

Calvert County Public Schools  
1305 Dares Beach Road  
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**Policy Statement # 1530 (Administration) of the Board of Education  
Regarding Tobacco-Free Schools**

I. Purpose

- A. To prohibit the sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, and nicotine delivery devices by any individual in any form on Calvert County Public Schools property.
- B. To prohibit the possession of tobacco, tobacco products, and nicotine delivery devices by individuals on Calvert County Public Schools property.

II. Definitions

- A. Calvert County Public Schools Property - Any Calvert County Public Schools building and/or grounds, including but not limited to parking lots and athletic fields, and any CCPS leased or owned vehicles, including school buses when they are in use for official school business.
- B. Individuals – All persons including students, employees, volunteers, visitors and community members.
- C. Official school system duties – Tasks performed as part of, or an extension of, an assigned role or responsibility including but not limited to teachers, administrators, volunteers, chaperones, coaches and sponsors.
- D. Tobacco – Products derived from the tobacco plant that are smoked, chewed, sniffed, or otherwise consumed. This shall not include nicotine replacement therapy.
- E. Tobacco products – Includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, smokeless and electronic cigarettes, matches, lighters, rolling papers, cigars, and pipes.
- F. Nicotine Delivery Devices - Devices with or without nicotine, to include, but not limited to, electronic devices, and nicotine infused pouches or patches.

III. Policy Statement

- A. In keeping with its interest in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and visitors, the Board of Education of Calvert County is committed to providing a tobacco-free school environment. The Board of Education prohibits the sale and/or use of tobacco, tobacco products, and - Nicotine Delivery Devices on Calvert County Public Schools property at any time.
- B. Individuals may not sell or use tobacco, tobacco products, and/or - Nicotine Delivery Devices during the discharge of official school system duties at locations off CCPS properties when they have direct responsibility for the supervision of students.
- C. The Board of Education prohibits the possession of tobacco, tobacco products, and/or - Nicotine Delivery Devices by students on Calvert County Public Schools property. This includes any location used for co- and extra-curricular activities, including any field trips.

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- D. Notification that Calvert County Public Schools property is tobacco-free shall be posted at each school location.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
- A. The Superintendent is directed to develop procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- V. Exceptions
- A. The only exception to this policy allows CCPS employees, volunteers, community members, and students when directly supervised by a CCPS employee to use lighters and/or matches on school property for legitimate educational purposes such as lab experiments or other approved purposes. The Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review
- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session
- VII. Effective Date
- A. This policy is effective November 5, 2024

Citations

State Law:

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.02.04.01-07

Federal Law: 20 U.S.C.A. §6083

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

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