

K-4 SMOKING AND OTHER TOBACCO USE

The members of the Opelika City Board of Education view smoking and other uses of tobacco as being detrimental to health and as being significant contributors to lung and heart diseases. Consequently, it is the policy of this Board that students shall not be permitted to possess, smoke or use tobacco products in any form.

The Opelika City Board of Education directs that all property owned by the school board be smoke-free environments. The following regulations will exist for each property listed:

School buildings and campus property:

Smoking or use of any tobacco products will not be permitted in or around any school building operated by the Opelika City Schools during school hours, or during school sponsored extra-curricular activities.

Opelika High School stadium and other athletic facilities:

Smoking and other tobacco usage will be confined to an area designated by posted signs away from the seated patrons on the home side and the concession area on the visitor side with no smoking allowed in any of the seated areas or in any restroom. Smoking during basketball games will be confined to the school parking lots. Smoking during track and baseball activities will be confined to areas behind the patron stands.

Opelika Center for the Performing Arts:

This facility will be a smoke-free facility at all times. Organizations renting this facility after school hours will be required to restrict all use of tobacco products to parking lots and porches only.

Opelika City School Buses:

No smoking or use of other tobacco products will be allowed at any time on school buses. This includes the drivers at all times, (with or without students being transported).

Opelika City Board Office:

This facility will be a smoke-free building.

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