

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in September	Descriptor Term: Tobacco-Free Schools	Descriptor Code: 1.803	Issued Date: 08/20/14
		Rescinds: 1.803	Issued: 06/17/99

- 1 All uses of tobacco and tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes and
2 associated paraphernalia are prohibited in all of the school district's buildings and in all vehicles that
3 are owned, leased or operated by the district.^{1,2} Smoking shall be prohibited in any public seating
4 areas including, but not limited to, bleachers used for sporting events or public restrooms.³
- 5 District employees and students enrolled in the district's schools will not be permitted to use tobacco or
6 tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes and associated paraphernalia
7 while they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the school district.
- 8 Any student who possesses tobacco products shall be issued a citation by the school principal/resource
9 officer.⁴ The director of schools, in cooperation with the juvenile court and the local (police/sheriff's
10 department), is responsible for developing procedures for issuance of the citations which shall include
11 the form and content of citations and methods of handling completed citations.
- 12 Parents and students shall be notified of this citation requirement at the beginning of each school year.
- 13 Signs will be posted throughout the district's facilities to notify students, employees and all other
14 persons visiting the school that the use of tobacco and tobacco products is forbidden. The following
15 notice shall be prominently posted (including at each ticket booth) for elementary or secondary school
16 sporting events: *Smoking is prohibited by law in seating areas and in restrooms.*⁵

Legal References

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