

POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. PURPOSE

The Somerset County Board of Education is committed to maintaining a tobacco-free school environment in accordance with Maryland State Board of Education Bylaw.

2. PROCEDURE

A. Definitions

- (1) Tobacco – Free Policy applies at all times and is not limited to just the school day.
- (1) "School buildings" means school system owned or leased buildings.
- (2) "School grounds" means school system owned or leased land that surrounds a school building including athletic fields.
- (3) "Tobacco" means products derived from the tobacco plant are smoked, chewed, sniffed, or otherwise consumed. This shall not include nicotine replacement therapy.

B. Tobacco Use

- (1) The sale or use of tobacco in any form is prohibited in school buildings at all times effective August 1, 1993.
- (2) The sale or use of tobacco in any form is prohibited on school grounds during the official school day effective August 1, 1993.

C. Notification

Each principal or person in charge of a building or grounds shall post notification to students, staff, and the general public that school buildings and grounds are tobacco-free.

D. Sanctions

School system employees who are in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. Other persons in violation will be asked to leave school property. Disciplinary action for employees may include the following:

- (1) Verbal Warning
- (2) Written Warning/Reprimand
- (3) Recommended Counseling
- (4) Suspension From Duties Without Pay
- (5) Termination

Reference: COMAR

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