

Stewart County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in September	Descriptor Term: Tobacco-Free Schools	Descriptor Code: 1.803	Issued Date: 09/08/05
		Rescinds: 1.803	Issued: 11/18/99

1 All uses of tobacco and tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, are prohibited in all of the school
2 district's buildings.¹ Smoking shall be prohibited in any public seating areas, including but not limited
3 to, bleachers used for sporting events, or public restrooms.²

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5 T.C.A. 39-17-1604 allows adult staff members to smoke outdoors but not within fifty feet (50') of any
6 entrance to any building or in the presence of children. In addition, after regular hours, adults are allowed
7 to smoke on the property surrounding the institution, but not blocking any entrance to any building. Such
8 property shall not include any public seating areas, including but not limited to, bleachers used for sporting
9 events, or public restrooms.

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11 The use of tobacco or tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, will be prohibited in all vehicles,
12 owned, leased or operated by the district.

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14 District employees and students enrolled in the district's schools will not be permitted to use tobacco or
15 tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, while they are participants in any class or activity in which
16 they represent the school district.

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

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23 Signs will be posted throughout the district's facilities to notify students, employees and all other persons
24 visiting the school that the use of tobacco and tobacco products is forbidden.¹ The following notice shall
25 be prominently posted (including at each ticket booth) for elementary or secondary school sporting events:
26 *Smoking is prohibited by law in seating areas and in restrooms.*²

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Legal Reference:

- 37 1. Section 1042 of the Environmental Tobacco Smoke/Pro-Children Act of 1994
38 2. TCA 39-17-1604(6)(10); TCA 39-17-1605; TCA 39-17-1606
39 3. TCA 39-17-1505
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