



STUDENTS: Conduct

Student Use and Possession of Tobacco

I. Policy Statement

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is committed to providing a tobacco-free and smoke-free learning environment. The Board recognizes that the use and/or possession of tobacco products and/or smoking-related products/paraphernalia of any kind poses a serious health risk.
- B. The Board further believes that the school system has the responsibility to educate its students on the dangers of tobacco use.

II. Standards

- A. The Board prohibits the sale, use or possession of tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, lighters, vaporizers, electronic cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems by students on school property and at any school-sponsored activity.
- B. The Superintendent shall ensure that this policy is communicated annually to all students and their parents.

III. Implementation

- A. The Superintendent shall establish procedures that include the possibility of disciplinary action for violations of this policy.
- B. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Criminal Law Article §10-107,
Distribution of Tobacco Product to Minor

POLICY 5530

*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 or Distribution*

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 2372, *Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free
School Environment*
Board of Education Policy 5330, *Social Events*
Board of Education Policy 5500, *Code of Student Conduct*
Board of Education Policy 5540, *Alcoholic Beverages, Controlled
Dangerous Substances, Intoxicants, Prescription and
Nonprescription 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' Responsibilities and
Rights*

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