

Parent & Guardians

The Kentucky General Assembly passed legislation earlier this year on the way school districts must implement tobacco-free campus policies. The legislation became effective on July 15th.

We have been gathering information and resources which all of our schools will have available to be compliant with HB 142. Please note that HB 142 repealed, reenacted, and amended KRS 438.345 requiring our board of education to adopt policies which shall penalize students for possessing alternative nicotine products, tobacco products, and vapor products.

And, we continue to work with various agencies, including the Harlan County Health Department, to secure the resources for us to be compliant.

Students will be required to complete a tobacco education class on each offense, with additional classes required for repeat offenders. Repeat offenders will face disciplinary action to include suspension.

It is our goal to provide this information to allow you to talk with your children prior to the start of the school year. It is important our students, parents and guardians understand that each offense increases the severity of discipline. The school/district must confiscate the alternative nicotine products, tobacco products or vapor products per KRS 158.148(5).

By clicking the attached link we are making it easy for you to access important information on the dangers of tobacco and nicotine products and to provide resources to you on educating your children on these new requirements.

<https://ky.mylifemyquit.org/>

<https://www.quitnowkentucky.org/>

<https://www.fda.gov/media/170234/download>

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/pdfs/OSH-E-Cigarettes-and-Youth-What-Parents-Need-to-Know-508.pdf

We appreciate your cooperation as we implement the required policies and disciplinary actions.

Thank you!