

Weakley County Board of Education

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1.803

Tobacco-Free Schools

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All uses of tobacco and tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, are prohibited in all of the school district's buildings and within fifty (50) feet of any building entrance/exit after school hours.¹ Smoking shall be prohibited in any public seating areas, including but not limited to, bleachers used for sporting events, or public restrooms.²

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

District employees and students enrolled in the district's schools will not be permitted to use tobacco or tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, while they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the school district even when such activities may be held after school hours and at locations away from the school.

Signs will be posted throughout the district's facilities to notify students, employees and all other persons visiting the school that the use of tobacco and tobacco products is forbidden.¹ 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.*²

Instructional programs designed to inform students about the hazards of tobacco use and counseling programs designed to discourage students from the use of tobacco shall be included in the curriculum of each school.

Principals or officers of the law who have evidence that a student has illegal possession of tobacco products shall issue a citation for the offense. Evidence shall be released to Juvenile Court.³

Legal Reference:

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