

TOBACCO AND VAPOR PRODUCTS ENFORCEMENT FOR STUDENTS

Students shall not use or have in their possession tobacco or vapor products in any form on school premises, on sponsored trips, or on school buses during school hours. Students shall not use or have in their possession tobacco or vapor products in any form at any school-sponsored event or activity.

To “use” shall mean any holding of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or vapor product; any inhaling of the smoke of tobacco or vapor product and/or any chewing or dipping of any tobacco product.

“School hours” shall include the period of time beginning with the first bus pickup (or arrival of car riders) in the morning and ending with the last bus drop in the afternoon.

Violations of tobacco or nicotine vapor products shall result in confiscation of the tobacco or vapor product and shall subject the student to penalties as follows:

- First Offense: One day out of school suspension and two days In School Suspension. Law enforcement citation. Counseling on the dangers of nicotine and vapes
- Second Offense: Three days out of school suspension and a law enforcement citation.
- Third Offense: Ten day out of school suspension from school with a hearing before the Division Disciplinary Hearing Committee for possible recommendation for long-term suspension from school.

Violations of vapor products containing marijuana or marijuana byproducts shall result in confiscation of the vapor product and shall subject the student to penalties as follows:

- Ten day out of school suspension with a hearing before the Division Disciplinary Hearing Committee for possible recommendation for long-term suspension or expulsion.

In addition, any student who possesses tobacco or vapor products shall be issued a citation by the school principal/resource officer. The citation shall require the student and his parents to appear in Juvenile Court.

The Superintendent of Schools, in cooperation with the juvenile court and 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 handling completed citations.

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

Approved: by the Bristol Virginia School Board on March 5, 2024.