

District: Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District

Section: G - Personnel

Policy Code: GBRMB - Vaping Policy

1st reading of new policy GBRMB - Vaping Policy. Policy will be presented at the April 14 board meeting for 2nd reading and consideration of adoption.

Vaping Policy

Electronic cigarettes have recently surpassed conventional cigarettes as the most commonly used tobacco product among youths. The SOCSO Board of Trustees recognizes that the use of electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices, or any tobacco products, is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff and visitors and is therefore prohibited at all times.

This policy applies to all students, school staff, parents, and any visitors while on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, in any school bus, on school property or at school-related activities or school-sponsored events which includes, but is not limited to, athletic events. When there is evidence that a student is in possession of any tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia, administrators or other designated staff may confiscate such items. DEFINITIONS

Vaping – The act of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol (often called vapor) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar battery-powered device.

Electronic Cigarette – An electronic product or device that produces a vapor that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device to simulate smoking, and is likely to be offered to, or purchased by, consumers as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo or electronic pipe. Also known as e-cigs, vape pens, e-hookahs, e-pipes, tanks, mods, vapes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, ENDS, etc. Some devices may resemble cigarettes while others may resemble pens, USB sticks, or other everyday items.