

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: February 25, 2004

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: **Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent**

SUBJECT: Conduct: Tobacco Policy 2372

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves Policy 2372, Conduct: Tobacco. This is the first reading of the policy. A summary of all of the changes is in Attachment I.

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Attachment I – Policy 2372

POLICY 2372

ADMINISTRATION: Administrative Operations

Conduct: Tobacco

The Board of Education of Baltimore County is committed to providing a [healthful, comfortable, and productive] TOBACCO-FREE work environment for its students and employees. Due to the evidence concerning the health effects of tobacco use, smoking, and passive smoke, Baltimore County Public Schools [will be smoke-free as of July 1, 1993. This policy will prohibit] PROHIBITS the sale and use of ANY FORM OF tobacco [(in any form)] in school system owned or leased buildings, GROUNDS, and vehicles at all times (24 hours a day, every day)[. This includes schools, central offices, warehouses, garages, or other buildings belonging to the school system] regardless of whether or not students are present.

[The sale and use of tobacco is also prohibited on school grounds during the “official” school day. School grounds are defined as local school system owned or leased land that surrounds a school system building. The “official” school day is to be determined by each school administrator but must as a minimum include the 6.5 hours that students are in school. The “official” school day will be set from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for offices. This policy is to remain in effect for the entire calendar year.

Employees will be notified of this policy and Signs will be posted at all sites. Each building will also have available a written statement of their policy concerning school grounds.

Violation of this policy will result in progressive disciplinary actions to be carried out by the site administrator. Smoking cessation classes and related programs will be offered to assist employees in adhering to this policy.

Outside agencies will also be informed of the new policy and the building use form will be revised to include a written policy statement. Contracts with agencies can be terminated if after one warning the policy continues to be violated.]

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO MAINTAIN A TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT.

Legal Reference: COMAR 13A.02.04.01.--.07

Policy Board of Education of Baltimore County
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