

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: July 14, 2014

AGENDA ITEM No. 14-07-07

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Board Policy Subcommittee Recommendations – 2nd Reading Approval

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Policy # 4300: Student Code of Conduct; Rule 8: Use of Tobacco Products
2. Policy # 7250: Use of Tobacco Products

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board an opportunity to approve on 2nd Reading Approval revised and deleted policies reviewed and approved by the Board of Education's Policy Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND: Board of Education Policy #2410 states "It is through the development and adoption of written policies that the Board shall exercise its leadership in the operation of the school system; it is through the study and evaluation of reports concerning the execution of its written policies that the Board shall exercise its control over school operations."

At the September 23, 2013, Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a contract for the North Carolina School Boards Association to work with the Orange County Schools Board of Education Policy Subcommittee to review and update the Board of Education policies. Members of the Subcommittee Donna Coffey, Brenda Stephens and Dr. Debbie Piscitelli are supported by the board attorney and administrative staff.

The ongoing goals of the Board of Education Policy Subcommittee are to provide an updated manual that is user-friendly. In this process, the Board of Education will be deleting unnecessary and duplicative policies. Both the list of revised/updated and new policies is provided, as well as the list of policies being recommended for deletion as a result of the revisions, updates, and newly added policies.

During the June 19, 2014, meeting, the Policy Subcommittee recommended revisions to current policies and the deletion of one policy as follows:

The revised policies are included here for your approval:

Policy Number	Policy Title
4300	Student Code of Conduct (Rule 8 Only)
7250	Use of Tobacco Products

It is the recommendation of the Board of Education Policy Subcommittee that the following policy be deleted:

Policy Number	Policy Title
3615	Community Instructional Resources

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The contract with the North Carolina School Boards Association was approved for \$22,900.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the revised policies listed above for 2nd Reading Approval, and the Board approve the deletion of the above listed policies.

Rescinds Policy Number: 7250

Issued: 02/19/2003

The Board of Education believes that a smoke/tobacco-free environment will better protect the health and well-being of employees and students of the Orange County School System and of other persons. To this end, the Board of Education will prohibit or restrict smoking and the use of tobacco products as follows:

- Students may not possess, display, or use any tobacco product at any time on school premises, including school vehicles or while participating in school events, both indoor and outdoor and both on and off school property.
- School employees, volunteers and visitors to the school may not at any time use or display tobacco products on school premises. School employees and volunteers attending in an official capacity may not use tobacco or tobacco products at school events both on and off campus. The prohibition of display of tobacco products shall not extend to display that has a legitimate instructional or pedagogical purpose.
- School employees and volunteers to the school may not at any time display or use any tobacco product in school vehicles.
- No student, employee or visitor shall be permitted under any circumstances to use tobacco products in any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Orange County Schools.

The administration will consult with the county health department and other appropriate organizations to provide employees with information and access to support systems and programs to encourage employees to abstain from the use of tobacco products. The school district will, from time to time, provide free non-smoking clinics to be offered to employees in the schools, after the regular school day.

For purposes of this policy, "tobacco product" is defined to include cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products. "Tobacco use" includes smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

The implementation date of this policy is July 1, 2003.

Policy 4300 – Student Code of Conduct – Rule 8

Rule 8. Use of Tobacco Products -- Students shall not use or possess any tobacco product at any time in any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the Orange County Schools, on any school grounds and property – including athletic fields and parking lots – owned leased, rented or chartered by the Orange County Schools, or at any school-sponsored or school-related event on-campus or off-campus or at any other time when students are subject to the authority of school personnel.

This policy does not prohibit the use of tobacco products for instructional or research activities if the activity is conducted or supervised by a faculty member and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product.

For purposes of this policy, “tobacco product” is defined to include cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products. “Tobacco use” includes smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.