



Loris High School



Welcome

Welcome to the 25-26 school year at Loris High School! Whether you are just beginning your high school journey or returning for another exciting year, we are thrilled to have you as part of our school community. Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive, and engaging environment for every student.

This handbook is a guide to help you understand our expectations, resources, and opportunities. Please take the time to read through it and reach out if you have any questions. Together, let's make this a year of growth, discovery, and success.

Go Lions!

Jimmy McCullough
Principal, Loris High School

LHS Mission Statement

The mission of LHS is to prepare all students to achieve excellence by creating an environment conducive to learning where students and families' work together to promote the skills needed in a continuously changing world.

Academic Services

Credits Required for Graduation

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies	1
US History	1
Government/Economics	1
PE/NJROTC	1
Computer Technology	1
Foreign Language/CTE	1
Electives	6.5
Personal Finance	0.5
Total Credits	24

Grading Scale

A = 100-90
B = 89-80
C = 79-70
D = 69-60
F = 59 and below
***Every grade and course counts towards the calculation of the student's GPA.

Student Behavior

Student behavior should reflect respect towards faculty/staff, peers, and himself/herself at all times. Students are required to come to classes prepared. Students are required to do all assignments given to them by teachers and must not disrupt the classroom or disturb other students. The teacher will either discipline disruptive students, or, if the problem is serious, refer the student to an administrator. Sleeping in class is prohibited.

Nondiscrimination Policy Statement- English

Horry County Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, immigrant status, English-speaking status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal or S.C. law in its programs or activities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Title IX to Director of Career & Technical Education; for Section 504 or the Americans with Disabilities Act to Kristen Wilson, Director of Federal Programs. You may call 843-488-6700 or contact Horry County Schools at Four Mile Road, Conway, SC 29527.

Nondiscrimination Policy Statement- Spanish

Las escuelas del condadoHorry no discriminan por razones de raza, religión, color, nacionalidad, sexo, discapacidad, edad, estado migratorio, dominio del idioma inglés o ninguna otra característica protegida por la ley federal o la ley de Carolina del Sur aplicable en sus programas o actividades. Las siguientes personas han sido designadas para manejar las preguntas relacionadas con las políticas de no discriminación: En relación con el Título IX dirijase a para la Sección 504 o Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades contacte a TKristen Wilson, Directora de Programas Federales. Puede llamar al 843-488-6700 o comunicarse con las Escuelas del Condado de Horry en Four Mile Road, Conway, SC 29527.

Student Handbook 2025 - 2026

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Bullying of any type - racial, sexual, and toward students with disabilities will not be tolerated at any time at LHS. Incidents of bullying should be immediately reported to a teacher, guidance counselor, or administrator. Bullying Reporting Forms are available online. All reported incidences of bullying will be investigated. Students found guilty of bullying will be disciplined in accordance with HCSD.

[See Something Say Something Report Bullying Incident Report Form](#)

Security Measures

To create a safe environment for students and staff at Loris High, metal detectors will be used daily and at athletic events. All students and visitors entering Loris High will be searched before entering the school. Students who sign into school late will be searched prior to being allowed to proceed to class. Students who refuse to be searched will be escorted by administration to the front office and a parent will be called to pick the student up. Additional consequences may include but are not limited to ISS, OSS, or an evidentiary hearing. The following procedures will be used at all metal detector search lines:

- Students should remain in a single-file line.
- Students should keep their backpack on as they proceed through the Open Gate Weapons Detector.
- Students should remove their Dell Latitudes from their bag prior to walking through the Open Gate.
- Students should refrain from pushing and yelling while in the search line.
- All students must walk through the weapon detector. Students should not touch the sides of the machine as they walk through. Only one student may walk through at a time.
- Students in possession of contraband, illegal substances, etc. will be escorted to the front office. Disciplinary consequences will be assigned and the school's SRO will be contacted.
- Any student who smells of marijuana or who has a bookbag or other items that smell of marijuana will be immediately escorted to the front office. Disciplinary consequences may be assigned.
- Students are only permitted to bring in factory sealed drinks.

LHS SRO:

Derrick Grissett
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Visitors

All approved visitors must sign in and out at the main office. All visitors must enter through the front door and the Open Gate Weapons Detection System and follow all security protocols. All visitors are also subject to search.

All students that choose to carry a backpack must use a clear backpack. Bags that are not clear will be stored in a designated area during the school day and can be collected after the bell rings to release students.

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday Bell Schedule

7:45 - 8:10 Breakfast
8:15 - 9:45 1st Block
9:45 - 9:55 Break
10:00 - 11:30 2nd Block
11:35 - 1:40 3rd Block
1st Lunch 11:30 - 11:55
2nd Lunch 12:05 - 12:30
3rd Lunch 1:15 - 1:40
1:45 - 3:15 4th Block
(5 minute transitions between classes)

Tuesday & Friday Bell Schedule

7:45 - 8:10 Breakfast
8:15 - 9:45 1st Block
9:50 - 11:30 2nd Block & Rise w/ Reading
11:30 Release R.O.A.R. Students
11:40 -12:10 One Lunch
12:10 - 1:40 3rd Block
1:45 - 3:15 4th BLock
(5 minute transitions between classes)

R.O.A.R. Academy

Required Opportunities for Academic Recovery (R.O.A.R) is a recovery opportunity for students with missing assignments. Once a week, teachers will submit the names of students that are missing assignments in their class. Listed students will report to the auditorium on Fridays during one lunch to work on missed assignments. Students will have their lunch in the auditorium as well. Students will be required to stay for the entire lunch period.

Lunch Policy

Lunch will be free for all students for the 25-26 school year. This applies to students' first meal only. Any subsequent meals will be at a fee. No student is permitted to leave campus for lunch, and lunch deliveries are not permitted. Students are not to be in any part of the building except for the commons area (Mon.-Thurs.). The restrooms in the cafeteria are the only ones that may be used during lunch. Students are expected to maintain good behavior throughout the lunch period. Students should maintain a single file line and not attempt to cut the line and all students should clean up after themselves.

Books and Lockers

It is the responsibility of each student to keep up with and properly care for his/her books. If a book is lost or damaged, the student to whom the book was assigned must pay for the book before another will be issued. Lockers are provided upon request to assist students in keeping books and other necessary items. A student's locker combination should not be given to anyone else. Any damage to the locker will be the responsibility of the person to whom it is assigned. All lockers are school property and are subject to inspection without notice. Lockers should not be shared. All lockers must be emptied prior to students leaving for summer vacation.

Before and after School

Students arriving prior to 8:10am will report to the cafeteria. Breakfast will be available during this time. The bell will ring at 3:15pm to end the regular school day. At this time, students should proceed to the busses, to the student parking lot if he/she is a car driver, or to the parent pick-up location if he/she is a car rider. Students should leave campus by 3:30pm unless they are involved in faculty/staff activities. Students on campus after 3:30 must be supervised by a faculty and/or staff member.

Food and Drink

Students are not permitted to carry food and drinks into computer labs, the media center, the auditorium, science labs, or gym. Teachers may at their discretion permit food/drinks in their class; however, students assume responsibility for proper handling and disposal of snacks. Vending machines are off limits during class and all lunches.

Messages

Because we value instructional time the receptionist will not interrupt classes to deliver messages except in the event of an emergency. Please make all necessary arrangements with your child prior to the school day. Items dropped off in the front office will not be delivered to the classroom.

Telephone Usage

Classroom telephones are limited to professional staff use only. Students will only be able to use the phone in the event of an emergency and must see an administrator for permission to use a telephone. **Students are not to use classroom phones.** Students should not answer classroom phones.

Hall Passes

Passes are required for movement in the hallways during classes.Students are to travel the halls in an orderly fashion.Each class will have a specific restroom location for designated use.Loitering is not permitted.Students found loitering will be issued a consequence.Students in the hall/concourse during class must have a pass. Students without a pass, or in an area not designated on the pass, may be considered cutting class and will be subject to administrative discipline.

Make-up Work

Students are expected to be in school on a regular basis to achieve specific curriculum and develop concepts adopted by the district. Students are required to make up work missed during an absence. Instructional personnel will provide information on assignments, provide help, and permit the completion of work missed due to absences.

LHS Retest Policy

All LHS Students have the option to redo tests/projects that are graded as major assignments if they receive less than a 70 on the assignment. Prior to redoing the assignment, the student must attend tutoring. The two scores will be averaged together with the old score counting as ⅓ and the new counting as ⅔ .The highest grade tha can go into the gradebook is a 70.

Field Trips

Students are reminded that for them to take and approved field trip:

- They must have written permission from parent/guardian
- TThey must have permission from each teacher whose class they are to miss. Any one teacher may deny permission.
- They may not miss a class in which they have a failing grade.
- They may not attend a field trip if they are assigned ISS or OSS on the day of the trip

Media Center

- The media center is open from 7:45am-3:30pm. While visiting the media center:
- Students will abide by the HCS Acceptable USe Policy for use of computer and smart devices
 - Each student is responsible for materials checked out
 - The loan period for general materials is 15 school days. Materials may be renewed for an extra 15 days. The overdue fine is \$.10 per day. Fees are charged for lost or damaged items per HCS policy.
 - Students visiting the media center must have a teacher-issued pass(including lunch time). Students must sign in and sign out at the circulation desk.
 - Food and drink are not permitted beyond media center entrance.
 - Markers, colored pencils, staplers, scissors, tape, glue, and paper are available for students to use for school projects.

Personalized Digital Learning Device

Horry County Schools is continuing to provide Personal Digital Learning Devices (Latitudes) in high school grades 9-12 for the school year. The Technology Fee for the 2025-2026 school year is \$25. This can be paid at the time of registration. The fee may be paid online or in person at LHS. This fee covers a portion of damage that may occur to the device. Students/Parents may opt to not pay the fee but will take full responsibility for repairs and replacement of the device. **Note: Students that currently owe technology fines will not be issued a device until the fees are paid.**

Students Grades 9-12 who PAY the technology fee:

- Are allowed to take devices home
- Pay an additional \$25 for the first accidental damage repair
- Pay \$50 for the second accidental damage repair and full cost for all subsequent accidental repairs

Students Grades 9-12 who DO NOT PAY the technology fee:

- Are allowed to use the device only at school
- Pay full repair costs for all accidental damage
- Pay full replacement cost for loss due to theft
- Pay full repair for all damage caused by neglect or abuse
- Pay full replacement cost for loss due to neglect

Attendance

Attendance is the presence of a student in each assigned class on days when school is in session. Students may be counted present only when they are actually in their assigned class or present at an authorized school activity. The HCS District Attendance Policy is printed in its entirety in the District Student/Parent Handbook. The school year consists of 180 days. **High School students cannot be absent more than 5 unlawful days in a semester long class. If they do, they must make up the time or receive an FA for the final grade, thus not earning credit for the course.**

Unlawful Absences:

Students who are absent without acceptable cause, with or without the knowledge of their parents, are considered to be unlawfully absent.

Parent Notes

Parents may submit notes for up to 6 school days (3 per semester), and the days will count as parent excused. (Students taking dual enrollment courses must follow the attendance guidelines from the credit-granting institution. Parent notes cannot be used to excuse absences from HGTC or CCU classes.) **Parent notes will not be accepted during designated State testing dates.** Due to High School final exams, **parent notes will not be accepted the last 3 days of the school semester for students in grades 9-12.** Parents must submit a note within 3 days of the student’s return to school from an absence. Notes may be submitted prior to the student’s absence.

Medical Notes:

At the high school level, a parent may submit up to 8 medical notes per academic block for the school year. After 8 medical notes have been validated, students will have the opportunity to participate in attendance make-up time or may be asked to participate in summer learning opportunities.

Attendance Procedures

School officials are required to report a student to the attendance authorities in the Department of Education after three (3) consecutive unexcused absences. If the attendance office does not know why a student is not in school, the absence must be treated as unexcused. If there is prior knowledge that a student will be absent from school, the attendance clerk must be notified. ON the day of return, the student must present a note to the attendance clerk before 8:05am.

Signing in/out

Early Dismissal by Parent Request

Students requiring early dismissal should bring a note from their parents to the attendance office in order to obtain an early dismissal pass. All requests are to be in the attendance office prior to 8:05 a.m. so that they may be verified by phone. The note must have a phone number that matches the parents' number in PowerSchool. If the note cannot be verified by phone the student will not be allowed to leave. LHS will not call classrooms, unless it is an emergency; therefore, the student must have a pass to get out of class. When it is time for students to leave, they are to go by the attendance office to sign out. Failure to sign out at the attendance office in the front lobby will result in disciplinary action. Students will not be issued a tardy pass if they fail to bring their note to the attendance office before 8:05 a.m. **No early dismissals from 2:45 - 3:15 p.m.**

South Carolina Truancy Law

South Carolina state law requires a student under the age of seventeen (17) to attend school regularly. Upon three (3) consecutive or five (5) total unlawful and/or unverified absences, the Attendance Office personnel will attempt to establish contact with the parent to arrange a mandatory Attendance Intervention Plan conference. During the conference, the attendance clerk and assistant principal will develop a written plan to ensure that the parent, the student, and the school have an understanding regarding the future attendance of the student.

Promotion/Retention

State attendance laws require student attendance for course credit and grade level promotion. Students must attend semester long class a minimum of 85 days to receive credit for the class.

Make-up Attendance

Students are not allowed to miss more than 5 unlawful absences per class. If a student misses more than 5 unlawful days in a class, the student shall receive a final grade of “FA” (failure due to attendance) until the excessive absences are made up. Excessive absences can be made up via lunch, after or before, and/or Saturday School on specified dates.

Senior Early Release

Students must leave campus within 10 minutes of the conclusion of their final class. Students with after-school commitments must leave campus and return after school. Early release students may not remain on campus unless prior approval is obtained. Students are responsible for their own transportation and obtaining all information distributed in afternoon announcements.

Student Parking

School bus transportation is provided for Loris High School students by the Horry County School District. Loris High School students who are given the privilege of driving an automobile to/from school are required to adhere to all Loris High School, Horry County School District, and South Carolina driver regulations/laws. Since driving an automobile to school is a privilege, certain conditions are attached to that privilege. Students who fail to uphold these conditions will be subject to monetary fines and/or loss of parking privileges. Below are the 2025-2026 student parking rules and fines. Permits are to be displayed by hanging on the rearview mirror, with the information facing the windshield.

- All school rules shall apply in vehicles and parking lots. Failure to follow them will result in loss of driving privileges and disciplinary action.
- No parking permit will be issued until all outstanding debts are paid (including but not limited to: lost book fees, library fees, cafeteria fees, etc.).
- Students must register all vehicles that they intend to drive to school. **The parking permit fee is \$30.**
- Students will be assigned a parking permit and parking spot. Students may not trade/loan parking permits/spots. If a permit is lost, the student should see the office to purchase a new one.
- Students are to obey all traffic signals, signs, and markings on campus.
- Students who drive to school should lock and leave their cars promptly once they arrive on campus. No loitering is allowed in the parking areas. Students will not be allowed to return to their car without a pass from an administrator. Once a student arrives on campus, they are not allowed to leave without permission. Students who do so will face consequences. This includes but is not limited to students going across the street to the Loris Nature Park.
- The student agrees that he/she will not bring onto school grounds or keep in his/her vehicle while it is on the school grounds any gun, ammunition, explosive, knife, blackjack, or other weapon, etc.
- The student agrees that he/she will not bring onto school grounds any alcohol, illegal substances or paraphernalia, etc.
- All vehicles on campus are subject to search. The school fully cooperates with the local & state law enforcement officials in regard to vehicles on the Loris High campus.
- The school and the school district will not be liable for damages or theft to vehicles.
- No car is to be parked on any curb or in a yellow-lined area.
- No students are to park their car in the teacher/staff parking lots or spaces or bus parking lot.
- Speeding or reckless driving is prohibited.

Parking Fines

All parking fines are \$10. Fines are issued for parking on the line/curb; parking in restricted areas; parking in staff spaces; no permit or improperly displayed permit; using another’s pass; speeding on school property. Violation may also result in disciplinary consequences. Reckless driving will result in the suspension of a student’s permit. A student that drives on campus while their permit is suspended will be fined \$20 and could face their permit suspension being extended. All parking fines must be paid to the bookkeeper within 2 weeks of issuance. A replacement/lost permit is \$10.

Conduct on School Bus

It is important to remember that the bus drivers are in complete charge of the pupils on their buses, and their instructions must be followed at all times. Smoking, drinking, and eating are not allowed on the bus. Students waiting for his/her bus after school must stay in the designated area until the bus arrives. At no time should a parent or guardian attempt to board a school bus. Parents/guardians who violate this policy will be subject to charges per Loris Police Department. The rules of conduct for bus passengers are part of the Loris Code of Conduct.

1. All violations which occur on the buses will be dealt with by an administrator.
2. When an assistant principal deals with a bus referral, he/she may assign ISS, OSS, or recommend expulsion in in addition to, or instead of, suspension from the bus.
3. All fights on buses will be referred to an assistant principal.
4. Only students presently enrolled in Horry County Schools are allowed to ride the school bus. Loris High School student visitors are not permitted to ride the bus.
5. Tobacco products/drugs/alcohol are not allowed on buses or at bus stops.

The bus driver should be certain that his passengers understand and observe the following rules of safety.

Meeting the Bus

- Students must be on time.



- If a student has to walk along the highway when approaching the bus stop, he/she should always walk on the shoulder.
- Students should wait on their side of the roadway and await the signal to cross from the driver. When crossing the highway, he/she should walk, not run.
- Students should not run alongside the bus when the bus is moving but should wait until it stops and then walk to the door.

On the Bus

The school bus is for transportation to and from school. It is not to be used for transportation to and from work, athletic events, or just to get around. If a student must ride a different bus than the one to which she/he is assigned or get on or off the bus at a different stop. LHS Administration must have a legitimate note with a phone number from the student’s parent or guardian. This note must be presented to the LHS Front Office before 10:00am to ensure they have time to verify the note with parents. This signed and verified note must be presented to the bus driver when the student boards the bus to go home.

- Students should go to their seats, without crowding or pushing, and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Students must never extend arms, legs, or head out of the bus.
- Students should not talk to the driver while the bus is in motion except in an emergency.
- Students must never tamper with the emergency door or any other part of the bus equipment.
- Students must not mar or deface the bus; the seat coverings must not be damaged in any manner. Any damage to the bus or seats should be reported by the students to the driver as soon as possible.
- Only the driver or other authorized person should remove first aid equipment which is to be used only for emergency treatment.
- Students must not tamper with the fire extinguisher which is to be used only by the driver in an emergency.
- For a student to ride a different bus he/she must submit a parent note to the office by 10am requesting permission to change buses. Requests are approved only if the parent can be contacted by phone and the seat is available on the requested bus.
- Students should only open bus windows with the permission of the driver.
- Students must not fight or scuffle on the bus or create any disturbance. Classroom conduct should be maintained on the bus.
- Students must not wave or shout to pedestrians or occupants of other vehicles. Students must not throw objects from the bus windows.
- Books, lunch boxes, or other objects should not be placed in the aisle of the bus. The SC Commercial Driver’s License Manual states there should be nothing in the aisles that might trip riders. Aisles and stairwells must always be clear. Band instruments, science projects, coolers, etc. will not be allowed on any state or county-owned school bus unless they can be placed under the seat or held in the rider’s lap.

Exiting the Bus

- Students must remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop. They must never attempt to leave
- until the bus has come to a full stop and the door is opened to indicate that they may leave.
- Students should leave in an orderly manner. Pupils in the front seats leave first.
- Students must not loiter or play around the stopped or parked bus.
- Students should not enter a restricted area set aside for bus parking or loading unless the bus is at a complete stop.

Offenses will carry the same punishment as similar offenses at school and may result in loss of transportation privileges.

Rules for Drivers and Riders to AAST, ATA, and CCU

Morning students who drive are not to come to the LHS campus in the morning. They are to drive directly to AAST, ATA or CCU unless they have a legitimate activity on campus. They are to depart for home, jobs, etc., directly from their program location. The holder of a parking permit understands that priority will be given to buses in leaving LHS campus. If a student loses his/her privilege to drive to the Academy, his/her schedule will not be changed to allow him/her to stay at Loris High School all day. Revocation of a driver’s parking permit is at the discretion of the administration at Loris High School or the program school. The rules are subject to being amended during the year.

Tardy Policy

Tardy is defined as not being inside of the assigned classroom when the tardy bell rings. The consequences for being tardy are as follows:
1st Offense: Warning
2nd Offense: Parent Contact
3rd Offense: 1 Day ISS and Parent Contact
4th Offense: 1 Day ISS and Parent Contact
5th Offense: 2 Days ISS and Parent Contact
6th Offense: 1 Day OSS and Parent Contact
7th Offense: 2 Days of OSS and Parent Contact
8th Offense: 3 Days of OSS and Parent Contact
9th Offense: 5 Days of OSS and Parent Conference
10th Offense: Evidentiary Hearing

Dress Code

Student dress should be confined to clothes that are reasonable, practical, and in good taste for school. School attire should reflect cleanliness, and comfort. The school will make judgments and decisions as needed to preserve the health, safety, and decorum of students. Student cooperation is expected in the following areas:

1. Attire or personal belongings must comply with requirements for health and safety.
2. Hats/headwear, sunglasses, bandannas, headphones/earplugs, sweatbands, combs/picks, hoodies, etc. are not to be worn in school. Students who are caught wearing headgear will be automatically assigned to ISS for the day.
3. Chains, knives, steel knuckles, etc. should not be brought to or worn at school.
4. Attire or personal belongings must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent or offensive.

The following regulations apply to all students:

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be of adequate length to assure modesty when the student is seated or engaged in school activities. (An example of adequate length could be fingertip length or to be determined by administration.)
- Shirts/crop tops that expose the midriff are not to be worn.
- Holes in pants must be beneath fingertip length.
- No skateboards, skates, or shoes with skates are allowed at LHS.
- No bedroom shoes or pajama-type pants are allowed regardless of pockets.
- Fishnets must be worn with bottoms that are fingertip length. See-through clothing is prohibited.
- Tops with “spaghetti straps” are inappropriate, as are tops that reveal cleavage, shoulders, or back.
- Shoulder straps must be at least two (2”) inches wide, without undergarments exposed.
- Undergarments must be worn at all times and covered.
- Outer garments must conceal undergarments. Boxer/gym/spandex shorts worn under other clothing must be covered.
- Attire or personal belongings must not evidence membership or affiliation with a “gang” in any negative sense of the term.
- Attire or personal belongings must not display any information about, representations of, or advertisements for alcoholic beverage(s), tobacco, controlled drugs, or illegal drugs or paraphernalia associated with any of these. Clothing must not promote weapons, sexual behavior, or be ethnically derogatory.

Additional guidelines may be established by the administration.

Students who violate dress code will not be allowed to report to class until their attire is deemed appropriate.

- 1st Offense: Warning and Parent Contact
2nd Offense: Warning and Parent Contact
3rd Offense: 1 Day ISS and Parent Contact
4th Offense: 2 Days ISS and Parent Contact
5th Offense: 1 Day OSS and Parent Contact
6th Offense: 2 Days OSS and Parent Contact
7th Offense: Suspension Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Parent Contact

HCS Personal Electronic Device Policy

Students who attend an HCS High School and Program School (AAST and ATA) may not have personal electronic devices or accessories visible or powered on during the school day or while they are on the school campus. This school day is defined as when they enter the school building and ending when the dismissal bell sounds. These devices include cell phones and all other personal electronic devices and accessories including, but not limited to, air pods, smart watches, tablets, wireless earbuds, handheld gaming devices, etc.

These devices MUST be stored in the student’s clear

bookbag and must be powered off once students enter the building and remain off and out of sight until the end of the school day. **Schools are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.**

Limited exceptions may be applicable as specified by the high school’s administration for students needing to have a cellphone on their person. For every cell phone/electronic device violation, the following will apply:

- Parents/guardians will be contacted.
- When confiscated, cell phones/electronic devices will be stored in a secure location until the parent is able to retrieve it.
- A parent/guardian must pick up the cellphone/electronic device from the front office.

Disciplinary Consequences:

- 1st Offense: Warning
2nd Offense: 1 Day ISS
3rd Offense: 2 Days ISS
4th Offense: 1 Day OSS
5th Offense: 3 Days OSS
6th Offense: 5 Days OSS
7th Offense: Evidentiary Hearing

If a student refuses to give up their cell phone or electronic device, the student will receive a referral for (270) Refusal to Obey and the following consequences will apply:

- 1st Offense: 1 Day OSS
2nd Offense: 1-3 Days OSS
3rd Offense: 3-5 Days OSS
4th Offense: Evidentiary Hearing

S.C. Safe Schools Act

The South Carolina Safe Schools Act of 1990 makes it a criminal offense to distribute a controlled substance while in, on, or within a radius of one-half mile of the grounds of a public school. The penalty is a \$10,000 fine or 10 years imprisonment or both. Carrying a weapon on school property is a felony which carries up to a \$5,000 fine and a maximum prison term of five years.

The Act also states it is unlawful for anyone to knowingly and willfully deliver or convey to a public official, teacher, or principal any letter, document, etc., which contains a threat of death or bodily harm to the person or a member of the person’s immediate family.

EXPULSION: The student will be suspended immediately and recommended for expulsion.

ARREST AND PROSECUTION: The law enforcement authority having jurisdiction over the school will be contacted.

NOTIFICATION: The Superintendent and Director of Student Affairs will be notified immediately.

Pepper Spray

The possession and/or use of pepper spray is prohibited on the property of all schools in the Horry County School District. The following consequences will apply if discovered in a student’s possession:.

- 1st Offense: 3 Days OSS and Parent Contact
2nd Offense: 5 Days OSS and Parent Contact
3rd Offense: Evidentiary Hearing and Parent Contact

If a student discharges pepper spray/mace on campus, they will be referred directly to an evidentiary hearing.

Possession of Tobacco Products

The possession and/or use of tobacco products or electronic cigarettes is prohibited on the property of all schools in the Horry County School District. All students are prohibited from using tobacco products or electronic cigarettes while inside school facilities, riding school buses and activity vehicles, and during practice of or participation in extracurricular activities sanctioned by Horry County Schools. Students under the age of 18 will be referred to the Loris Police Department.

Consequences for tobacco violations will be:

- 1st Offense: 2-5 Days OSS and Parent Contact
2nd Offense: 3-5 Days OSS and Tobacco Prevention Program + Parent Contact
3rd Offense: Evidentiary Hearing and Parent Contact

Alcohol/Drug Policy

Sale, distribution, use, or possession of alcoholic beverages, inhalant controlled substances, illegal drugs, marijuana, or other dangerous substances are not permitted by students in school buildings, on school property, or at school functions. Also, the sale, distribution, or abusive use of prescription, patent, or imitation drugs is not permitted. The definitions of terms described below are to be used throughout the drug/substance use regulations:

Illegal or Dangerous Substances: Any substance that will, or is represented as one that will, alter a person’s ability to function normally on a mental or physical task. These substances include, but are not limited to, alcohol, look-a-like or imitation substances, marijuana, inhalants (glue, paint, white-out, Rush, etc.) or materials expressly prohibited by federal, state, or local laws.

Possession: Possession of an identifiable quantity of alcohol, narcotics, hallucinogenic drugs, look-alike drugs, or non-controlled drugs represented as controlled drugs, or any other illegal substance in school buildings,



on school campuses, in vehicles on school grounds, on school buses, or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus.

Use: Consumption in **ANY AMOUNT** of an illegal or dangerous substance or any prescription drug without appropriate authorization.

Look-A-Like or Imitation Substance: Physical appearance of the finished product is substantially similar to a specific controlled substance, or if in a tablet or capsule dosage form as a finished product is similar in color, shape, and size to any controlled substances dosage form.

Threats

Section 16-3-1040 of the Code of Laws of SC deals with threatening the life, person, or family of a public official. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly and will- fully deliver or convey to a public official or to a teacher or principal of an elementary or secondary school any letter or paper, writing, print, missive, document, or electronic communication or any verbal or electronic communication which contains any threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the public official, teacher, or principal, or members of their immediate families.

Sexual Harassment/Misconduct Policy and Procedures

Purpose: To establish policy for defining and reporting sexual harassment at LHS.

Background: Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and/or

verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Anyone who participates in deliberate or unsolicited verbal comments, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature which is unwelcome is also engaging in sexual harassment.

Policy: Sexual harassment is unacceptable conduct; therefore, all students will avoid any action or conduct which could be viewed as sexual harassment. This includes verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment in or out of class. This policy shall not be used to bring frivolous or malicious charges against students.

Procedures: Any student who feels he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment should immediately notify an assistant principal.

All allegations will be investigated promptly and confidentially. Any person found to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. This action may include but is not limited to out-of-school suspension, recommendation for expulsion, and the filing of criminal charges.

Off-Campus Crimes

Students that are arrested off campus may face consequences at LHS for their actions.

Student Relationships

Every effort will be made to keep all student relations on a wholesome and acceptable level. Parents will be called whenever efforts by the counselors and principals have failed to bring about desired results. No public display of affection is allowed.

Off-Limit Areas During School

All students are to remain on campus once they arrive. The following are off limits to students:

- Teachers’ workrooms
- Bus parking lot
- All wooded areas around the building
- The teacher/staff/visitor/student parking lot
- Extreme rear of the athletic fields and the ditches bordering the campus
- Buildings, hallways, and areas where the student does not have classes

Off-Limit Areas After School

Students are to report to the buses, student cars, or to the parent pick-up area immediately after school. The parent pick-up area is in front of Loris High School.

- Only students riding buses are allowed in the bus parking lot.

- Students are to be OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY by 3:30 PM, unless they are involved in a staff supervised activity. Students involved in supervised activities are to report directly to that activity.

Student Use of Computers

Computer equipment is available to Loris High School students to assist in furthering their education. Computer activities not directly related to educating our students within the approved guidelines are not allowed. Students should use computer equipment only under the supervision of teachers. When a student damages or changes a computer, whether intentionally or unintentionally, privileges to use the computer may be lost. Therefore, students should be aware of the

following guidelines concerning the use of computer equipment.

- All computer equipment is to be handled with care.
- Computer setups are not to be altered.
- Programs are not to be installed on a computer. Games should not be played from disk or the Internet.
- Offensive images or sounds are not to be installed.
- The use of a teacher or staff login and/or password without permission/supervision is not allowed. If a student inadvertently becomes aware of a teacher’s or staff member’s password, he/she should report it to the proper person.
- Use of the Internet without teacher supervision is not allowed.
- Entering Loris High School’s main database is prohibited and considered an extremely serious violation.
- Computer equipment is not to be moved from room to room without the permission of the teachers involved.
- The use of e-mail should be for academic purposes only.
- The intentional erasure of files or hard drives is prohibited and is a serious violation.
- The use of File Manager, DOS Shell, or other programs to try to alter systems and/or bypass a network menu is not allowed.
- Viewing, printing, sending, or receiving inappropriate materials is not allowed.
- Downloading files from the Internet is prohibited unless authorized by the teacher.

Any violation of the rules for use of computers will result in one of the following consequences, depending upon the severity and frequency of the offense: ISS, OSS, recommendation for expulsion, monetary restitution, and/or revocation of all access to school computers.

Fighting and Threats

GENERAL PENALTY FOR FIGHTING

The general penalty for being involved in a fight is a minimum of five days out-of-school suspension. In first-offense cases determined to be severe enough, the administration will make a recommendation for expulsion to the district hearing officer. Students who fight will be referred to the police.

PENALTY FOR SECOND OFFENSE FOR FIGHTING

The minimum penalty for a second offense is up to ten days out-of-school suspension. As a third offense, students will be recommended for expulsion from school. The student will be suspended from school until the hearing. Students who fight may be referred to the police.

THREATS, HARASSMENT, AND BULLYING OF STUDENTS

Students are advised that if they are threatened, harassed, or bullied by any other student or group of students, they should immediately report the matter to a teacher or administrator. Students should not respond to threats, comments, harassment, bullying, or criticism by hitting, pushing, shoving, or slapping the other student or by engaging in a verbal battle. Students who threaten the life of a student or staff member will be recommended for expulsion and will be referred to the police. LHS does not condone or support the practice of “hazing/initiation.” Any student involved in hazing/initiation activities, while on campus or attending school functions, may be recommended for expulsion.

Cheating/Plagiarism

A violation of the Honor Code involves one or more of the following actions:

- To use the work of another person as your own
- To copy information from another student’s test, examination, theme, book report, term paper, or notebook (unless allowed to do so by teacher)
- To plagiarize
 - Having in your possession a copy of a test to be given or having been given by a teacher; using the textbook or notes during a test or examination; talking while taking quizzes, tests, or examinations
- To furnish to another student information which can be used to cheat
 - To have in your possession the work of any other student or to give to another student or allow him to use your work
 - To look at another person’s paper or to pass notes, irrespective of the purpose of the look or the content of the note.
- A record of cheating will be kept in Power Schools.

Note: Documented incidences of cheating may limit students from participating in certain school activities and/ or organizations. Cheating will normally result in a

zero being given for the work, parents being notified and the student not being allowed to make up the work.

School rules apply at any school-sponsored event regardless of its time or location.

In-School Suspension

In-school suspension (ISS) is for students who would ordinarily be suspended from school or for those students who continually break the rules of the school. The number of days spent in this room will vary based on the seriousness of the misconduct of the student and the student’s overall discipline record. ISS will be held in 211. Students assigned to ISS are to immediately report to room 208 when the bell rings to go to first block. Students who arrive after 8:25 am will be considered tardy and may face additional consequences.

- Students will report to the ISS room with all their books, electronic device, paper, and pencil on the day of their ISS assignment.
- Students will be required to work in ISS. Students are not allowed to sleep or to use electronic devices for activities not related to their assignments.
- Students will be required to follow all ISS rules and procedures.
- Failure to follow steps 1, 2, or 3 will result in immediate parent notification and OSS.
- Students will be marked absent from the classes missed; however, the absence will not count toward one of the 5 allowed by law.
- Make-up work will be graded on the same basis as other students’ work in class.
- Scheduled tests may be taken in the ISS room at the teacher’s discretion.