

For students to succeed, all school employees must approach their responsibilities conscientiously, always remembering that the ultimate responsibility of the school system is to provide students with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education.

All school employees shall:

1. be familiar with, support, comply with and, when appropriate, enforce board policies, administrative procedures, school rules, and applicable laws;
2. attend to the safety and welfare of students, including the need to provide appropriate supervision of students;
3. demonstrate integrity, respect, and commitment to the truth through attitudes, behavior, and communications with others;
4. address or appropriately direct any complaints concerning school employees, the school program, or school operations;
5. support and encourage good school-community relations in all interactions with students, parents, and members of the community; and
6. support parents in effectively participating in their child's education and never encourage or coerce a child to withhold information from a parent.

Employees shall notify the assistant superintendent for human resources if they are arrested for, charged with or convicted of a criminal offense (including entering a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*) other than a minor traffic violation (i.e., speeding, parking, or a lesser violation). Notice must be in writing, must include all pertinent facts, and must be delivered to the assistant superintendent for human resources no later than the next scheduled business day following the arrest, charge, or conviction, unless the employee is hospitalized or incarcerated, in which case the employee must report the alleged violation within 24 hours after his or her release. Upon judicial action in the matter, the employee must report the disposition and pertinent facts in writing to the assistant superintendent for human resources no later than the next business day following adjudication.

In addition, all driver education instructors must immediately report to the board any conviction that results in three or more points, and any conviction that could cause suspension or revocation of the driver license in any state. The board will notify the Department of Public Instruction when an instructor loses his or her privilege to drive in North Carolina or any other state. The superintendent or designee shall conduct annual checks of the driving records of all driver education instructors.

Failure by an employee to provide timely notice as described in this policy may lead to disciplinary action up to, and including, dismissal.

Legal References: G.S. 114A-20; 115C-47, -307, -308; State Board of Education Policies DRIV-003, DRIV-004

Cross References:

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