

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in August	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Tobacco-Free Schools</h2>	Descriptor Code: 1.803	Issued Date: 03/11/19
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All uses of tobacco, tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco), electronic/battery operated devices, vapor products, and all other associated paraphernalia are prohibited in all of the school district's buildings and in all vehicles that are owned, leased, or operated by the district.¹ Smoking and vaping shall be prohibited in any public seating areas including, but not limited to, bleachers used for sporting events or public restrooms.²

Employees and students in the school district will not be permitted to use these products while they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the school district.

Any student who possesses these products shall be issued a citation by the school principal/resource officer.³ The director of schools, in cooperation with the juvenile court and the local (police/sheriff's department), is responsible for developing procedures for issuance of the citations which shall include the form and content of citations and methods of handling completed citations.

Signs will be posted throughout the district's facilities to notify students, employees, and all other persons visiting the school that the use of these products is forbidden. The following notice shall be prominently posted (including at each ticket booth) for elementary or secondary school sporting events: *Smoking is prohibited by law in seating areas and in restrooms.*⁴

Legal References

1. 20 USCA § 6083; TCA 39-17-1604(6); TCA 39-17-1503(9), (10)
2. TCA 39-17-1604(10)
3. TCA 39-17-1505
4. TCA 39-17-1605

Cross References

Community Use of School Facilities 3.206