



STUDENTS: Conduct

Tobacco

DEFINITIONS

School Property – Refers to any property, vehicle, building, grounds, or item leased to, under the jurisdiction of, or owned by the Board of Education.

Tobacco – Means products derived from the tobacco plant that are smoked, chewed, sniffed, or otherwise consumed, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, or smokeless tobacco.

For the purpose of Policy 5530, the term, tobacco, does not include nicotine replacement therapy.

SCHOOL ACTION

The use and/or possession of tobacco or tobacco products by students is prohibited on school property and school-sponsored activities. The possession or use of tobacco is listed as an offense in Categories I and II in the Student Handbook of Baltimore County Public Schools. All cases involving tobacco use by students shall be processed as outlined in the Student Handbook of Baltimore County Public Schools.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The Division of Educational Support Services, staff of the Departments of Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, and the Office of Health and Physical Education are directed to continue efforts to make students aware, through educational programs, of the dangers of smoking and other uses of tobacco. Health education units/lessons in kindergarten to twelfth grades address the detrimental aspects of the use of tobacco.

RULE 5530

School nurses and school counselors will direct students who are involved with tobacco use to programs/resources designed to assist them in discontinuing tobacco use.

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