



**ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

2024-25 Code of Student Conduct

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Attendance Violations

Rule Number	Rule Description	Levels of Consequence	Discipline Code
Rule 1:	Required Attendance A student is to attend school (including all classes) each day of the school year. In addition, a student is to report to school and all classes on time. A student of compulsory school age who does not attend school is in violation of the law and the student and his/her parent(s)/guardians are subject to its penalties. Efforts will be made to communicate with parents of absent and truant students.	PreK-5: Consequence: Consult with Administration, School Counselor, and Social Worker	030: UB- Truancy
	Tardiness Failure to be in a place of instruction at the assigned time without a valid excuse. Excessive tardies may result in progressive suspension. Note: Interventions must be in place before a suspension is levied, i.e., parent conference, time-out, lunch detention, after-school detention, in-school suspension.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 2 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 2	064: Excessive Tardiness
	Leaving Class Without Permission Failure to obtain authorization to leave class.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3	066: Leaving Class Without Permission
	Leaving School Without Permission Failure to provide required parent authorization prior to leaving school before the end of the scheduled day. Failure to report to school without prior permission, knowledge, or excuse by the school or the parent.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence	067: Leaving School Without Permission
	Cutting Class Failure to report to class without proper permission, knowledge, or excuse by the school or teacher.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3	066: Cutting Class
	Excessive Absences (Truancy) Excused or unexcused absences which are felt to adversely affect the student's education.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3	030: Truancy

6-12:

Consequence 1 to
Consequence 3

*Suspensions under
this rule shall not
exceed two days, as
dictated by N.C.G.S.
115C-390.2

School Initiated Consequences

Consequence 1: Conference

Consequence 2: Intervention

Consequence 3: Suspension (1-5 days)

Consequence 4: Suspension (6-10 days)

Consequence 5: Suspension (10 days)

Superintendent Initiated Consequences

Consequence 6: Long-term Suspension, assigned community service, or assignment to an Alternative School

Consequence 7: 365 day suspension

Consequence 8: Exclusion/Expulsion

Discipline Violations

Rule Number	Rule Description	Levels of Consequence	Discipline Code
Rule 2	Food or Beverages A student will not eat/drink in unauthorized areas of the school.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 2 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3	033: Other School Defined Offense
Rule 3A	Possession of Medication Each school has established rules on administering non-prescription and prescription drugs. Students are to adhere to the rules of the school.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 6	086: Possession of Student's Own Prescription Drug
Rule 3B	Distribution of Medication A student may not give, sell, or distribute non-prescription, over the counter, or prescription drugs to any other students.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 6	087 AND 09 (RC): Possession of Another Person's Prescription Drug (RO) 088: Distribution of a Prescription Drug
Rule 4	Dress Code Violation Any type of dress which is disruptive, lewd or sexually suggestive, glorifies or depicts alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, or endangers the safety, education, and/or health of another person will not be permitted. For specific information, refer to the student handbook.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 2 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3	031: Dress Code Violation
Rule 5	Inappropriate Items on School Property A student will not bring or possess any object that has no educational purpose that may distract from teaching and learning or would cause disruption within the school environment. (Items may include: toys, hoverboards, laser pointers, cigarette lighters, matches, juul or other vaping paraphernalia etc.) Note: Pagers, headphones, portable CD/tape players, etc. are not permitted in the school buildings without	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5	040: Inappropriate Items on School Property

	<p>administrative approval.</p> <p><u>Cell phones</u> shall not be used at any time during the instructional day unless directed by a teacher as part of an approved instructional activity. Otherwise, all cell phones must be kept in student vehicles or lockers from student arrival through dismissal time and must be powered off (except as indicated above). Any student in possession of a cell phone in violation of this policy will have the phone confiscated and placed in the school office until the end of the day. If school officials have reasonable cause to suspect the phone has been used inappropriately, e.g. for cheating or taking unauthorized photos or the like, school officials may search the phone's memory for text messages and pictures. Repeated offenders of cell phone rules may lose cell phone privileges.</p>		
Rule 6	<p>Significant Amount of Money Students need only enough money to meet school obligations (lunch, fees, special purchases).</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 2</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 2</p>	058: Other School Defined Offense
Rule 7	<p>Selling Items on Campus Students are not to sell any objects on campus that are not authorized through the school as an organized, approved school activity.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 2</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5</p>	040: Inappropriate items on school property
Rule 8	<p>Honor Code Violation Misrepresentation: A student will not lie or cheat.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p>	035: Falsification of Information
	<p>Altering Report Cards or Notes Tampering with report cards, official passes, notes or other school documents in any manner, including changing grades or forging names to excuses.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p>	035: Falsification of Information

	<p>False Information Making false statements, written or oral, to anyone in authority.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p>	035: Falsification of Information
	<p>Cheating Violating rules of honesty, such as plagiarism, copying another student’s test, assignment, etc.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p>	028: Honor Code Violation
Rule 9	<p>Inappropriate Language and Disrespectful Behavior to Staff A student will behave in a respectful manner. Examples of disrespectful behavior are: Walking away, talking back, etc.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	032: Inappropriate language, behavior, or disrespect to staff
Rule 10	<p>Insubordination A student will obey the lawful direction of any authorized staff member during the time the student is in school, participating in a school activity, or on school property.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	033: Insubordination
Rule 11	<p>Profanity and Obscenity A student will not use profane or obscene language or make obscene gestures.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	032: Inappropriate Language/ Disrespect 114: Inappropriate Behavior
	<p>Offensive Language Cursing, or saying anything that conveys a lewd, vulgar, obscene, or sexually suggestive message.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	032: Inappropriate Language/ Disrespect 114: Inappropriate Behavior

	<p>Obscene and Offensive Gestures Making any sign or gesture that conveys a lewd, vulgar, obscene, or sexually suggestive message.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	<p>032: Inappropriate Language/ Disrespect</p> <p>114: Inappropriate Behavior</p>
	<p>Derogatory Written Materials Having any written material or pictures that convey a lewd, vulgar, obscene, or sexually suggestive message.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	<p>032: Inappropriate Language/ Disrespect</p> <p>114: Inappropriate Behavior</p>
	<p>Directed at Staff Member Writing, saying, or making gestures that convey a lewd, vulgar, obscene, or sexually suggestive message to or about a staff member.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	<p>032: Inappropriate Language/ Disrespect</p> <p>114: Inappropriate Behavior</p>
Rule 12	<p>Disruption Behavior No student may disrupt the class, school, or bus activity.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	<p>042: Disruptive Behavior</p>
	<p>Verbal Harassment Name-calling, teasing, or bullying.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	<p>025: Harassment Verbal</p>
	<p>Throwing Objects at Someone Willfully throwing anything that could serve to harass or harm another, including from school buses.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to</p>	<p>042: Disruptive Behavior</p>

		Consequence 4	
	Hitting, Biting, Spitting, Which Causes Harassment on Another Student or Adult Hitting, biting, spitting at a student or adult for the purpose of harassment or which could cause harm.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4	027: Aggressive Behavior
	Horseplay/Hazing Excessive pushing, shoving, aggressive behavior, etc.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4	027: Aggressive Behavior
Rule 13	Blatant Disregard for School Rules Continuous violation of the ECPPS Code of Student Conduct.	PreK-5: Consequence 1 to Consequence 6 6-12: Consequence 1 to Consequence 6	058: Other School Defined Offense

School Initiated Consequences

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Law Violations

Rule Number	Rule Description	Levels of Consequence	Discipline Code
Rule 14	<p>Communicating Threats/ Self and Others A student will not threaten another student or staff member or the school community. Any threatening statement or conduct that leads a member of the school community to reasonably have concern that the threat might be carried out is prohibited, regardless of the intent of the person communicating the threat. Students who threaten another student or adult, whether orally, in writing, or by any other means, may be charged with a criminal violation. In a case where charges are not filed with the police for communicating threats and the threat of violence is minimal, the appropriate Code of Student Conduct violation would be Rule 12. A student will not communicate harm to themselves, nor will they communicate harm to others.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 6</p>	<p>019: Communicating Threats</p> <p>128: Threat of harm to self</p> <p>129: Threat of harm to self and others.</p>
Rule 15	<p>Fighting The exchange of mutual physical contact between students by pushing, shoving, or hitting with or without injury is prohibited.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 6</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 6</p>	<p>024: Fighting</p>
Rule 16	<p>Trespassing or Being in an Unauthorized area A student will not enter any school property or school facility without proper authority (includes entering any school campus during a period of suspension or exclusion).</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	<p>059: Being in an Unauthorized Area</p>
Rule 17	<p>Reckless Vehicle Use A student will not operate any motorized or self-propelled vehicle on school grounds in a manner that is a threat to health, safety, or a disruption to the educational process. The use of a motor vehicle in driving to school is considered a privilege that may be limited or revoked at any time by the principal of the school.</p>	<p>PreK-5: N/A</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p>	<p>058: Other School Defined Offense</p>

Rule 18	<p>Property Damage or Vandalism A student will not willfully or maliciously damage or destroy property belonging to another, or participate in a plan with others to damage or destroy property, i.e. school property, at a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property, or property belonging to a school employee. A student or parent/guardian will be held financially responsible, as allowed by North Carolina Law, for willful or malicious destruction of property.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	039: Property Damage
Rule 19	<p>Gambling A student will not play games of skill or chance for money or property.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 2</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 3</p>	034: Gambling
Rule 20	<p>Theft A student will not steal or possess stolen property, or participate in a plan with others to do so.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	036: Theft
Rule 21	<p>Sexual Behaviors and/or Assault (not involving rape or sexual offense)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A student will not engage in sexual misconduct or sexual harassment including but not limited to: ● Deliberate, unwelcome touching ● Suggestions or demands for sexual involvement accompanied by implied or overt promises or preferential treatment or threats. ● Pressure for sexual activity ● Continued or repeated offensive sexual flirtations, advances or propositions. ● Sexually degrading words used toward an individual or to describe an individual. ● The display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures. <p>Sexual harassment does not include personal compliments welcomed by the recipient, or social</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 6</p>	<p>014: Sexual Assault not Involving Rape or Sexual Offense</p> <p>015: Taking Indecent Liberties With a Minor</p> <p>038: Harassment – Sexual</p> <p>122: Sexual Activity/Pretext Medical Treatment</p>

	<p>interactions or relations freely entered into. Students engaging in this type of behavior are subject to disciplinary procedures that will be determined by the nature and severity of the offense.</p> <p>Any student who feels he or she has been sexually harassed by a fellow student or adult school personnel is encouraged to report the act in confidence to a school counselor or administrator.</p>		
Rule 22	<p>Rape or Attempted Rape Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or unlawful sexual intercourse.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 5 to Consequence 8</p>	012: Rape
Rule 23	<p>Property Damage and/or Breaking and Entering A student will not break into school board property or damage any property of ECPPS.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 5 to Consequence 6</p>	039: Property Damage
Rule 24	<p>Robbery A student will not take another person's property by force or violence.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1- Consequence 4</p>	<p>010: Robbery With a Dangerous Weapon</p> <p>093: Robbery Without a Weapon</p> <p>103: Robbery With a Firearm or Explosive Device</p>
Rule 25	<p>Extortion A student will not take or threaten to take the property of others through intimidation.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	023: Extortion
Rule 26	<p>False Fire Alarm Calling 911, signaling or setting off an automatic signal falsely indicating the presence of a fire or an emergency is prohibited. This includes making statements/phone calls that such an emergency exists</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	029: False Fire Alarm

	in the school.	<u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 6	
Rule 27	Arson A student will neither set fire nor attempt to set fire to anything on school property, or participate in a plan with others to damage or destroy school property through the use of fire.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 4 to Consequence 8	053: Burning of a School Building 018: Unlawfully Setting a Fire
Rule 28	Possession of Tobacco A student may not have or use tobacco products, to include e-cigarettes or e-cigarette products, on school premises, on school bus, at any school function or event.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5	041: Possession of Tobacco 070: Use of Tobacco
Rule 29	Substance Abuse Policy and Procedures Students are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting, selling or being under the influence of any of the following substances: narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana or any other controlled substance, any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine or intoxicating liquor, or any chemicals or products with the intention of bringing about a state of exhilaration or euphoria or of otherwise altering the student's mood or behavior. Students are also prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting, or selling drug paraphernalia or counterfeit (fake) drugs. In all circumstances in which students must comply with board policies, students may not in any way participate in the selling or transmitting of prohibited substances, regardless of whether the sale or transmission ultimately occurs on school property. For offenses related to a student's personal and proper use of prescription or over the counter drugs, see Rule 3A.	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4 <u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 8	116: Possession of Vaping (Non-Tobacco) Device 117: Use of Vaping (Non Tobacco) Device <u>Infractions include, but are not limited to:</u> 005: Possession of Controlled Substance in Violation of Law-Cocaine 006: Possession of Controlled Substance in Violation of Law-Marijuana 007: Possession of Controlled Substance in Violation of

			<p>Law-Ritalin 017: Possession Controlled Substance in Violation of Law-Other</p> <p>020: Alcohol Possession</p> <p>048: Use of Alcohol</p> <p>049: Use of Controlled Substance</p> <p>050: Use of Narcotics</p> <p>051: Possession of Chemical or Drug Paraphernalia</p> <p>095: Under the Influence of Alcohol</p> <p>096: Under the Influence of Controlled Substances</p> <p>118: Possession of Controlled Substance Violation of Law-Opioid</p>
	<p>Possession or Attempt to Possess Possessing or attempting to possess any alcoholic beverage or any illegal or controlled substance, or any action that contributes to the possession of any alcoholic beverage or any illegal or controlled substance. Under N.C.G.S. §20-11 (n1) this violation can result in the loss of a driver’s license. Possession of quantities large enough to indicate use by more than one individual may be considered a violation of “Sale/Distribution” listed below.</p>		

<p>Possession in Vehicle Students who drive a vehicle onto Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public Schools property shall be responsible for the contents of the vehicle. The presence of a prohibited substance or drug paraphernalia in a vehicle owned or operated by a student shall be considered possession by the student, unless the student establishes that he or she was not aware of the presence of the prohibited substance or paraphernalia and had taken reasonable steps to ensure that the vehicle contains no prohibited substances or drug paraphernalia.</p>		
<p>Paraphernalia Possessing, distributing or using any drug related paraphernalia.</p>		
<p>Inhalants Possessing, distributing or inhaling any substance/product (off-the-shelf, controlled, or illegal) that is intended to bring about a temporary change in the student's mind, mood or behavior.</p>		
<p>Sale/Distribution (Attempt or Actual) Distributing or selling any illegal or controlled substance attempting to sell or distribute any illegal or controlled substance or any action that contributes to the sale or distribution of any illegal or controlled substance or the giving or offering to give any illegal or controlled substance to another individual. This prohibition will include sale/distribution of tobacco products to underage student(s). Under N.C.G.S. 20-11 (n1) this violation can result in the loss of a driver's license.</p>		<p>054: Sale of Controlled Substance in Violation of Law-Cocaine</p> <p>055: Sale of Controlled Substance in Violation of Law-Marijuana</p> <p>056: Sale of Controlled Substance in Violation of Law-Ritalin</p> <p>057: Sale of Controlled Substance in Violation of Law-Other</p> <p>119: Sale of</p>

			Controlled Substance in Violation of Law-Opioid
	<p>Use and/or Under the Influence Using any alcoholic beverage, narcotic, illegal or controlled drug, anabolic steroid or any illegal substance, on school grounds, to and from school, on school bus, field trips, or at any school function, or coming to school or school activities after consumption.</p>		
Rule 30	<p>Disorderly Conduct A student will not disrupt, disturb or interfere with any school activity or engage in conduct which disturbs the peace, order, or discipline at any school or grounds adjacent thereto.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	022: Disorderly Conduct
Rule 31	<p>Serious Threat, Assault and/or Intimidation A student will not assault, seriously threaten or intimidate another individual. Including but not limited to:</p> <p><u>Against Student:</u> Unlawful threatening or any physical force or violence, to include tearing clothes, striking, or threatening to seize or strike another student, either alone or in combination with another student(s), or making one fearful by intimidation.</p> <p><u>Against staff or other adult who is not a student:</u> Unlawful threatening or any physical force or violence, to include tearing clothes, striking, or threatening to seize or strike any adult, either alone or in combination with another student(s), or making one fearful by intimidation. Under N.C.G.S. § 20-11 (n1) this violation can result in the loss of a driver's license.</p> <p>Students should be cautioned that all verbal or written statements threatening racial violence, the health and/or safety of students, school personnel, and/or school facilities will be considered serious. Such statements will not be tolerated or dismissed as idle comments or jokes. Any threatening statement or conduct that leads a member of the school community</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 4 to Consequence 6</p>	<p>001: Assault Resulting in Serious Injury</p> <p>002 : Assault Involving the Use of a Weapon</p> <p>003: Assault on School Personnel Not Resulting in a Serious Injury</p> <p>044: Assault on Student</p> <p>045: Assault -Other</p> <p>071: Assault on Non-Student w/o Weapon & Not Resulting in Serious Injury</p> <p>072: Assault on Student w/o Weapon</p>

	to reasonably have concern that the threat might be carried out is prohibited, regardless of the intent of the person communicating the threat. This standard will be applied to all threats that are prohibited by the Code of Student Conduct.		<p>& Not Resulting in Serious Injury</p> <p>090: Violent Assault Not Resulting in Serious Injury</p> <p>104: Physical Attack With a Firearm or Explosive Device</p> <p>105: Threat of Physical Attack With a Firearm</p> <p>106: Threat of Physical Attack With a Weapon</p> <p>107: Threat of Physical Attack Without a Weapon</p>
Rule 32	<p>Weapons and Dangerous Instruments/Objects A student will not possess, handle, transport, or use any weapon, dangerous object, object that can be reasonably considered a weapon, or substance that could cause harm or irritation to another individual. Under N.C.G.S. § 20-11(n1) this violation can result in the loss of a driver's license.</p> <p>Including but not limited to:</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 4 to Consequence 8</p>	008: Possession of Weapon (Excluding Firearms and Powerful Explosives)
Rule 33	<p>Firearms and destructive devices, as described</p>	<p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 4 to Consequence 8</p>	008: Possession of Firearm or destructive devices
	<p><u>Knife*: Simple Possession - Blade 2 1/2 inches or smaller:</u> A knife brought accidentally, without intent, will result in the knife being confiscated and a suspension may be imposed. Any subsequent incident will result in confiscation and progressive suspension.</p>		
	<p><u>Knife*: Simple Possession - Blade greater than 2 1/2 inches:</u> Possession of any knife longer than 2 1/2 inches,</p>		

	regardless of intent.		
	<u>Camouflaged Weapon:</u> i.e., knife blades, or other sharp devices, camouflaged as tubes of lipstick, ink pens, hair combs, etc.		
	<u>Anti-personnel Spray:</u> Possession of chemicals such as Mace, or pepper sprays, tear gas, etc.		
	<u>Possession of an instrument or device that resembles or looks like a knife, pistol, revolver or any type of weapon or explosive not capable of propelling a missile:</u> May include, but not be limited to, a cap pistol, water pistol, inoperable antique firearm, or any look-alike gun.		
	<u>Other:</u> Possession of any object or substance that could cause injury including, but not limited to, slungshots, slingshots, ice picks, multi-fingered rings, metal knuckles, nunchucks, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, leaded cane, switchblade knife, razors and razor blades, any sharp-pointed or sharp-edged instrument, clubs, stun guns, and/or the use of any object or any substance that will potentially cause harm, irritation, or bodily injury to students or any other persons.		
	<u>Possession in Vehicle: Possession in Vehicle:</u> Students who drive a vehicle onto ECPPS property shall be responsible for the contents of the vehicle. The presence of a weapon or dangerous object in a vehicle owned or operated by a student shall be considered possession by the student, unless the student establishes that he or she was not aware of the presence of the prohibited weapon or dangerous object and had taken reasonable steps to ensure that the vehicle contains no weapon or dangerous object. 008-Possession of Weapon (Excluding Firearms and Powerful Explosives)		
Rule 33	<u>Firearms and Destructive Devices</u> A student will not possess, handle, or transport any firearm. A firearm includes any of the following:	<u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 8 <u>6-12:</u>	008: Possession of Weapon (Excluding Firearms and Powerful Explosives)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A weapon, including a starter gun, which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. 2. The frame or receiver of any such weapon. 3. Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer. 4. Any destructive device, meaning any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas. This includes any bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, similar device, or other device meeting the federal definition under 18 U.S.C. §921. <p>A firearm shall not include an inoperable antique firearm, a BB gun, stun gun, air rifle, or air pistol. Under N.C.G.S. § 20-11(n1) this violation can result in the loss of a driver's license.</p> <p>Including but not limited to:</p>	<p>Consequence 1 to Consequence 8</p>	
	<p><u>Possession of a Firearm</u> NOTE: N.C.G.S. 115C-390.10 requires a principal to recommend to the superintendent the 365-day suspension of any student believed to have possessed, handled, or transmitted a firearm or destructive device on educational property or at a school-sponsored event off educational property.</p> <p>The superintendent may impose the suspension or make modifications. However, the superintendent shall not impose a 365 day suspension if the superintendent determines that the student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. took or received the destructive device from another person on educational property or at a school- sponsored event off educational property or found the destructive device on educational property or at a school-sponsored event off educational property; 2. delivered or reported the destructive device as soon as practicable to a law enforcement officer or a school employee; and 3. had no intent to use the destructive device in a harmful or threatening way. 		

	<p><u>Destructive devices, including an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas: bomb, grenade, rocket</u> This includes having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or similar device. N.C.G.S. 115C-390.10 requires a principal to recommend to the superintendent the 365-day suspension of any student believed to have possessed, handled, or transmitted a firearm or destructive device on educational property or at a school-sponsored event off educational property. The superintendent may impose the suspension or make modifications. However, the superintendent shall not impose a 365 day suspension if the superintendent determines that the student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. took or received the destructive device from another person on educational property or at a school- sponsored event off educational property or found the destructive device on educational property or at a school-sponsored event off educational property; 2. delivered or reported the destructive device as soon as practicable to a law enforcement officer or a school employee; and 3. had no intent to use the destructive device in a harmful or threatening way. 		
	<p><u>Possession of any other weapon or device other than a firearm</u> Examples may include but are not limited to BB gun, air rifle, air pistol or stun gun.</p>		009: Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive
Rule 34	<p><u>Gang Activity or Participation in any Gang Related Activity</u> A gang is any ongoing organization, association or group of three or more persons having as a primary activity the commission of criminal acts and having a common name or common identifying sign, color or symbol. Prohibited gang-related activity includes wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs or other items with the intent to convey membership or affiliation in a gang; communicating either verbally or non-verbally (gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings, etc.) with the intent to convey membership or</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 5 to Consequence 6</p>	079: Gang Activity

	<p>affiliation in a gang; tagging, or otherwise defacing school or personal property with symbols or slogans intended to convey membership or affiliation in a gang; requiring payment of protection, insurance or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person related to gang activity; inciting others to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity; soliciting others for gang membership; and committing any other illegal act or other violation of school system policies in connection with gang-related activity.</p>		
Rule 35	<p>Refusal to Comply With A Reasonable Individual Search In an effort to address the Safe Schools Mandate, the school administration has the right to conduct a search reasonable in scope of a student or his/her possessions if the administration has a reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of a weapon, illegal substance, or other items prohibited by law or the Code of Student Conduct.</p> <p>Including but not limited to: <u>Search of an Individual or his/her Possessions:</u> A student must cooperate with and may not obstruct or interfere with a reasonable search of the student, his/her bookbag, purse or other possessions which are present on school property or at a school activity.</p> <p><u>Search of a Vehicle:</u> A student must cooperate with and may not obstruct or interfere with a reasonable search of the student's vehicle and its contents when it is present on school property or at a school activity. Violation of this rule may result in the student losing his/her parking privilege in addition to other applicable disciplinary action.</p> <p><u>Metal Detector Scans:</u> With prior approval of the superintendent, a metal detector can be used to search a student's person and/or personal effects whenever a school official has reasonable suspicion to believe that a student is in possession of a weapon.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p>	058: Other School Defined Offense
Rule 36	<p>Refusal To Comply With Other Reasonable Searches Including but not limited to: <u>Student Lockers and Desks:</u> Student lockers and desks are the property of the school and are assigned to the student with the understanding that he/she is</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 4</p> <p><u>6-12:</u></p>	058: Other School Defined Offense

	<p>responsible for all property placed in the locker or desk. Lockers and desks shall be used only for storage of those items which are reasonably necessary for the student's school activities such as books, gym clothes, coats, school assignments, etc. A student must cooperate with and may not obstruct or interfere with any inspection or search of his/her desk or locker and the items therein.</p> <p><u>Canine Searches:</u> With prior approval of the superintendent, school officials may use trained dogs in inspections for illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials in school facilities, grounds, and school parking lots.</p>	<p>Consequence 5 to Consequence 6</p>	
Rule 37	<p>Misuse of School Technology Students must refrain from accessing the Internet without proper authority. This would include unauthorized use of logins, communication of threats or implied threats and/or unauthorized communication to or from any computer station, including, but not limited to, hacking or intentional creation or transmission of viruses. This encompasses any inappropriate behavior, regarding use of Internet as set forth in Board Policy #3225/7320 and their accompanying regulations.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5</p>	091: Misuse of School Technology
Rule 38	<p>Bomb Threat Any false notification (verbal or written), indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive on school grounds, school bus or at any school activity.</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 8</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 8</p>	043: Bomb Threat
Rule 39	<p>Terrorist Acts and Threats Includes (1) making a false report that there is any device, substance or material on school property or at a school-sponsored activity that is designed to cause harmful or life-threatening illness or injury to another person; (2) placing or displaying such a device, substance or material on school property or at a school-sponsored activity, with intent to perpetrate a hoax; (3) threatening to commit on school property or at a school-sponsored activity an act of terror that is likely to cause serious injury or death, when that threat is intended to cause or does cause significant disruption to the instructional day or</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 8</p>	<p>105: Threat of Physical Attack With a Firearm</p> <p>106: Threat of Physical Attack With a Weapon</p> <p>107: Threat of Physical Attack Without a Weapon</p>

	<p>school-sponsored activity; (4) making a false report that such an act of terror is occurring or about to occur on school property or at a school-sponsored activity; (5) or conspiring to commit any of these acts.</p>		
Rule 40	<p>Harassment and Bullying Definition of Harassment and Bullying: As used in this policy, harassing or bullying behavior refers to any pattern of gestures or written, electronic or verbal communications, or any physical act or threatening communications, that:</p> <p>Places a student or school employee in actual and reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his/her property; or</p> <p>Creates or is certain to create a hostile learning environment. A “hostile environment” means that the victim subjectively views the conduct as bullying or harassing behavior and the conduct is objectively severe or pervasive enough that a reasonable person would agree that is bullying or harassing behavior. Harassing or bullying behavior includes verbal or physical conduct that is intended to intimidate, injure, degrade, or disgrace another student or person, or that has such an effect. It may include a pattern of abuse over time and may involve a student’s being “picked on.” It can include a variety of behaviors, such as but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physical intimidation or assault ● Derogatory verbal comments (e.g., name-calling, hostile teasing, cruel rumors, taunts, put-downs, epithets, false accusations, harassment or discriminatory acts, slurs and mean-spirited jokes) ● Threatening gestures or actions; oral, cyber, or written threats ● Extortion or stealing money and possessions ● Shunning and exclusion from peer group ● Hazing <p>Harassing or bullying behavior includes, but is not limited to, behavior described above that is reasonably perceived as being motivated by an actual or perceived differentiating characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, socioeconomic status, academic status, gender identity, physical appearance, sexual orientation, or</p>	<p><u>PreK-5:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 5</p> <p><u>6-12:</u> Consequence 1 to Consequence 6</p>	<p>026: Hazing</p> <p>080: Discrimination</p> <p>101: Harassment – Racial</p> <p>102: Harassment – Disability</p> <p>109: Harassment – Sexual Orientation</p> <p>110: Harassment – Religious Affiliation</p>

	mental, physical, development, or sensory disability, or by association with a person who has or is perceived to have one or more of these characteristics.		
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School Initiated Consequences

Consequence 1: Conference

Consequence 2: Intervention

Consequence 3: Suspension (1-5 days)

Consequence 4: Suspension (6-10 days)

Consequence 5: Suspension (10 days)

Superintendent Initiated Consequences

Consequence 6: Long-term Suspension, assigned community service, or assignment to an Alternative School

Consequence 7: 365 day suspension

Consequence 8: Exclusion/Expulsion