

## The School Board of Gadsden County

### Bylaws & Policies

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date of the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Gadsden County were adopted on June 25, 2013, and were in effect beginning June 26, 2013.

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#### **1215 - TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

The School Board is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a tobacco-free environment. The negative health effects of tobacco use for both users and nonusers, particularly in connection with second hand smoke, are well established. Further, providing a tobacco-free environment is consistent with the role-modeling responsibilities of teachers and staff for our students.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, and the possession of papers used to roll cigarettes.

To protect students and staff who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them, and because the Board does not condone the use of tobacco, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco within any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Board. The Board also prohibits the use of electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes, or other smoking devices.

Signs will be posted at the main entrances to all buildings to provide notice that smoking is prohibited.

The Board also prohibits the use of tobacco anywhere on the campus of any facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, including, but not limited to, practice fields, playgrounds, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields, pool areas, soccer fields, tennis courts, and all open areas. Further, employees shall refrain from the use of tobacco, as well as electronic, "vapor", or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes, or other smoking devices, in the presence of non-adult students while supervising school-sponsored activities at locations other than Board property.

Furthermore, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco in all vehicles owned or operated by the Board, including, but not limited to, school buses, vans, trucks, station wagons, and cars.

F.S. 381.84, 386.202, 386.204, 386.209, 386.212  
20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq., 20 U.S.C. 7182

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