

Tobacco-Free Schools Policy

The St. Tammany Parish Public School System prohibits the use of any tobacco products by students, employees, or visitors in all buildings, centers, offices, vehicles, schools, or other property under the jurisdiction of the School Board.

The use of any and all tobacco products by students is prohibited on any school grounds from the time they arrive until they leave school grounds and upon subsequent return to the school grounds at any time; and off school grounds whenever and wherever students are attending school-sponsored events or activities. Employees are prohibited from using smokeless tobacco products and smoking products while on or off school grounds performing service in the course and scope of their employment with the Board.

In addition, pursuant to LA R.S. 40:1300.251, *et seq*, there shall be no smoking or use of any tobacco products or smoking devices on or in any elementary or secondary school building; the campus of any school; any School Board offices or other property owned or operated by the Board, including the grounds of School Board property; or any school buses and other school- or School Board- owned vehicles or private vehicles used to transport students for school events. Smoking is defined to mean inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other lighted combustible plant material.

This policy of the St. Tammany Parish Public School System bans smoking and the use of all tobacco products or smoking devices at any and all School System facilities, including, but not limited to, all outdoor athletic facilities, such as baseball, softball, and football fields; track events; field trips; and off- campus school-approved activities where students are present.

The Tobacco-Free Schools Policy is intended to promote the general welfare of all employees, students, and visitors and to serve as an example to our students that the use of tobacco products is discouraged.