

1 The [Transylvania County Board of Education \(the “board”\)](#) promotes the health and safety
2 of all students and staff and the cleanliness of all school facilities. The board believes that the
3 use of tobacco products on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, in or on any other
4 school property owned or operated by the school board, or at school-related or school-sponsored
5 events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff, and school visitors. To this end,
6 and to comply with state and federal law, the board adopts this tobacco-free policy that prohibits
7 smoking and the use of tobacco products as follows. For the purposes of this policy, the term
8 “tobacco product” means any product that contains or is made or derived from tobacco and is
9 intended for human consumption, including all lighted and smokeless tobacco products, as well
10 as electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, and other electronic smoking devices even if they do not
11 contain tobacco or nicotine.

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13 1. All employees and other persons performing services or activities on behalf of the school
14 system, including volunteers, and contractors, as well as students and visitors, are
15 prohibited from using any tobacco products at any time in any school building, in any
16 school facility, on school campuses, and in or on any other school property owned or
17 operated by the school board.
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- 19 2. In addition, persons attending a school-sponsored event at a location not specified in
20 subsection 1 above are prohibited from using tobacco products when (a) in the presence
21 of students or school personnel or (b) in an area where use of tobacco products is
22 otherwise prohibited by law.
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- 24 3. Nothing in this policy prohibits the use of tobacco products for an instructional or
25 research activity conducted in a school building, provided that such activity is conducted
26 or supervised by a faculty member and that the activity does not include smoking,
27 chewing, or otherwise ingesting tobacco.
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- 29 4. The administration will consult with the county health department and other appropriate
30 organizations to provide employees with information about support systems and
31 programs to encourage employees to abstain from the use of tobacco products. The
32 school system may, from time to time, provide free non-smoking programs and services
33 to employees of the school system after the regular school day.
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- 35 5. The principal of each school and other school personnel responsible for school facilities
36 shall post signs in system facilities in a manner and location that adequately notify staff,
37 students, and visitors that the use of tobacco products by any person is prohibited at all
38 times in or on school property.
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- 40 6. The superintendent and designees shall ensure that adequate notice of this policy is
41 provided to students, parents, school personnel, and the public.
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- 43 7. All school personnel are required to adhere to and enforce this policy and other policies,
44 rules, or regulations addressing the use of tobacco products.

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46 Legal References: Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. 6081 *et seq.*; 21 U.S.C. 321 (rr); G.S. 14-
47 313; 115C-47(18), -407

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49 Cross References: Tobacco Products – Students (policy 4320)

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