

TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

1. The Cullman County Commission on Education intends to maintain a tobacco-free environment in accordance with the Safe School Regulations of the Alabama State Board of Education. All persons, including school personnel, visitors, and students are prohibited from using any tobacco products on school property or at any school sanctioned activity. These prohibitions also apply to electronic cigarettes, vape pens, hookah pens, e-hookahs, vape pipes and any similar type of device designed to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals via inhalation.
2. All persons, including school personnel, visitors, and students are prohibited from using any tobacco products on school property or at any school-sanctioned activity.
3. Failure on the part of school board personnel to comply with this policy will result in discipline, including but not limited to verbal or written reprimand, suspension, or dismissal from employment.

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Students may not possess, smoke, or use tobacco products in any form while in a school building, on school grounds, school property or in school buses during the school day or during any school sponsored activity. These prohibitions also apply to electronic cigarettes, vape pens, hookah pens, e-hookahs, vape pipes and any similar type of device designed to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals via inhalation. Students found guilty of 14 violating this policy will be subject to the students' sanctions for Class III violations in Cullman County Schools' Student Code of Conduct.

VAPING OFFENSES

1ST Offense

CCBOE:

Possession - 3 days short-term alternative school

Distribution - minimum 4 weeks long-term alternative school

COURT SYSTEM:

- 16 hours of community service at a non-profit organization, to be determined by the courts

- Student Juuling Awareness Online Course (6 hours) plus cost of course which is approximately \$37.95 - If the above is completed, the case is

dismissed without court costs and the defendant is granted youthful offender status. - If the above is not completed, the defendant is given a \$50.00 fine, plus court costs of approximately \$350.00 up to \$500.00.

2nd Offense

CCBOE:

Possession-5 days short-term alternative school

Distribution – 9 weeks long-term alternative school

COURT SYSTEM:

- 24 hours of community service at a non-profit organization, to be determined by the courts

- Student Juuling Awareness Online Course (6 hours) plus cost of course which is approximately \$37.95

- Parent(s)/guardian(s) Parenting Skills Class (8 hours) plus cost of course which is approximately \$49.95

- If the above is completed, the case is dismissed with court costs.

- If the above is not completed, the defendant is given a \$100.00 fine, plus court costs of approximately \$350.00 up to \$500.00.

3rd Offense

CCBOE:

Possession

- 20 days long-term alternative school

Distribution

- minimum 1 semester long-term alternative school

COURT SYSTEM:

The courts will determine all sentencing, fines, and court costs.

4TH Offense

CCBOE:

Possession

– minimum of 9 weeks long-term alternative school

Distribution – student will withdraw and enroll in homeschool.

COURT SYSTEM: The courts will determine all sentencing, fines, and court costs.

Note: Fines, Court Costs and Costs of Required Courses may increase throughout the year.

Source: Cullman County School Student Handbook