

Hamblen County Board of Education

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1 Except as specifically hereinafter permitted, all uses of tobacco and tobacco products, including smoke-
2 less tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and associated paraphernalia are prohibited on all school grounds and
3 facilities, including property and/ or buildings leased or commonly used by schools for educational and/
4 or athletic events.^{1,2} For the purposes of this policy, "school grounds" means any building, structure, and
5 surrounding outdoor grounds contained within a preschool, nursery school, kindergarten, elementary,
6 or secondary school's legally defined property boundaries as registered in the Register of Deeds Office
7 for Hamblen County, Tennessee, and any publicly owned or leased vehicle used to transport children to
8 or from school or any officially sanctioned or organized school event. Specifically included are Burke-
9 Toney Stadium, Sherwood Park, and any other facility utilized as a home field for any athletic event of
10 any school within the Hamblen County school system.

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12 The building administrator at each school facility shall see that signs are posted throughout the facility to
13 notify students, employees, and all other persons visiting the school that the use of tobacco and tobacco
14 products is forbidden. The following notice shall be prominently posted (including at each ticket booth)
15 for elementary or secondary schools sporting events:

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17 "Use of tobacco and tobacco products is prohibited by law in seating areas and in restrooms."³

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19 Where there is no building administrator (e.g. at the Burke-Toney Stadium and Sherwood Park) the
20 principals of the schools using the facilities shall assure that the appropriate notice is posted.

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22 Adult staff members may be permitted to smoke in designated smoking areas outdoors, but not within
23 50 feet of any entrance to any building. The designated smoking areas shall be established by the build-
24 ing administrator.

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26 After regular school hours, adults shall be allowed to smoke in designated smoking areas on property
27 surrounding the building, but not blocking any entrance to any building. Such designated smoking ar-
28 eas shall not include any public seating areas (including bleachers used for sporting events) or public
29 restrooms.

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37 Legal References:

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39 1. Section 1042 of the Environmental Tobacco Smoke/Pro-Children Act of 1994
40 2. TCA 39-17-1505
41 3. TCA 39-17-1604(6)(10); TCA 39-17-1605; TCA 39-17-1606