

**TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**

Southwest Technology Center provides for adults an exterior designated smoking area outside the west wing of the main building at 711 W. Tamarack. The designated area is clearly marked and defined. Smoking is prohibited in all other areas of the campus. Secondary school students and persons under the age of 18 are not permitted in the designated area and will be directed to use other entrances and exits to the facility.

The prohibition of smoking and tobacco use on campus by all secondary students is a continuation and in support of the policies in place at all partner sending school districts from which Southwest Technology Center secondary students are enrolled. Use or possession of tobacco in any form by secondary students and persons under the age of 18 is prohibited while at Southwest Technology Center. Access to the designated area for adults is also prohibited.

Consequences for use, possession, or distribution of tobacco (smoking, dipping, or chewing) for secondary school students, in addition to the sending school principal being notified, are as follows:

- 1st Offense – verbal warning
- 2nd Offense – detention; location and duration to be determined by the campus director
- 3rd Offense – 5 days detention; location and duration to be determined by the campus director
- 4th Offense – 1 to 3 days out-of-school suspension
- 5th Offense – 5 to 10 days out-of-school suspension

Section 827 of School Laws of Oklahoma 2002, page 521, states: “Any minor being in possession of cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, or any other form of tobacco product and being, by any police officer, constable, juvenile court officer, truant officer, or teacher in any school, asked where and from whom such cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, or any other form of tobacco products were obtained, who shall refuse to furnish such information, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before the district court, or any judge of the district court, such minor being of the age of sixteen (16) years or upwards shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding Five Dollars (\$5.00) or to undergo an imprisonment in the jail of the proper county not exceeding five (5) days, or both; if such minor shall be under the age of sixteen (16) years, he or she shall be certified by such magistrate or justice to the juvenile court of the county for such action as said court shall deem proper. (21-1242)”

**CROSS-REFERENCE: Student Handbooks**

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