

Use of Tobacco Products

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The Board recognizes the problems associated with the use of tobacco products. In addition, the Board recognizes that it has an obligation to promote a healthy learning and working environment, free from unwanted smoke, for the students and employees in the school system. Finally, the Board recognizes that it has a legal obligation pursuant to Title X of Public Law 103-227 to provide for schools that are smoke-free.

Accordingly, the Board enacts the following:

1. Students may not possess, display or use any tobacco product at any time on school premises, including school vehicles, or while participating in school sponsored events. (SA-1: Student Conduct and Discipline, Rule 9: Tobacco Products)
2. No student, employee, or visitor shall be permitted under any circumstances to use tobacco products in any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Haywood County Schools.
3. The Superintendent, the principal of each school, and/or building supervisor may designate a time and an area in which employees may use tobacco products provided the area is not inside a school-owned or leased building and the area is not generally visible to students.
4. School employees on duty may not display or use any tobacco product in the presence of or possible visibility of students on school premises or at school-sponsored events. The prohibition of the display of tobacco products shall not extend to a display that has a legitimate instructional or pedagogical purpose.
5. Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit the legal use of tobacco products by individuals, including employees, who are merely spectators at school-sponsored events at which use of tobacco by the general public is otherwise permitted.

For purposes of this policy, "tobacco product" is defined to include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products. "Tobacco use" includes smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

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