

TOBACCO USE POLICY - The board believes that the use of tobacco products on school grounds, in school buildings, and facilities, on school property or at school-related or school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff and visitors. The Board recognizes that it has an obligation to promote positive role models in schools and promote a healthy learning and work environment, free from unwanted smoke and tobacco use for the students, employees, and visitors on the school campus. Finally, the board recognizes that it has the legal authority and obligation prohibiting tobacco use in school buildings and on the school campus.

No student, staff member or school visitor is permitted to use any tobacco product at any time, including non-school hours:

- In any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the Randolph County Schools;
- On any school grounds and property – including athletic fields and parking lots – owned, leased, rented or chartered by Randolph County Board of Education;
- At any school sponsored or school related event on campus or off campus

For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco product” is defined to include cigarettes, cigars, blunts, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, electronic cigarettes, 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.

Tobacco Possession or Use Consequences:

- 1st Offense: 3 Detentions (Lunch or Afterschool) **and** complete Step One of Tobacco Cessation Program. Further detentions may be required to complete program.
- 2nd Offense: 6 Detentions (Lunch or Afterschool) **and** complete Step Two of Tobacco Cessation Program. Further detentions may be required to complete program.
- 3rd Offense: 10 Detentions (5 Lunch & 5 Afterschool) **and** complete Step Three of Tobacco Cessation Program. Further detentions may be required to complete program. Parking privileges suspended for 5 days. Refusal to fulfill these requirements will result in 2 days of OSS.
- 4th Offense: 2 Day Placement in the Intervention Center. Parking privileges suspended for 10 days.
- 5th Offense: 3 Days Out of School Suspension. Parking privileges suspended for 20 days.
- 6th Offense: 5 Days Out of School Suspension. Parking privileges suspended for remainder of school year.
- 7th Offense: 10 Days Out of School Suspension. Recommendation for Long Term Suspension.