

Cocke County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in March	Descriptor Term: Zero Tolerance Offenses	Descriptor Code: 6.309	Issued Date: 07/11/24
		Rescinds: 6.309	Issued: 09/14/23

1 In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses shall not be
2 tolerated:¹

- 3 1. Bringing to school or being in unauthorized possession of a firearm on school property;²
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- 5 2. Unlawful possession of any drug, including any controlled substance, controlled substance
6 analogue, or legend drug on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event;³
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- 8 3. Aggravated assault;⁴
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- 10 4. Assault that results in bodily injury⁵ upon any teacher, principal, administrator, any other
11 employee of the school, or school resource officer; or
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- 13 5. Valid threats of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity as determined
14 by a threat assessment team.⁶

15 Committing any of these offenses shall result in a student being expelled from the regular school
16 program for at least one (1) calendar year unless modified by the Director of Schools. Modification of
17 the length of time shall be granted on a case-by-case basis. Students that commit zero tolerance
18 offenses may be assigned to an alternative school or program at the discretion of the Director of
19 Schools.⁷

20 When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal shall notify the student's
21 parent(s)/guardian(s) and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.⁸

Legal References

1. [TCA 49-6-3401\(g\)](#)
2. [18 USCA § 921\(a\)\(3\)](#); [20 USCA § 7961](#)
3. [TCA 39-17-454](#); [TCA 53-10-101](#)
4. [TCA 39-13-102](#)
5. [TCA 39-13-101\(a\)\(1\)](#)
6. [TCA 39-16-517](#); [TCA 49-6-3401\(g\)\(2\)\(D\)](#); [Public Acts of 2024, Chapter No. 882](#)
7. [TCA 49-6-3401\(g\)\(2\)](#); [TCA 49-6-3402](#)
8. [TCA 49-6-4209](#); [TCA 39-17-1312](#); [20 USCA § 7961\(h\)\(1\)](#); [Public Acts of 2024, Chapter No. 882](#)

Cross References

- Threat Assessment Team 3.204
- Code of Conduct 6.300
- Drug-Free Schools 6.307
- Suspension 6.316
- Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority 6.317
- Alternative Education 6.319
- Safe Relocation of Students 6.4081