

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS **TOBACCO CONTROL POLICY**

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JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Jackson County Schools mission is to educate all students in a safe, supportive, challenging environment where they learn to be responsible, contributing citizens of a 21st century society.

JACKSON COUNTY TOBACCO CONTROL POLICIES

2414; 3215; 4215; 5512; 7510

The use, possession, selling or distribution of any tobacco products, or nicotine delivery systems, including electronic/vapor cigarettes, is prohibited without exception at all times on any property, including automobiles, school buses, maintenance vehicles or other vehicles owned or operated by the Jackson County Board of Education. Tobacco use is also prohibited in any private vehicle or building when used for school activities.

PERSONNEL IMPLEMENTATION

School personnel supervising students off the school grounds are prohibited from using any tobacco products or nicotine delivery systems including electronic/vapor cigarettes, while in the presence of students, or at any time while engaged in any activity directly involving students. Compliance with all provisions of this policy is mandatory and any employee or student who is found to be in violation of it is subject to disciplinary action.

School personnel who violate WV Code

§16-9A-1, §16-9A-2, §16-9A-3, §16-9A-4 and/or the above policies; will be subject to current county personnel disciplinary procedures, as well as possible referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

In dealing with enforcement of this policy for employees, the following guidelines will be used:

First Offense - The employee will be given a written reprimand and encouraged to follow this policy and cautioned that further violation will result in a five-day suspension without pay.

Second Offense - The supervisor will recommend to the Superintendent of Schools that the employee be suspended for five days without pay on the charge of insubordination.

Third Offense - The Superintendent will recommend to the Jackson County Board of Education that the employee be dismissed from employment on the charge of insubordination

STUDENT IMPLEMENTATION

Students who violate WV Code §16-9A-1, 16- 9A-2, §16-9A-3, §16-9A-4 and for the Jackson County Policies listed above left will be subject to disciplinary procedures outlined in the school discipline plan and/or the Student Code of Conduct, as well as possible referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Students identified as having tobacco related problems will be referred by the principal for counseling, intervention, and/or treatment.

Schools are encouraged to sponsor in-school and after school cessation programs as alternatives to suspension.

The parent or guardian shall be responsible for the cost of any outside agency counseling, intervention, treatment and other services.

BUILDING, GROUNDS & FACILITY USAGE

All groups or organizations using school facilities must follow applicable laws and policies. These include the prohibition of tobacco use.

ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOL

There shall be no advertising in schools, at school events, or in school publications promoting any tobacco product.

INFORMATION

This policy shall be provided to students, school staff, parents or families, visitors and the community-at-large through: staff development; employee and student handbooks; parent/guardian notification; general public notification e.g. signs, announcements; and attaching a summary of the tobacco policies to requests for board of education facility use.

The following public and non-profit agencies and organizations provide counseling and other services for tobacco related problems. The list is not meant to be all inclusive. Parents or guardians may also see the services of licensed private agencies that provide tobacco treatment and related services.

- American Cancer Society
304-422-1472
- Charleston Area Medical Center
304-388-5432
- Jackson General Hospital
304-373-1609
- Kanawha Coalition for Community
304-388-7557

- Westbrook Health Services
304-372-6833
- Worthington Center, Inc.
304-485-5185
- WV Quit Line: 1-877-966-8784
- Jackson County Health Department
504 South Church Street Ripley, WV 25271
304-372-2634

For further information concerning the Tobacco Control Policy, please contact Dr. William Chapman, Director of Federal Programs, at the County Board of Education, 304.372.7310.

*Jackson County Board of Education Reference: School Laws of West Virginia, 16-9A-1, 16-9A-2, 16-9A-3, 16-9A-4 WV Dept. of education Policy 2522.5A
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