

Policy Code: 5026/7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products

The board of education promotes the health and safety of all students and staff and the cleanliness of all school facilities. The board believes that the use of tobacco products on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, in or on any other school property owned or operated by the school board, or at school-related or school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff and school visitors. To this end, and to comply with state and federal law, the board adopts this tobacco-free policy that prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products as follows. For the purposes of this policy, the term "tobacco product" means any product that contains or is made or derived from tobacco and is intended for human consumption, including electronic cigarettes and all lighted and smokeless tobacco products.

*****1. All employees and other persons performing services or activities on behalf of the school system, including volunteers and contractors, as well as students and visitors, are prohibited from using any tobacco products at any time in any school building, in any school facility, on school campuses, and in or on any other school property owned or operated by the school board.**

2. In addition, persons attending a school-sponsored event at a location not specified in subsection 1 above are prohibited from using tobacco products when (a) in the presence of students or school personnel, or (b) in an area where use of tobacco products is otherwise prohibited by law.

3. Consequences for employees who violate this policy may include a verbal warning, written reprimand, suspension or dismissal.

4. Visitors who violate this policy will be asked to refrain from using tobacco products while on school property or to leave the premises. As a last resort, law enforcement officers may be contacted to escort the person off the premises or to cite the individual for trespassing if he or she refuses to leave the school property.

5. Nothing in this policy prohibits the use of tobacco products for an instructional or research activity conducted in a school building, provided that such activity is conducted or supervised by a faculty member and that the activity does not include smoking, chewing or otherwise ingesting tobacco.

6. The administration will consult with the county health department and other appropriate organizations to provide employees with information about support systems and programs to encourage employees to abstain from the use of tobacco products.

The school system may, from time to time, provide free non-smoking programs and services to employees of the school system after the regular school day.

7. The principal of each school and other school personnel responsible for school facilities shall post signs in system facilities in a manner and location that adequately notify staff, students and visitors that the use of tobacco products by any person is prohibited at all times in or on school property.

8. The superintendent and designees shall ensure that adequate notice of this policy is provided to students, parents, school personnel and the public.

9. All school personnel are required to adhere to and enforce this policy and other policies, rules or regulations addressing the use of tobacco products.

Legal References: Pro-Children Act of 1994, [20 U.S.C. 6081](#) *et seq.*; [G.S. 14-313](#); [115C-47\(18\)](#), [-407](#)

Cross References: Tobacco Products - Students (policy [4320](#))

Adopted: September 11, 2012

Mooreville Graded School District

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

This notice remains in effect for the duration of the time the child is enrolled in BASP.