Hickman County Board of Education

	Descriptor Term: **Tobacco-Free Schools**	Descriptor Code: **1.803**	Issued Date: **03/02/26**
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All uses of 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.

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*[3]

Use of tobacco, vaping or e-cigarettes is listed as a misbehavior level II offense in the Code of Behavior and Discipline Procedures policy. The following disciplinary procedures for students will be applied.

Disciplinary Procedures for Students:

For use of tobacco, vaping or e-cigarettes

1st offense- 2 days ISS (in-school suspension)
2nd offense-3 days ISS (in-school suspension)
3rd offense- 5 days ISS (in-school suspension)
4th or more offenses: Suspension in addition to the foregoing, when a student is found to be in possession of tobacco or nicotine.
**For each offense a court petition must be filed.

Legal References

1. 20 USCA § 6083; TCA 39-17-1604(6); TCA 39-17-1503(16), (17)
2. TCA 39-17-1604(10)
3. TCA 39-17-1605

Cross References

Community Use of School Facilities 3.206
Code of Conduct 6.300

Code of Behavior and Discipline Procedures 6.313