



STUDENTS: Conduct

Student Use and Possession of Tobacco

I. Philosophy

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is committed to providing school environments that are safe and conducive to learning. The Board recognizes that the use of tobacco products poses a serious health risk to both users and non-users of tobacco products. The Board further believes that the school system has the responsibility to educate its students on the dangers of tobacco use.
- B. The sale, use, or possession of tobacco in any form by students is prohibited in all Baltimore County Public Schools, in school system buildings, on school grounds, and at any school-sponsored activity.

II. Implementation

- A. The Superintendent shall develop appropriate rules to implement this policy, which shall include the possibility of disciplinary action for violations of this policy.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law Article §10-107, Distribution of Tobacco Product to Minor*  
*Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law Article §10-108, Possession of Tobacco Product by Minor; Use of False Identification*  
COMAR 13A.02.04, *Tobacco-Free School Environment*  
COMAR 13A.04.18, *Program in Comprehensive Health Education*  
COMAR 13A.08.01.08, *Substance Use of Distribution*

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 2372, *Tobacco*  
Board of Education Policy 5330, *Social Activities*  
Board of Education Policy 5500, *Conduct*  
Board of Education Policy 5540, *Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs*  
Board of Education Policy 5550, *Disruptive Behavior*  
Board of Education Policy 5560, *Suspensions, Assignment to  
Alternative Programs, or Expulsions*  
Board of Education Policy 5600, *Students' Rights and  
Responsibilities*

Policy

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