BUS CONDUCT Level 1.3	Elementary		Middle/High	
	MINIMUM	*MAXIMUM*	*MINIMUM*	*MAXIMUM*
1st Violation	Bus suspension for three (3) days	Bus suspension for five (5) days	Bus suspension for three (3) days	Bus suspension for five (5) days
2nd Violation	Bus suspension for five (5) days	Bus suspension for seven (7) days	Bus suspension for five (5) days	Bus suspension for ten (10) days
3rd Violation	Bus suspension for ten (10) days	Disciplinary hearing. Possible expulsion from the bus.	Bus suspension for ten (10) days	Disciplinary hearing. Possible expulsion from the bus.
Bus conduct may result in both bus and school-based consequences. Bus conduct could lead to a Long-Term suspension or expulsion from the bus.				

DRESS CODE

Dress Code: Violation of the dress code policy.

It is the Board of Education's belief that it should have and enforce hair and dress codes that will assist in preventing disruption of the educational environment, prevent health or safety hazards, and prevent interference of the learning of other students. The following regulations regarding the dress code apply to students while on school grounds, while remote learning, while participating in school athletic events, while participating in school extracurricular activities, or while on any transportation vehicle owned or used by the Board of Education.

1. Extreme styles of clothing that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would interfere with learning, cause a disruption of the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard, are not permitted. Clothing should be clean, neat, and worn properly (pants and skirts shall be worn at the waist). Clothing should not be too tight, too loose, too short, or too long and should not have inappropriate writing or pictures, including but not limited to, clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs, any prohibited product, sex, depicts or suggests violence or which contains suggestive writings, pictures, or emblems that are inflammatory, vulgar, or discriminatory.
2. Hats, scarves, and other headpieces will not be worn within the school building unless approved for special occasions by the principal or the principal's designee. Head wraps, scarves, or dress worn in observance of a cultural or religious tradition/belief are acceptable, as long as it does not cause a disruption of the educational environment.
3. Pants and jeans with noticeable splits or holes that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would cause a disruption of the educational environment, would be a health hazard, or would interfere with the learning of other students, are prohibited.
4. Shorts, skirts, culottes, split skirts, or dresses must be reasonable in length and appropriate for school.
5. Immodest clothing is prohibited. See-through clothing, bare shoulders, bare midriffs, halters, and tank tops are prohibited. Tight-fitting clothing, such as spandex or bicycle type clothing and/or any facsimile, is prohibited.
6. Jewelry, clothing, or other items that have pictures, logos, lettering, writing, or other symbols that the principal considers vulgar, profane, offensive, suggestive, or disruptive, or that reflect sexual or obscene overtones, or that advertise any alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances are prohibited. Spiked jewelry, clothing, shoes, or chains are not permitted.
7. Wearing any clothing, jewelry, or other item symbolizing gang affiliation is prohibited.
8. Uniforms for cheerleaders and drill team participants are prohibited in the classroom.
9. Shoes are required for safety and hygiene reasons and may be worn with or without socks.
10. Earrings or other jewelry of such size or style that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would interfere with learning, would cause a disruption of the educational environment, or would be a health or safety hazard, are prohibited.

DRESS CODE Level 1.5	Elementary		Middle/High	
	MINIMUM	*MAXIMUM*	*MINIMUM*	*MAXIMUM*
1st Violation	Violations of the Dress Code Policy will be referred to an administrator for resolution.		In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day. Students may return to regular class upon correction of the dress code violation.	
2nd Violation	Violations of the Dress Code Policy will be referred to an administrator for resolution.		Students will be placed in In-School Suspension for three (3) days. If the violation is corrected before the expiration of the three (3) days, students may return to regular class after serving one full school day in In- School Suspension.	
3rd Violation	Violations of the Dress Code Policy will be referred to an administrator for resolution.		Students will be placed in In-School Suspension for at least 3 days and then until the violation is corrected.	
An explanation of the dress code violation will be provided to students/parents by the administrator, a combination of local interventions, supports, and disciplinary response may be appropriate.				

LEVEL 2 VIOLATIONS

A student that has committed two or more Level 2 violations may receive a consequence of long-term suspension or expulsion at a disciplinary hearing.

2.1 Bullying (2nd Violation): Bullying, as the term is defined in Georgia law (*O.C.G.A. §20-2-751.4*), is strictly prohibited. The Student Code of Conduct for all schools within the school system expressly prohibits bullying. **Bullying is one of two Level 2 violations that has an alternate progression, please see the Bullying progression on page 56.**

2.2 Disruption of School: Causing or contributing to the disruption and interference of school operations but does not pose a threat to the health or safety of others. It is unlawful for any person to disrupt or interfere with the operation of a public school. Georgia law prohibits the upbraiding, insulting, or abusing of any teacher, administrator, or bus driver upon the premises of any school in the presence and hearing of a student. An example of prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, causing, participating in, contributing to, or encouraging a food fight, or any disturbance that substantially disrupts the normal operation of the school environment.

2.3 Violation of Electronics and Technology Policy: Misuse of electronic or technological resources or devices, including, but not limited to, filming and/or posting images without the permission of the individual(s) being depicted, unauthorized access to the system network, creating or using the email or messaging account of another without permission to send communications, and disrupting a virtual classroom.

2.4 Giving False Information: Falsifying, misrepresenting, omitting, or erroneously reporting information regarding instances of alleged inappropriate behavior or ethics violations by a teacher, administrator, or other school employee toward a student.

2.5 False Representation of Substances: False representation of a substance as a drug for which the student has no valid prescription or false representation of a substance as an illegal drug as defined under the laws of the State of Georgia.

2.6 Gang Affiliation: Exhibiting gang affiliation, as evidenced by a common identifying sign, symbol, tattoo, graffiti, attire, or other distinguishing characteristic.

Exhibiting, gang affiliation and/or engaging in any gang-related activity is not permitted. For the purpose of this handbook, a gang is defined as any group or association of three (3) or more persons, whether formal or informal, as evidenced by a common name or common identifying sign, symbol, tattoo, graffiti, attire, or other distinguishing characteristic, that encourages, solicits, promotes, condones, causes, assists, or abets any illegal or disruptive activity. Students shall not use any speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang-related activity, including, but not limited to:

1. Soliciting others for membership in a gang;
2. Requesting any person to pay for protection, bullying, or otherwise intimidating or threatening or physically harming any person;
3. Inciting other students to engage in any gang-related activity; and,
4. Defacing any school property with any kind of gang graffiti.