

MANCHESTER CITY SCHOOLS
Policy Manual

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All use of tobacco and tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, are prohibited in all of the school district's buildings.¹ Smoking shall be prohibited in any public seating area, including but not limited to, bleachers used for sporting events, or public restrooms.²

The use of tobacco or tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, will be prohibited in all vehicles owned, leased or operated by the district.

District employees and students enrolled in the district's schools will not be permitted to use tobacco or tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, while they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the school district.

Any student who possesses tobacco products shall be issued a citation ([See Tobacco Violation Citation](#)) by the school principal/resource officer.³ The director of schools, in cooperation with the juvenile court and the local police/sheriff's department, is responsible for developing procedures for issuance of the citations which shall include the form and content of citations and methods of handling completed citations.

Parents and students shall be notified of this citation requirement at the beginning of each school year.

Signs will be posted throughout the district's facilities to notify students, employees and all other persons visiting the school that the use of tobacco and tobacco products is forbidden.¹ The following notice shall be prominently posted (including at each ticket booth) for elementary or secondary school sporting events:
*Smoking is prohibited by law in seating areas and in restrooms.*²

Legal References:

1. [20 USC 6083 Nonsmoking Policy for Children's Services](#)
2. [TCA 39-17-1604](#);
[TCA 39-17-1605](#);
[TCA 39-17-1606](#)
3. [TCA 39-17-1505](#)

Cross References