## **Hamilton County Board of Education**

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## **Tobacco-Free Schools**

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All uses of tobacco and tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes and/or associated paraphernalia are prohibited on all Hamilton County Board of Education owned property. Tobacco and tobacco products are prohibited in all publicly owned or leased vehicles or any vehicle used to transport children.<sup>1</sup>

Smoking shall also be prohibited at all other times, places and events at, on, about or conducted at, on or about school grounds in any public seating areas including, but not limited to, bleachers used for sporting events, the areas immediately adjoining the bleachers/ athletic fields/ gymnasiums or auditoriums, and public restrooms.<sup>2</sup>

All employees of Hamilton County Board of Education and students enrolled in the district's schools will not be permitted to use tobacco or tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes and associated paraphernalia while they are participants in any class or activities in which they represent such schools or the hamilton County Board of Education.

Any student who possesses tobacco products shall be issued a citation by the school principal/resource officer.<sup>3</sup> The director of schools, in cooperation with the juvenile court and the local (police/sheriff's department), is responsible for developing procedures for issuance of the citations which shall include the form and content of citations and methods of handling completed citations.

Parents and students shall be notified of this citation requirement at the beginning of each school year.

Signs will be posted throughout the district's facilities to notify students, employees and all other persons visiting the school that the use of tobacco and tobacco products is forbidden. The following notice shall be prominently posted (including at each ticket booth) for elementary or secondary school sporting events: *Smoking is prohibited by law in seating areas and in restrooms*.<sup>2</sup>

Legal Reference:

- 1. Section 1042 of the Environmental Tobacco Smoke/Pro-Children Act of 1994
- 2. TCA 39-17-1604(6)(10); TCA 39-17-1605; TCA 39-17-1606
- 3. TCA 39-17-1505