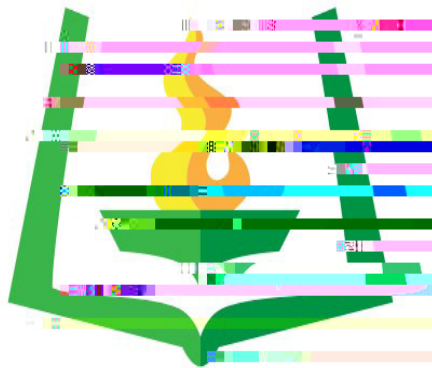


2022-2023  
Aiken County  
Public Schools

High School  
Code of Conduct



**AIKEN COUNTY**

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



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- A. *Conform to reasonable standards of speech, conduct, and dress and refrain from vulgar, obscene, and disrespectful conduct directed toward staff and other students.*
- B. *Refrain from violating or impairing the rights of others, including physical abuse, sexual harassment, hazing, and conduct considered "bullying" as defined in state law and prohibited under School District policy.*
- C. *Refrain from conduct that deprives other students of an orderly atmosphere for learning.*
- D. *Refrain from knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon.*
- E. *Refrain from the use, transmission, or possession of alcoholic beverages, hallucinogens, narcotics, chemical inhalant substances, or drugs not prescribed by an appropriately licensed physician or medical professional; nor be on school premises when school is in session or at any school-related activity or event after having used or consumed or utilizing any quantity of the same.*
- F. *Refrain from the use, transmission, or possession of tobacco products, including matches, lighters, or any incendiary device, or electronic type smoking devices on school premises or at any school related activity or event.*
- G. *Refrain from malicious and willful damage, destruction, or theft of school or private property.*
- H. *Remain at school, or at other officially designated places, upon coming under the school's jurisdiction, and follow daily schedules as prescribed by school officials.*
- I. *Comply with the directions of principals, teachers, or other authorized school personnel during any period of time when under the authority of school personnel.*
- J. *Refrain from any inappropriate physical display of affection while at school, on school property, or at any school related activity or event. Serious violations, including fondling, indecent exposure, and other sexual activity will result in disciplinary action.*
- K. *Attend school regularly and be on time for all classes and scheduled activities and comply with all state attendance requirements.*
- L. *Conduct by a student in any manner which interferes with classwork or involves substantial disorder, or invasion of the rights of others, is a basis for disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion of the student. In addition, certain other violations of the Code may result in suspension or expulsion.*

# HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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*Staff members will exercise alternative means of discipline that reflect respect for the dignity of the individual student. However, incidental contact with a student or the use of reasonable force to*

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cell phone policy JICJ. Any searches conducted pursuant to these provisions will be implemented in a

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recorded by equipment in the commons areas of any school building or grounds or upon any school bus.

Any lockers, storage, or similar spaces on school premises assigned to, or regularly used by, individual students remain the property of the School District in all respects. Such use by, or availability to, students is a privilege and the schools reserve a right of control and access to such spaces. School commons

Any weapon, look-a-like weapon, or contraband item found on a student, or on property under the possession or control of the student while on school grounds or at any school-sponsored event, will

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enforcement personnel. Any other item reasonably considered a weapon or inherently dangerous

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(THE SCHOOLS

**CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN PERSONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BY STUDENTS, INCLUDING CELL PHONES.)**

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@ enforcement and administer appropriate consequences in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct.

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This provision may not apply if the prohibited item is shown to a student or a group of students, is used †

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a. u purposes in classrooms or around the school.

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ii. Students may not use cell phones for capturing video during the school day

The law provides that each school district shall have a policy which addresses possession of such devices



# DRESS CODE

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## APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

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Code will be addressed as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

*Exemptions to the dress code may be made by the principal in certain religious or medical circumstances*

## OFFENSES AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES BY LEVEL

### HIGH SCHOOL BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES

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| WRN | Warning            | CP   | Contact Parent            |
| CNF | Conference         | REST | k                         |
| LP  | Loss of Privileges | DET  | )                         |
| BC  | Behavior Contract  | RE   | Recommended for Expulsion |
| ISS |                    |      |                           |







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|----------------------------|-----|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 26. Sexual Harassment      | 013 | OSS (1-5) | OSS (5-10) | OSS (5-10)/RE |
| 27. Inappropriate Behavior | 017 | ISS (1-3) | OSS (1-5)  | OSS (5-10)/RE |

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| <b>BC</b>  | Behavior Contract    | <b>RE</b>   | Recommended for Expulsion |
| <b>ISS</b> | In-School Suspension | <b>OSS</b>  | Out of School Suspension  |
| <b>CS</b>  | Community Service    | <b>LE</b>   | Law Enforcement Called    |

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| 13. Kidnapping/Abduct on                                                                                             | 660 | RE/LE               | RE/LE |
| 14. Larceny/Thef                                                                                                     | 670 | RE/LE               | RE/LE |
| 15. Gang-related act vity to include the displaying or wearing of gang-related clothing, symbols, body tat oos, etc. | 250 | OSS (1-5)/<br>RE/LE | RE/LE |

If a student is in possession of an illegal drug and self-reports, school administrat on will contact law enforcement and administer appropriate consequences in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct. If a student discovers an illegal item (i.e. weapons or drugs) or other contraband on school property or at a school funct on, the student may approach a school of cial and report the discovery. A student shall not be in violat on of the Code of Student Conduct solely for making such a report.

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which is detrimental to the good order, best interest, and physical safety of the school. The student may be

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*Counselor Support can be used in addit on to any consequence  
Any DET, ISS, or OSS will initiate parental contact*

| Weapon | Intent | Consequences<br>1 <sup>st</sup> \ | Consequences |  |
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Students convicted of, or charged with, serious criminal misconduct, regardless of whether or not the

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## DEFINITIONS

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| <p>h</p> | <p><i>A student who violates the rules set forth in the Code of Student Conduct may be assigned Alternative Placement as a consequence of poor behaviors. Placement may include assignment to a virtual school setting, home-based instruction.</i></p> |
| <p>o</p> | <p><i>An actual of ensive and intentional touching or striking striki n A to</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| #                  | <i>Items including but not limited to toys, lighters, matches, bullets, fireworks, stick bombs, which disrupt or distract from the learning process or pose safety hazards.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| #                  | <i>An unauthorized absence from an assigned class or related activity.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| )                  | <i>Refusal to comply with a request from school staff/personnel.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| DET                | <i>Detention on Hall</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Disrespect         | <i>Lack of courteous regard for another person.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| )                  | <i>Behavior which disrupts the orderly educational process of school.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| -                  | <i>Device such as cell phone, smart watches, iPod, headphones, handheld video game devices, etc.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| -                  | <i>Attempting to obtain/obtaining money or other item(s) of value from an unwilling person or forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threat of force.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7<br>@<br>)        | <i>A pill, capsule, tablet, or other item which is not a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or illegal drugs, but which by appearance, including color, shape, size, marking or package, or by representations made, is intended to lead a person to believe that such a pill, capsule, tablet, or other item is a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or marijuana.</i> |
| 7                  | <i>Actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur. Two or more parties striking each other with the intent to cause bodily harm. A student who is assaulted and retaliates by hitting, striking, or kicking, may be disciplined for fighting.</i>                                                                                                                        |
| Forgery            | <i>Signing someone else's name or using a signature which is not authentic.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8                  | <i>Participation in games of chance for money and/or other things of value.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Ganging/Gang-      | <i>Group activity which involves intimidating, threatening, lynching, or physical violence.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Harassing          | <i>Repeated annoyance of students/staff.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Hit/Kick/Push      | <i>Silly horseplay, playful grabbing, pinching, nonaggressive punching or slapping, chasing, shoving. "Not keeping hands/feet to self." Shoving match, slapping, or other such low impact incident not severe enough to constitute a fight.</i>                                                                                                                                             |
| =                  | <i>Rough or boisterous behavior that can unintentionally result in someone getting injured.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Inappropriate<br>" | <i>Behaviors not generally accepted as desired or suitable for a school situation. Examples include instigating misbehavior of others, taking other's items without permission (for example, pencils or milk/juice box), talking out, tantrums, etc.</i>                                                                                                                                    |
| @                  | <i>Failure to respond appropriately to written or verbal directions given by school personnel, chaperones/volunteers, or law enforcement officers is considered insubordination. Refusal to complete assignments, refusal to participate in school activities.</i>                                                                                                                          |
| @                  | <i>To frighten/inhibit another person.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| @                  | <i>Any substance which, when used in sufficient quantities, ordinarily or consistently causes</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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- Pushing, tripping, or general horseplay
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### Consequences

*1<sup>st</sup> referral – warning and contact parents*

*2<sup>nd</sup> referral – suspended from the bus up to three days and contact parents*

*3<sup>rd</sup> referral – suspended from the bus up to five days and contact parents*

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- Persistent uncontrollable conduct
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- Sexual misconduct

Any Referral that results in a suspension from bus for the remainder of the school year must include a conference with parents.

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*This administrative rule is adopted to implement the district's Internet acceptable use policy. While the rule primarily addresses utilization of the Internet and other electronic on-line connection services, it also applies, where appropriate, to the general use of district-owned computer hardware and software.*

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*The purpose of the district's decision to provide Internet access is to allow an expanded opportunity for education, research and professional development by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. All use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational and staff development objectives of the district. Use of any organizations' network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state laws or regulations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Violations will result in appropriate disciplinary action against the staff member or student involved.*

*Student Internet activities will be monitored by the district to ensure students are not accessing inappropriate sites that have visual depictions that include obscenity, child pornography or are harmful to minors. The school district uses CIPA approved technology protection measures to protect students from inappropriate access in addition to monitoring.*

*The district will provide reasonable notice of and at least one public hearing or meeting to address and communicate its Internet safety measures.*

*District and school computer technicians who are working with a computer and come across sexually explicit images of children must report this to local law enforcement. The report must include the name and address of the owner or person in possession of the computer.*

*The district will educate minors about appropriate, safe, and secure online behavior,*

*The following guidelines for acceptable use will be applicable:*

- *Users are expected to employ appropriate net etiquette profanity, vulgarity or abusive, inappropriate language is prohibited. Illegal activities are forbidden, including unauthorized access or "hacking" by any users*

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*To establish the basic structure for promoting the health and welfare of the district's students by maintaining a safe, positive learning environment for students and teaching environment for staff that is free from harassment, intimidation or bullying.*

*The board prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying of a student by another student or students, staff or third parties that interfere with or disrupt a student's ability to learn and the school's responsibility to educate its students in a safe and orderly environment whether in a classroom, on school premises, on a school bus or other school-related vehicle, at an official school bus stop, at a school-sponsored activity or event, whether or not it is held on school premises, or at another program or function where the school is responsible for the student.*

*For purposes of this policy, harassment, intimidation or bullying is defined as a gesture, electronic communication or a written, verbal, physical or sexual act reasonably perceived to have the effect of either of the following:*

- *causes or attempts to cause a student or employee to experience*
- *in reasonable fear of personal harm or property damage*
- *causes or attempts to cause a student or employee to experience*

*Any student who feels he/she has been subjected to harassment, intimidation or bullying is encouraged to file a complaint with the principal or his/her designee in accordance with procedures established by the superintendent. Complaints will be investigated promptly, thoroughly and confidentially. All school employees are required to report alleged violations of this policy to the principal or his/her designee. Reports by students or employees may be made anonymously, but formal disciplinary action must not be taken solely on the basis of an anonymous report.*

*The district prohibits retaliation or reprisal in any form against a student or employee who has filed a complaint or report of harassment, intimidation or bullying. The district also prohibits any person from falsely accusing another as a means of harassment, intimidation or bullying, and any student or staff member knowingly violating this prohibition will be subject to disciplinary action as described in this policy.*

*The board expects students to conduct themselves in an orderly, courteous, dignified and respectful manner. Students and employees have a responsibility to know and respect the policies, rules and regulations of the school and district. Any student or employee who is found to have engaged in the prohibited actions as outlined in this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including*

*Students, parents/legal guardians, teachers and staff members should be aware that the district may take disciplinary actions for conduct initiated and/or created off-campus involving the inappropriate use of the Internet or web-based resources if such conduct poses a threat or substantially interferes with or disrupts the environment, work and/or discipline of the schools, including discipline for student harassment and bullying.*

*The superintendent will be responsible for ensuring notice of this policy is provided to students, staff, parents/legal guardians, volunteers and members of the community including its applicability to all areas of the school environment as outlined in this policy.*

*The superintendent will also ensure that an age-appropriate process is established for discussing the district policy with students, as with other aspects of the code of conduct currently utilized during the beginning of each school year.*

*The superintendent will ensure that information regarding this policy is incorporated into the school district's training program and that volunteers who have frequent contact with students are likewise informed of the policy.*

*Information concerning this policy, upon adoption, will be included in the district's code of student conduct for the next year and will be circulated to all administrators. Immediate information will be provided to students by building administrators and to parent groups through reasonable communication methods currently utilized by the various schools.*

*Cf. GBEB, JIC, JICDA Adopted 12/12/06, Revised 9/27/11*

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