any kind on all school properties or at any school event.

Signs will be posted in the schools, gym, and athletic fields stating that all tobacco products are prohibited.

Public announcements will be made at athletic events or other school events where the public is in attendance.

Tobacco Use by Students

Students shall not be permitted to smoke or use any form of tobacco on the school grounds, in school buildings, when riding school buses to and from school, or on a school-sponsored trip or event. Parental permission to smoke or use tobacco products does not exempt a student from this policy. This policy and the disciplinary actions are covered in the Student Handbook, Class II Intermediate Offenses, II-1, Page 16 and Page 18.

Professional school personnel as part of the comprehensive drug education and health education programs shall conduct programs of education designed to make students fully aware of the hazards of smoking and tobacco use.

Tobacco Use by Personnel

Smoking or the use of tobacco products shall not be permitted on any school property, including vehicles, or at any school activity.

School personnel shall not be permitted to smoke or use any tobacco product in the presence of students during any school sponsored/chaperoned event for which an employee is responsible. Parents or other volunteers who assist in school-related activities will also refrain from using tobacco products during such activities.

Violation of this policy shall result in the following actions:

1. First violation - the employee will be counseled by the school principal and a letter of warning will be given to the employee and a copy placed in their file.
2. Second violation - the employee will be counseled by the superintendent of schools and a second letter of warning given to them and a copy placed in their file.
3. Subsequent violations - the employee will be summoned before the Board of Education for disciplinary action and/or possible termination.