

Bledsoe County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in March	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">E-Cigarette Free Schools</h2>	Descriptor Code: 1.803(1)	Issued Date: 02/03/2020
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 The Bledsoe County Board of Education recognizes that the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems
 2 devices and vaping is highly addictive. To protect indoor air quality and to protect the health, safety
 3 and comfort of administrators, personnel, students and visitors, and in recognition of the health risks
 4 posed by electronic nicotine delivery systems based upon the emission of detectable levels of
 5 carcinogenic and toxic chemicals, all uses of electronic nicotine delivery systems (also known as e-
 6 cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookah, and e-pipes) are prohibited in all school system buildings, in public
 7 seating areas including bleachers used for sporting events, and in public restrooms.

8 The use of electronic nicotine delivery systems as defined above shall also be prohibited in all vehicles
 9 owned, leased or operated by the school system.

10 This Policy shall prohibit vaping as well within school system buildings, public areas identified herein,
 11 and all vehicles owned, leased or operated by the school system. Vaping, as used herein, refers to the
 12 use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices.

13 Any student who possesses electronic nicotine delivery systems and/or vaping devices shall be issued a
 14 citation by the school principal or a school resource officer. The citation shall then be filed with the
 15 Juvenile Court or the General Sessions Court of Bledsoe County, and the student shall be referred to
 16 these Courts for disposition of the citation. Parents and students shall be notified of this citation
 17 requirement at the beginning each school year. Regardless of whether a citation is issued, the device
 18 or product shall be seized by the principal or school resource officer. Signs shall be posted throughout
 19 all school system facilities to notify administrators, personnel, students and all other persons visiting
 20 the school or the facilities identified above that the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems and/or
 21 vaping shall be strictly forbidden.

22 It shall be the policy of the Bledsoe County Board of Education to conduct on a periodic basis
 23 instructional periods to educate administrators, personnel and students of the dangers of electronic
 24 nicotine delivery systems and vaping.

25 Any visitor observed using e-cigarettes in the school system's buildings or the prohibited areas above
 26 will be instructed to discontinue the use of these devices or to exit the facilities or premises.

27 Any administrator or employee who violates this Policy will be subject to discipline as provided for in
 28 this Policy Handbook.

Legal References
 T.C.A §39-17-1505

Cross References