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There must exist a climate of discipline conducive to serious study and respect for oneself, other people, and property in order that a school can satisfactorily meet the needs of students. Each Principal shall have the authority and be charged with the responsibility to take whatever reasonable and legal action is necessary to establish and maintain appropriate student behavior in accordance with Board policy.

A Board approved student handbook is annually distributed to each student in grades Pre-K-12. This must be submitted by each school for Board approval before distribution and must be approved by the Caswell County Board of Education.

In order to implement these expectations, the school staff has the responsibility and duty to maintain order and discipline in the schools. The principal has the authority to remove temporarily from school attendance any student whose conduct is not in the best interest of the whole school community. The Superintendent has the authority to exclude from school attendance those students who are habitually and overly in defiance of reasonable rules and regulations.

The Board of Education has taken the position that the right to an education shall not be abrogated without cause. It has clearly been stated, however, that the enjoyment of this right is conditional upon each individual's willingness to obey reasonable rules and regulations. These rules and regulations are defensible only insofar as their application advances the cause of education and promotes the rights and the legitimate expectations of both the individual student and community.

Records of Disciplinary Actions

A log of students receiving disciplinary action, including in-school suspension and /or time-out, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and referral to juvenile authorities must be kept by the principal. This record must include the student's name, grade, sex, race, the date of the action, title of the person who reported the offense, title of the person who imposed disciplinary action, and a concise procedural history leading to the disciplinary action from the initial reporting of the offense through the final disposition of the case. This accounting should indicate which alternatives were considered prior to the imposition of the disciplinary action.

Such information shall not be maintained as part of the student's cumulative folder.

Notification of Law-Enforcement Agency

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The principal or his/**her** pre-determined designee must report to law enforcement agencies (sheriff or chief of police) the following acts that occur on school grounds that involve: assault resulting in serious personal injury, sexual assault, sexual offense, rape, kidnapping, indecent liberties with a minor, assault involving the use of a weapon, possession of a firearm in violation of the law, possession of a weapon in violation of the law, possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law, assault of a teacher or other school official (including volunteers and student teachers), murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon, theft from the person, theft of property valued over \$75, breaking or entering of school, theft from motor vehicles, theft of a motor vehicle, arson, possession of stolen property, vandalism over \$200. The above crimes should be reported in a time frame that is reasonable and prudent not to exceed 24 hours with reporting documentation on file in the school.

Listed below are examples of student violations. This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

1. Occupying any school building, school grounds, or part thereof with intent to deprive others of its use;
2. Blocking the entrance or exit of any school building or corridor or room therein with intent to deprive others of lawful access to or from, or use of, the building or corridor or room;
3. Setting fire to or substantially damaging any school building or property;
4. Possessing or carrying, whether openly or concealed, a weapon or dangerous instrument unless used for educational purposes authorized by school principal;
5. Prevention of or attempting to prevent by physical act the convening or continued functioning of any school, class, or activity or of any lawful meeting or assembly on the school campus;
6. Preventing students from attending a class or school activity;
7. Except under the direct instruction of the principal, blocking normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a school campus;
8. Continuously and intentionally making noise or acting in any manner so as to interfere seriously with the teacher's ability to conduct his class;
9. Encouraging others to disrupt school activities;

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10. Issuing a bomb threat, including false reports of a bomb;
11. Trespassing by unauthorized persons, disorderly conduct in public building, trespass upon or damage a public school bus, or disorderly conduct and allow injunctions to respond to emergencies caused by that conduct;
12. Damage or destruction of school property;
13. Damage or destruction of private property;
14. Physical or verbal assault or abuse of a school employee, or of other school officials (including volunteers, student teachers, sports officials, referees & coaches).
15. A student who intentionally fights with or physically abuses any person not employed by the school or encourages such;
16. A student who intentionally engages in a simple affray. A simple affray is defined: "A person engages in fighting in a public place to the terror of the citizens."

Note: A mere scuffle does not satisfy the elements of affray. A person who has agreed to fight but never lands a blow may be guilty of affray. The person who deliberately brings on a fight by words or action may be guilty of affray even though he never lands a blow. The person must have engaged in the fighting willingly and without a lawful excuse. "Public place" is interpreted to mean a place that is readily visible from a location that is generally open to the public, even though the site of the fight is not itself open to the public. "Terror of the citizens" is presumed from the fact that a fight is occurring in a public place; no proof is necessary that citizens were actually put in terror by the fight.

17. Weapons and dangerous instruments
18. Narcotics, Alcoholic beverages and stimulant drugs
19. Students who use profanity, vulgarity, indecent expression, indecently exposes oneself, possess or distribute pornographic materials.
20. Student whose dress is of such nature as to distract other students or create a disruption of the normal operation of the school, individual class or activity unless such dress is authorized by school administrators
21. Students who engage in overly affectionate acts such as hugging, kissing, embracing, fondling, etc.

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22. Harassment is unwanted, unwelcomed and uninvited behavior that demeans, threatens or offends the victim and results in a hostile environment for the victim. The hostile environment can be created through pervasive or persistent misbehavior or a single incident, if sufficiently severe. Harassing behavior may include but is not limited to epithets, derogatory comments or slurs and lewd propositions, assault, impeding or blocking movement, offensive touching or any physical interference with normal work or movement, and visual insults, such as derogatory posters or cartoons. Legitimate age-appropriate pedagogical techniques are not considered harassing behavior.

23. Bullying is a form of harassment. Bullying means the repeated intimidation of others by the real or threatened infliction of physical, verbal, written, electronically transmitted or emotional abuse or through attacks on the property of another. Bullying may include, but is not limited to, verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, extortion of money or possessions, implied or stated threats, and exclusion from peer groups.

24. Unsolicited Sexual Contact/Consensual Sexual Contact will result in the consequences as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct:

Note: All violations above apply:

1. In route to and from school
2. On school grounds
3. Off school grounds at a school sponsored activity

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5. On school grounds
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