Student Code of Conduct

Middle School (6th – 8th)

Pursuant to district policy JICDA-R, the student code of conduct is a list of disciplinary infractions and the consequences for students who violate these infractions. Disciplinary actions will include appropriate hearings and review, and the removal of a student from the learning environment will occur only for just cause and in accordance with due process of law. The following rules, regulations, and due process procedures are designed to protect all members of the educational community in the exercise of their rights and responsibilities. These rules apply to any student under the following conditions:

- On the school or district property;
- Who is in attendance at school or any school-sponsored activity whether on or off school grounds;
- Who is en-route to and from school on a school bus or other district vehicle;
- Whose conduct at any time or in any place has a direct effect on maintaining order and discipline in the schools and school district.

The following code of conduct will be applied to school and school-related activities. *School administration reserves the right to modify any consequence of a rule violation when the change is deemed appropriate and necessary.* The principal or designee may reduce the penalty where there is a finding of mitigating circumstances.

Consequences

The following list of consequences may be utilized to address violations of the student code of conduct.

CONSEQUENCE	ABBREVIATION
Contact Parent	CP
Warning	W
Detention	D
In-School Suspension	ISS
Out-of-School Suspension	OSS
Recommendation for Expulsion	RE

A '+' appended to the consequence indicates that multiple days can be administered for the corresponding infraction. For example, ISS+ indicates that a student will serve at least one day of ISS.

Consequence Formula

Referral Count × Nature of Offense = Disciplinary Consequences

The more previous office discipline referrals a student acquires multiplied times the seriousness of the present infraction equates to more severe consequences.

Classroom Managed Behaviors

Classroom managed behaviors are those which adversely affect a student's educational progress. Classroom/Teacher Managed infractions should be handled by the classroom teacher and are not processed through a formal referral for disciplinary actions from administration. However, these infractions are documented by the teacher. Cases of multiple or chronic offenses may require administrative/guidance action (assistance) and referral for interventions.

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INFRACTION		
Dishonesty	ID Violation	Inappropriate Language
Disrupting Class	Improper Use of Technology	Inappropriate Materials
Dress Code Violation	Inappropriate Affection	Tardy – See Tardy Policy
Failure to Complete Work	Inappropriate Behavior	Unauthorized Area Violation

Level One – Disruptive Conduct

Disruptive Conduct (Level one) is any behavior which adversely affects a student's educational progress.

INFRACTION	CONSEQUENCES			
	OFFENSE 1	OFFENSE 2	OFFENSE 3	OFFENSE 3+
Cellular Device Violation – See Cellular Device Policy	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Cheating	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Cutting Activity/Class	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Detention Violation	ISS	ISS+	ISS+	OSS
Dishonesty (Chronic)	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Disrespect	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Disrupting Class (Chronic)	D	ISS	ISS+	OSS+
Distribution/Sale of Unauthorized Materials	W / CP	D	ISS	OSS+
Dress Code Violation	W / CP	D	ISS	OSS+
Electronic Device Violation	W / CP	D	ISS	OSS+
Gambling	D	ISS	ISS+	OSS+
Horseplay (minor)	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Inappropriate Affection (Chronic)	D	ISS	ISS+	OSS+
Inappropriate Physical Contact	D	ISS	ISS+	OSS+
Leaving Class	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Loitering	D	ISS	OSS	OSS+
Obscene Gesture (Indirect)	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Profanity (Indirect)	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Property Misuse	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Refusal to Obey	ISS	ISS+	OSS	OSS+
Tardy – See Tardy Policy	D	D+	ISS	ISS+
Unauthorized Area Violation	D	ISS	ISS+	OSS+

Please note this is not an exhaustive list of misconduct infractions.

Level Two – Disruptive Conduct

Disruptive Conduct (Level Two) is any behavior which significantly disturbs the positive learning environment and/or endangers the health or safety of oneself or others.

INFRACTION	CONSEQUENCES			
	OFFENSE 1	OFFENSE 2	OFFENSE 3	OFFENSE 3+

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Bullying	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Computer Violation-Noncriminal	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Confrontation/Altercation	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE
Contraband	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Disrespect	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Fighting	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE	OSS+ and RE
Fireworks	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE	OSS+ and RE
Forgery	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Harassment	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Hick/Kick/Push	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Inciting a Fight	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE	OSS+ and RE
Major Disruption	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE	OSS+ and RE
Obscene Gesture (Direct)	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Pornography – Not Criminal	OSS	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE
Possession or Use of Unauthorized Substances	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Profanity	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Refusal to Obey	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Sexual Offense-Non Forced	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE	OSS+ and RE
Sexual Violation	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE	OSS+ and RE
Slap Boxing	OSS+	OSS+ or RE	OSS+ and RE	OSS+ and RE
Stolen Property	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Theft/Larceny	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Tobacco Violation (cigarettes, vapes, chewing tobacco, etc.)	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE	OSS+ and RE
Trespassing	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Vandalism	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE
Miscellaneous Weapons	OSS	OSS+	OSS+	OSS+ and RE

Between 5 and 10 days of OSS may be assigned for Fighting along with criminal charges. Please note this is not an exhaustive list of misconduct infractions.

Level Three – Criminal Conduct

Criminal Conduct (Level Three) is any behavior which significantly disrupts the learning environment or poses a direct and serious threat to the safety of oneself or others.

INFRACTION		
Arson	Cyberbullying	Intimidation
Assault, Aggravated	Disturbing School	Other Offenses
Assault by Mob	Drug Distribution	Pornography – Student or Minor
Assault, Simple	Possession of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance	Sexual Harassment
Bomb Threat	Fire Alarm	Sexual Offense – Forced
Bullying	Gang Activity	Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance

Burglary	Indecent Exposure	Vandalism (Severe)
Computer Violation – Criminal		Weapons
CONSEQUENCES		
OSS 5-10 Days	Expulsion Recommendation	Referral to Law Enforcement

Please note this is not an exhaustive list of criminal misconduct infractions. Other infractions which violate state and federal laws may fall into this category.

- Discipline procedures will include parent contact and when necessary a parent conference.
- Administrative discretion can be exercised regarding violations and consequences.
- Law enforcement will be involved as warranted.
- South Carolina law regarding possession/use of weapon(s) will be applied.
- All students are expected to demonstrate integrity, civility, responsibility and self-control. This expectation is directly related to the board's educational objectives for students to learn to be responsible for and accept the consequences of their behavior and for students to respect cultural diversity and ideological differences.
- While this document is intended to provide notice to students and parents of general expectations for behavior and consequences for misconduct, it must be understood that discretion will have to be used in dealing with a wide range in age and maturity of students, and that consideration must be given to the seriousness of the infraction(s) when determining the severity of the consequences. Other inappropriate behavior not covered in this document will be dealt with by the principal and/or designee. The principal and/or designee may impose the consequences listed in the order listed for successive incidents and apply the most severe consequences listed or a lower level of consequences.
- Use of community service/work may be utilized by school personnel when dealing with Level One and Two violations. Community service/work may be used in conjunction with discipline consequences or used to reduce discipline consequences.