Policy

CODE OF CONDUCT

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The procedures for student conduct and discipline are established by each school and published in the school handbook. The school handbook is not an exhaustive policy, and administration is empowered to use discretion when necessary.

Students against whom a disciplinary action is contemplated will be provided due process as required by law. The removal of a student from the learning environment will occur only for just cause and in accordance with due process of law. The board authorizes district administration to employ disciplinary measures including suspension and to recommend expulsion, if necessary, to enforce this policy. The administration will consider mitigating and aggravating factors when taking disciplinary action.

Whenever a student who is classified as disabled commits a suspendable offense, the principal or his/her designee will confer with the superintendent or his/her designee as appropriate before initiating suspension procedures.

The administrative rule is effective during the following time and in the following places.

- on the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours
- on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group
- off the school grounds at a school-sponsored or district-sponsored activity, function, or event
- when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or one of its schools, including a school bus or other school vehicle
- at any time or place (including off school grounds and during non-school hours) where conduct directly interferes with the operations, safety, or general welfare of the school, its students, or its staff

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 59-19-90(3) - Authority of board to regulate student conduct.
   2. Section 59-63-210, *et seq*. - Grounds for suspension, expulsion, or transfer.
   3. Section 59-63-370 - Administrator notification of a student's conviction or delinquency adjudication for certain offenses; placement of information in permanent school records.
   4. Section 59-67-240 - Bus driver discipline of students for misconduct.

B. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:
   1. R43-243 - Special education discipline guidelines.
   2. R43-279 - Minimum standards of student conduct and disciplinary enforcement procedures to be implemented by local school districts.