DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

Student Code of Conduct

The Lyon County Student Code of Conduct was approved by the Board of Education on July 13, 1992, and is reviewed annually. The Code is distributed to the faculty and the students annually.

Code of Student Rights

Students have the right to:

- A meaningful public education, the maintenance of high educational standards, and a system of public education which meets the needs of the individual pupil;
- Constitutional guarantees of expression, including, but not limited to appearance, assembly, association, and circulation of petitions and literature;
- Participation in decision-making procedures directly affecting them;
- Due process in regard to disciplinary action, including the right to hear charges, state one's side, and appeal decisions believed unjust, from teacher to principal to superintendent to the Board according to established procedures;
- Academic grades based upon academic performance;
- Protection of person and property by the school to the fullest extent possible;
- Access to personal, cumulative school records (if 18 or over) or parent's examination of the student's records;
- Consultation with teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school personnel;
- Organization or membership in school activities as long as the group or club follows established
- Board guidelines and does not discriminate against any student because of sex, age, race, national origin, economic status, marital or parental status, handicap, or veteran status; and
- Make up work upon returning to school from an excused absence.

Students have the responsibility to:

- Maintain acceptable conduct at all times;
- Display consideration for the rights and property of others;
- Exhibit neatness and cleanliness of personal attire and property of others;
- Refrain from fighting, creating disturbances, making excessive noise, denying others the use of school facilities or buildings, using or carrying any weapon on school premises, intentionally injuring another person, exposing others to harm, or using threats or intimidation against any person;
- Abstain for the possession or use of illegal substances, including alcohol;
- Refrain from using tobacco;
- Show respect for the educational process and learning environment by refraining from intentional tardiness or unexcused absence;
- Complete all homework and class work in accordance with the teacher's instruction and to refrain from cheating in all academic areas;
- Avoid the use of verbal abuse toward all persons within the school setting; and
- Follow rules and regulations of the Board of Education and/or the school administration.

Due Process

Before being punished at the school level with suspension for violation of school regulations, a pupil shall have the right of the following due process procedures.

1. The pupil shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against him.
2. If the pupil denies the charge(s), he/she shall be given an explanation of the evidence against him.
3. The pupil shall be given an opportunity to present his own version of the facts concerning the charge(s).

In cases that involve students with disabilities, procedures mandated by federal and state law shall be followed.

Use of Alcohol, Drugs, Other Controlled Substances

No pupil shall possess, use, be under the influence of, sell, or transfer any of the following on or about school property, at any location of a school-sponsored activity, or en route to or from school or a school sponsored activity:

- Alcoholic beverages;
- Controlled drug substances and drug paraphernalia; and
- Substances that "look like" a controlled substance (in instances involving "look alike" substances, there must be evidence of the student's intent to pass off the item as a controlled substance).

Controlled substance means any substance or immediate precursor listed in **Chapter 218A** of the **Kentucky Revised Statutes** or any other substance which may be added by the Kentucky Department of Health Services under regulations pursuant to **KRS 218A.020**.

Employees of the District shall promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police, by telephone or otherwise, if they know or have reasonable cause to believe that conduct has occurred which constitutes the use, possession, or sale of controlled substances on the school premises or within on thousand (1,000) feet of school premises, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored or sanctioned event.

Tobacco

Smoking is prohibited in any building owned or operated by the Board where children meet on a routine or regular basis. Additionally smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes and other similar products are also prohibited.

Search and Seizure

An administrator may conduct a search and/or seizure as permitted under **Board Policy 09.436**.

IMPLEMENTATION OF KRS 158.156

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Under House Bill 91 (KRS 158.456), students committing any of the following offenses under KRS Chapter 508 while on school premises, school transportation, or at a school sponsored event shall immediately be reported by an employee of the school district to the principal of the school attended by the victim.

1. First Degree Assault
2. Second Degree Assault
3. Third Degree Assault
4. Assault Under extreme Emotional Disturbance
5. First Degree Wanton Endangerment
6. First Degree Terroristic Threatening
7. First Degree Criminal Abuse
8. Second Degree Criminal Abuse
9. First Degree Stalking
10. Disarming a Police Officer

The principal, after determining that it is a reportable incident, shall within 48 hours file a written report with:

1. The Board of Education, through the superintendent
2. Law Enforcement, through local law enforcement, the Kentucky State Police, or the County Attorney.
3. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or custodian(s) of the student(s) involved in the incident.

The written report shall include:

1. The names and addresses of the allegedly victimized and/or perpetrating student(s) and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
2. The allegedly victimized and/or perpetrating student(s)' ages.
3. The nature and extent of the violation
4. Any other information the principal believes may be helpful in the investigation process.

Retaliation against an individual who has reported the violation is strictly forbidden. Any incidents of retaliation shall be reported to the principal.

By receiving this code of conduct, students, parents, guardians, and those exercising custodial control have been informed of the requirements of this code and the provisions of Section 1-5 of House Bill 91.

Employees of the Lyon County School District shall be trained on these requirements.