

Williamson County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in August	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Tobacco-Free Schools</h2>	Descriptor Code: 1.803	Issued Date: 09/17/18
		Rescinds: 1.803	Issued: 05/21/14

1 The use of tobacco and tobacco-related products, including smokeless tobacco and electronic/battery-
 2 operated devices, by students, district employees and guests is prohibited on all school grounds at all
 3 times. Use of the aforementioned products shall be prohibited in any public seating areas including, but
 4 not limited to, bleachers used for sporting events and public restrooms.¹

5 The use of tobacco and tobacco-related products, including smokeless tobacco and electronic/battery-
 6 operated devices, will be prohibited in all vehicles owned, leased or operated by the district at all times.

7 District employees and students enrolled in the district’s schools will not be permitted to use tobacco or
 8 tobacco-related products, including smokeless tobacco and electronic/battery-operated devices, while
 9 they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the school district.

10 The school principal shall be responsible for administering appropriate punishment for possessing,
 11 smoking or using tobacco or tobacco-related products, including electronic/battery-operated devices,
 12 which may include detention, in-school suspension or suspension from school attendance. Any student
 13 who possesses tobacco products, including electronic/battery-operated devices, shall be issued a citation
 14 by the school administrator or school resource officer.²

15 The Superintendent of Schools, in cooperation with the juvenile court and the Williamson County
 16 Sheriff’s Office is responsible for developing procedures for issuance of the citations which shall include
 17 the form and content of citations and methods of handling completed citations.

18 Signs will be posted throughout the district’s facilities to notify students, employees and all other persons
 19 visiting the school that the use of tobacco and tobacco-related products, including smokeless tobacco
 20 and electronic/battery-operated devices, is forbidden. The following notice shall be prominently posted
 21 (including at each ticket booth) for elementary and secondary school sporting events:

22 This is a 24/7 tobacco-free campus. The use of tobacco products, including battery-operated devices, is
 23 prohibited on school property. This policy shall be in effect whether or not school is in session.³

Legal References

1. 20 USCA § 6083; TCA 39-17-1604(6)-(10)
2. TCA 39-17-1505
3. TCA 39-17-1605