

## USE AND POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY STUDENTS

The New Hanover County Board of Education believes that the use of tobacco in any form is harmful to one's health and is a potential safety hazard in a public facility. The Board further believes that adults working in the school environment should be positive role models for students and must not use tobacco in their presence.

Student use and/or possession of any tobacco product or paraphernalia are prohibited on school property and while attending or participating in school events held at or away from school. Violation of this policy will result in automatic notification of parents.

Each school will develop specific regulations providing a series of escalating consequences for offenders, to include counseling and treatment when needed. These regulations will conform to the Public Schools Laws of North Carolina and the Policies of the North Carolina State Board of Education.

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