

Kingsport City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in September	Descriptor Term: Tobacco-Free Schools	Descriptor Code: 1.803	Issued Date: 10/03/17
		Rescinds: 1.803	Issued: 05/02/13

1 The use of tobacco products in the school environment is not conducive to good health. As an educational
2 organization, the school system should provide effective educational programs, positive expectations and
3 a positive example to students concerning the use of tobacco.
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5 It is the policy of the school system that all uses of tobacco shall be prohibited in all school buildings.
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7 **STUDENTS** shall not be allowed, at any time, to use or possess tobacco on school property or while
8 they participate in any class or activity in which they represent the school system. Rules and disciplin-
9 ary procedures shall be communicated to the students, including publication in the student handbook at
10 each school.
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12 **ADULTS** - including staff, those involved in adult programs or other activities, and spectators - are
13 not permitted to use tobacco in the buildings of the system, or on school buses, either during or after
14 school hours. The use of tobacco products by KCS employees while supervising students is prohibited.
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16 Smoking is prohibited in any public seating area and public restrooms on school grounds, including,
17 but not limited to, bleachers used for sporting events. It is the intent of the Board that there be a “no
18 smoking” policy within the fenced-in perimeters of the system’s athletic fields. Smoking includes but is
19 not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other devices that produce smoke, and also includes gases,
20 particles, or vapors. Smoking also includes simulated smoking such as an electronic cigarette, including
21 e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under any other product name.
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23 The Board directs the Superintendent to communicate the terms of this policy to applicable parties and
24 to inform the public via signs, announcements, etc. Specific procedures, as applicable by law, shall be
25 executed by the Superintendent. The Board intends that this policy be implemented in a positive way,
26 with a concern to help students and staff by providing opportunities for participation in cessation programs.
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28 Each school shall provide classroom instruction and discussion on the dangers of the use of tobacco. To
29 this end, the schools are encouraged to make use of the expertise and unique perspective of appropriate
30 community groups and programs.
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36 Legal Reference
37 TCA 39-17-1604(6)(10)
38 TCA 39-17-1605
39 TCA 39-17-1606
40 TCA 39-17-1505

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Cross Reference
Use of School Facilities 3.206
Code of Conduct 6.300

Section 1042 of the Environmental Tobacco Smoke/Pro-Children Act of 1994