Maury County Board of Education			
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- 1 Proper behavior from each student is necessary to maintain an atmosphere at school where orderly
- 2 learning is possible and encouraged. Proper behavior is expected from each student so that he/she may
- develop self-discipline, individual responsibility and respect for the rights of others. School staff,
- 4 students and parents must all assume responsibility for appropriate behavior in the school, at school-
- 5 sponsored activities and on county-provided transportation.
- 6 A copy of this code shall be posted at each school, and school counselors shall be supplied copies for
- 7 discussion with students. The code shall be referenced in all school handbooks. All teachers,
- 8 administrative staff, and parents/guardians shall be provided copies of the code. Parental signatures
- 9 certifying receipt of a code of conduct should be on file.

IN-SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE SETTING

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- 1. Any principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal may remove any student from attendance at a specific class, classes or school-sponsored activity without suspending such student from attendance at school. Good and sufficient reasons for such in-school alternative setting shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Behavior which adversely affects the safety and well-being of other students;
 - b. Behavior which disrupts a class or school sponsored activity; or
 - c. Behavior prejudicial to good order and discipline occurring in class, during school sponsored activities or on the school campus.
- 2. Students given an in-school alternative setting in excess of one (1) day from classes shall attend either special classes attended only by students guilty of misconduct or be placed in an isolated area appropriate for study.
- 3. Personnel responsible for in-school alternative setting will see that each student is supervised at all times and has textbooks and classwork assignments from his/her regular teachers. Students given in-school alternative setting shall be required to complete academic assignments and shall receive credit for work completed.
- 4. Students given in-school alternative setting shall be recorded as constituting a part of the public school attendance in the same manner as students who are in regular classes.

PROCEDURES FOR IN-SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE SETTING AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

1. Unless the student's continued presence in the school, class or school related activity presents an emergency to the students or other persons or property, no principal shall suspend any

student until that student has been advised of the nature of the student's misconduct, questioned about it, and allowed to give an explanation.

- 2. Upon suspension of any student the Principal/designee shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, notify the parent or guardian and the superintendent of schools/designee:
 - a. The suspension, which shall be for a period of no more than ten (10) days;
 - b. The cause for the suspension; and
 - c. The conditions for re-admission, which may include, at the request of either party, a meeting of the parent or guardian, student and principal. The students shall not be sent home before the end of the school day unless the parent or guardian has been contacted.
- 3. If the suspension is for more than five (5) school days, the principal shall develop and implement a plan for improving the behavior which shall be made available for review by the superintendent of schools upon request.
- 4. If, at the time of the suspension, the principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal determines that an offense has been committed which would justify a suspension for more than ten (10) days, such person may suspend a student unconditionally for a specified period of time or upon such terms and conditions as are deemed reasonable. All appeals must be filed, orally or in writing, within five (5) school days after receipt of the notice and may be filed by the parent or guardian, the student, or any person holding a teaching license who is employed by the school system if requested by the student.

The appeal from this decision shall be to the Disciplinary Hearing Authority appointed by the Board.

- 5. The hearing shall be held no later than ten (10) school days after the beginning of the suspension. The Disciplinary Hearing Authority shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing to the parent or guardian, the student and the school official designated above who ordered the suspension. Notice shall also be given to the local education agency employee referenced above who requests a hearing on behalf of a suspended student.
- 6. During the hearing, the Disciplinary Hearing Authority may affirm the decision of the principal, order removal of the suspension unconditionally or upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable, assign the student to an alternative program, or suspend the student for a specified period of time.
- 7. When the decision is determined by the Disciplinary Hearing Authority, a written record of the proceedings, including a summary of the facts and the reasons supporting the decision, shall be made by the Disciplinary Hearing Authority. The student, parent/guardian, principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal may within five (5) school days of the decision request review by the superintendent of schools prior to a request for review to the Board of Education. Exception: Zero tolerance offenses will be appealed only to the superintendent of schools. Absent a timely appeal, the decision shall be final. The Board of Education, based upon a review of the record, may grant or deny a request for a Board hearing and may affirm or

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overturn the decision of the Hearing Authority with or without a hearing before the Board; provided, that the Board may not impose a more severe penalty than that imposed by the Hearing Authority without first providing an opportunity for a hearing before the Board. The action of the Board of Education shall be final.

- 8. In the event the suspension occurs during the last ten (10) school days of any term or semester, the student may be permitted to take such final examinations or submit such required work as is necessary to complete the course of instruction for that semester, subject to the action of the principal, or the final action of the Board of Education upon any appeal from an order of a principal continuing a suspension.
- 9. Students while under suspension from one school in the local school system cannot enter another school in the local school system.
- 10. Maury County Public Schools is not required to enroll a student who is under suspension for the remainder of the year and/or expelled in another local education agency. The superintendent of schools for the school system in which the suspended student requests enrollment shall make a recommendation to the local Board of Education to approve or deny the request. Such recommendation shall occur only after investigation of the facts surrounding the suspension from the former school system. If the recommendation is to deny admission, and if the local board approves the superintendent of schools' recommendation, the superintendent of schools shall on behalf of the Board of Education, notify the Commissioner of the decision. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the children in state custody or their enrollment in Maury County Public Schools (exception: Student who commits a Zero Tolerance offense). Upon accepting enrollment of a student from another local education agency, Maury County Public Schools may dismiss such student if it is determined subsequent to enrollment that the student had been suspended or expelled by the other education agency.
- 11. The principal of the school shall give written notice to the faculty whenever a student is placed on out-of-school suspension. The notice shall be given no later than the next day after the suspension has occurred.
- 12. The principal shall have full authority of enforcing an out-of-school suspension including the removal of a suspended student from campus, if necessary.
- 13. Suspended students are not allowed to attend school-related functions unless they have written permission from site administrator.
- 14. All policies will be adhered to concerning the discipline of special education students. This policy will not conflict with laws governing special education students.
- 15. All policies will be adhered to unless exceptions are mandated by the court.

PROCEDURES FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAM 1

1. It is the objective of the alternative school program to provide students an opportunity to learn, in a structured environment, while addressing their behavior.

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2. Students are remanded to an alternative school program by:

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a. Principal, principal-teacher, assistant principal, or

7 8 b. Disciplinary Hearing Authority (DHA).

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4. All course work completed and credits earned in the alternative school program shall be

3. Appeals may be made in writing within five (5) school days to the Attendance Supervisor.

transferred to and recorded in the student's home school which shall grant credit earned and

progress thereon as if earned in the home school.

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5. A student who has been certified for special education and related services shall be placed and served in accordance with the laws and rules relating to special education.

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6. Students remanded to an alternative school program are not allowed to attend school-related functions unless they have written permission from the site administrator.

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7. A violation of alternative school program rules by a student may result in the student's removal from this program for the duration of the original suspension or expulsion. When appropriate a court petition may be filed on a student in violation of the rules.

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8. An onsite principal/coordinator may, in consultation with the alternative school teacher and the home school principal, appeal the length of the assignment to the superintendent of schools.

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9. All students assigned to the alternative program must be inside the building no later than 7:45 a.m. Any student arriving after the assigned time will not be admitted unless they have a doctor or court excuse.

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ZERO TOLERANCE VIOLATIONS (Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-3401)

- 1. Possession of firearm 32
 - 2. Possession, use, transmittal, handling, or attempt to use any dangerous weapon
 - 3. Assault on school employee/School Resource Officer
 - 4. Possession of drugs/drug paraphernalia, and or use
 - 5. Bomb Threat/Bomb
- 6. Transmittal of a threat by electronic device or other means, or any communication containing a 37 38 credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student, school employee, or school resource officer 39

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1 DEFINITIONS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- 2 All zero tolerance offenses will be promptly reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities
- 3 (TCA-49-6-3401).
- 4 The superintendent of schools may modify suspensions and expulsions of zero tolerance offenses on a
- 5 case by case basis (TCA 49-6-3401).
- 6 Administrative Conference
- 7 The person dealing with the student who commits a behavioral infraction talks to the offending student
- 8 and tries to reach an understanding regarding how the student should behave.
- 9 Alternative Program
- An alternative program is a structured learning environment where students are remanded for behavior
- infractions. Instruction shall proceed as nearly as practicable in accordance with the instructional
- program at the students' home school. When a student is remanded to the alternative program,
- 13 attendance is mandatory.
- 14 Assault
- Any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury upon the person of another, when coupled with an
- apparent ability to do so; any intent using display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear
- or expect immediate bodily harm. An assault may be physical, verbal, or both.
- 18 Bullying
- 19 Bullying involves unwanted, deliberate aggressive behavior which results in a real or perceive
- 20 imbalance of power. Such actions substantially interfere with educational opportunities, performance,
- or abilities to participate in school activities and programs. Although many times bullying is repeated,
- or has the potential to be repeated over time, it does not need to involve repetition to be defined as
- bullying. A one-time act could be enough to constitute bullying.
- 24 Expulsion
- 25 The student is removed from school attendance immediately. The student and parent/guardian are
- 26 notified of the expulsion and his/her right under due process. The expulsion includes barring the
- 27 student from all Maury County Public Schools, Maury County Public school activities and all Maury
- 28 County Public School functions. The expulsion period is up to one (1) calendar year.
- 29 Extended Learning
- 30 The school administrator or designee assigns the student who misbehaves to an assigned room for a
- 31 study time before, during, or after school, or on Saturday.

- 1 In-School Alternative Setting
- 2 The principal reassigns the student to a separate, supervised area, isolated from usual activities in the
- 3 school. The reassigned time varies from one (1) to three (3) days, depending on the nature of the
- 4 student's behavior.
- 5 Legal Action
- 6 Legal action is the referral to appropriate authorities including, but not limited to, the filing of warrants
- 7 or petitions.
- 8 Out-of School Suspension
- 9 The student is excluded from school and all curricular and extra-curricular activities unless they have
- written permission from the site administrator.
- 11 Parent Conference
- 12 The school official requests that the parent or legal guardian attend a conference.
- 13 Parent Contact
- 14 A school official reports to the parent or legal guardian that problems have been encountered with
- 15 his/her child and support from home is needed to bring about a change. This contact may be by
- telephone or written correspondence.
- 17 Zero Tolerance
- 18 Specific student discipline infractions are considered serious offenses and shall result in substantial
- 19 mandatory punishment.

DEFINITIONS BY CATEGORY

1. All attendance-related absenteeism, tardiness and truancy

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a. Tardiness

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i. A student is expected to be on time to school and to class, and be seated in his/her desk in the classroom when the tardy bell rings.

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b. Absent from school without permission or cutting class

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prevented from attending school due to one of the following: (1) personal illness (2) illness of immediate family member; (3) death in the family; (4) extreme weather conditions; (5) religious observances; or (6) circumstances which in the judgment of the principal create emergencies over which the student has no control. A student shall not be absent from school or class without authorization

i. Students are expected to be present each day school is in session unless they are

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by an official of the school or guardian. When a student arrives on campus,

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he/she becomes the responsibility of the school and under no circumstances may the student leave the campus without an authorized dismissal through the office.

2. Immoral, disreputable conduct: vulgar, profane language

a. Rude and disrespectful behavior

i. No student will curse, talk back, harass, "sass" or intentionally argue in a demanding or disruptive manner with any teacher or administrator or otherwise show disrespect for school personnel.

b. Using profane, vulgar or obscene words, gestures or other actions that disrupt school operations

i. A student shall not use profane, vulgar or obscene words, gestures or other actions which disrupt school system operations.

c. Sexual misconduct or offense

i. Molestation, indecent exposure, sexual harassment, rape or any other heterosexual or homosexual act on school property, during school functions or while under school supervision is prohibited.

d. Sexting

- i. Possession of any sexually explicit digital pictures on any electronic device is prohibited. Sending sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form on a computer, cell phone or other electronic device is prohibited. Appropriate law enforcement authorities may be contacted as required by law. NOTE: School administration may search and review any and all electronic devices, including cell phones, calls, contacts, texts, internet access, etc., if there is a reasonable suspicion that a search will reveal a violation of school rules. Students have no expectation of privacy for cell phone use or use of any other electronic devices.
- 3. Violence or threatened violence or otherwise bullying against the person or any person attending or assigned to any public school.

a. Bomb threat/Bomb

i. Threat of manufacturing or placement of any explosive device.

b. Threats or harassment of school employees (assault)

i. A student shall not cause or threaten bodily harm to any employee of the Maury County Public School System.

c. Assault on employee/school resource officer/student

i. A student shall not assault or cause bodily harm to another employee, school resource officer, or student on or off school property.

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4. Fighting among students

a. Fighting on school campuses, buses or at a school activity

- i. A student shall not cause or threaten to cause bodily harm, or mental anguish to any person, student or guest on school grounds or while under school supervision.
- 5. Willful damage to real personal property of any public school or the property of any person attending or assigned to any public school: includes marking or defacing such property

a. Damage, destruction or theft of school or private property

- i. A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to school or private property or steal or attempt to steal said property either on the school grounds or during school activities, functions or events off school grounds or while under school supervision.
- 6. Drinking, possession, or distribution of an alcoholic beverage

a. Use or possession of alcohol

- i. A student shall not possess, sell, use, transmit or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind on the school grounds or while under school supervision
- 7. Possession, use or sale of any barbital or legend drug as defined in TCA 52-1201, 52-1401, or any item portrayed as being one of these drugs.

a. Use or possession of drugs

- i. A student shall not possess, sell, use, transmit or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, any drugs requiring a prescription controlled by the Tennessee State Board of Pharmacy while on the school grounds or while under school supervision.
- 8. Theft, extortion, or gambling on school property

a. Gambling on school property or at school functions

- i. Gambling on school property or at school functions will not be tolerated.
- 9. Use or possession of tobacco products on school property as defined in TCA 39-17-1505

a. Use or possession of tobacco products

i. The possession or use of tobacco products on school property is prohibited.

10. Possession or use of any type of firearm/look alike or any other dangerous weapon/look alike as defined in TCA 39-4901

a. Use or possession of weapons or instruments

- i. A student shall not possess, handle or transmit a knife (regardless of blade length), razor, ice pick, explosive, sword cane, machete, chains, pellet gun, mace, pepper spray, or other objects that can be considered a weapon on the school grounds or during a school activity, function or event off school grounds or while under school supervision.
- 11. Any other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline in any public school (include any suspensions/expulsions for reasons not listed above)

a. Disruption and interference with school – no student shall:

- i. Prevent any class or function from taking place within the Maury County School System
- ii. Cause a false fire alarm
- iii. Continuously and intentionally make noise or act in any other manner as to interfere seriously with the teacher's ability to conduct his class.

b. Knowingly providing school authorities with false information

c. Defiance of authority

i. A student shall not fail to comply with reasonable directions, commands or disciplinary actions of teachers, substitute or assistant teachers, principals, bus drivers or other authorized school personnel when on the school grounds or during a school activity, function or event off school grounds or while under school supervision.

d. Misbehavior on bus

i. No student shall conduct himself/herself on a school bus in such a way as to distract the bus driver or to show disrespect to fellow students.

e. Violation of dress code

i. A student shall not dress, groom, wear or use emblems, insignias, badges or other symbols where the effect thereof is to distract unreasonably the attention of other students or otherwise to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school. The principal or other duly authorized school official shall determine whether any particular mode of dress apparel, grooming or use of emblems, insignias, badges or other symbols results in such interference or disruption, and its cause, to all students by announcement or posting at the school. Obscene pictures or symbols or lewd, profane or suggestive language shall not appear on clothing. Hats, headbands, hair rollers, visors and sunglasses are not considered appropriate attire inside the building

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f. Parking and traffic violations on campus

i. Abuse of school parking regulations or operation of a motor vehicle in such a way as to cause damage to public or private property located on school grounds or in such a way as to endanger life or limb of persons utilizing school facilities, driveways or parking areas.

g. Cheating and forgery

i. No student shall cheat on any exam, project, homework or report. No student shall falsify signatures on documentation for school purposes.

h. Gangs

i. Gestures, actions, signals, literature, colors, drawings, signs, jewelry, apparel or manner of grooming implying affiliation with unauthorized societies, clubs or gangs shall not be tolerated.

i. Felony Charges

i. A student is waiting for legal disposition of a felony charge.

12. Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Students may possess cell phones and other electronic devices during school hours within the following specified governing parameters:

- a. Cell Phones and devices may be used during instructional time when permitted by the classroom instructor. These items must be immediately put away upon the instructor's request. Failure to comply will constitute a "defiance of authority" infraction and may result in disciplinary action. MCPS supports the professional judgment of classroom instructors to determine the parameters governing appropriate usage during classroom time.
- b. Maury County Public Schools will not accept responsibility for lost or stolen devices.

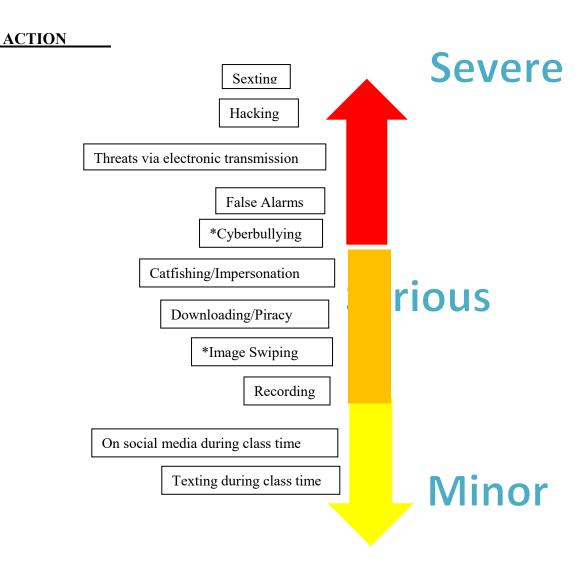
c. Inappropriate Uses

- i. Texting or engaging in social media sites during instructional time is not allowed.
- ii. Taking photographs or recording students, teachers, administrators, school resource officer(s) or other staff members without their consent is prohibited when there is an expectation of privacy. Students shall not use social media or other sites to harass, degrade, embarrass, spread false information or humiliate other students. Violations of this nature will be coded as Cyberbullying/Cyber-

harassment.

- iii. **Swiping-** A student shall not take another person's image or personal information without authorization and use or display it in an inappropriate manner.
- iv. Threats by Electronic Transmission- A student shall not use email, social media or any form of electronic device to communicate a threat or to harass other students, teachers, administrators, School Resource Officer(s) or other staff members. This includes: threats of a violent nature-where bodily harm is mentioned, photos/memes that could be perceived as threatening, name calling, racial slurs, or gender slurs etc.
- v. **Sexting-** possession of any sexually explicit digital pictures on any electronic device is prohibited. Sending, sharing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form on a computer, cell phone or other electronic device is strictly prohibited. Appropriate law enforcement authorities may be contacted as required by law. Legal sanctions may be imposed as deemed necessary by law enforcement officials.
- vi. Impersonation/Catfishing- Students shall not create false profiles or an alias/avatar using social media or an electronic device that mimics another person that contains similar information to the profile of another person. Furthermore, sending information whether true or false using another person as an alias is strictly prohibited.
- vii. **Hacking-** Students may not use an electronic device of any kind as an instrument to gain access to the personal information of students, teachers or other staff members. This includes passwords, social media accounts, email accounts, school records or personal/financial records. Additionally, any attempt to evade or disrupt the cyber security (firewall) of the MCPS databases may result in disciplinary action in addition to legal action as well.
- viii. False Alarms- Students shall not use social media or other forms of electronic communication to disrupt the school environment or to falsely create "public panic" by spreading unsolicited rumors. This includes bomb threats, false weather reports, false reports of lockdowns, school shootings, school closings etc.
 - ix. **Downloading/Piracy** Students shall not utilize school owned technology or the MCPS network to download, duplicate, or share any content or media that is copyright protected. Downloading music, videos, MP3's, movies or any content

- of a vulgar or explicit nature is strictly prohibited. Legal sanctions may be imposed in addition to school disciplinary actions if violated.
- 3 Note: This diagram provides general guidance about the severity of cyber-infractions. The
- 4 consequences and severity of incidents will be governed by school administrators on an individual
- 5 case-by-case basis.



NOTICE 1

- 2 In addition to criminal penalties, students who are guilty of assault, theft or vandalism will be liable for
- monetary damages and attorney's fees. 3

Maury County Elementary School Discipline Plan (Exhibit A) 4

- (Note: It is understood that every offense must be investigated and that the nature and severity of the 5
- offense must be taken into account. It is therefore important to note that the principal/assistant 6
- principal, with proper documentation, has the authority to alter the sequence of actions 7
- according to the facts in evidence in each case.) Extended Learning--The school administrator or 8
- designee assigns the student to a study time before, during, or after school, or on Saturday. 9
- 10 Elementary principals may place students in the alternative program while awaiting a Disciplinary
- Hearing rather than suspend. Students suspended from school or assigned to the Alternative Program 11
- may not be on any other school property or at a school sponsored event and will be suspended for 12
- defiance of authority and may be charged with trespassing for violating this policy. 13

14 **Assault on a Student:**

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Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying and/or the support of these acts toward other students:

1st Offense: Counseling/Conference, and/or parent contact 17

2nd Offense: 1 Day In-School Alternative Setting and parent conference 18

3rd Offense: Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority 19

Bus Misconduct/Misbehavior on Bus:

- The same rules of conduct apply on the bus as in the school or classroom. The same consequences will 21
- apply for misconduct on the bus as misconduct in the classroom, with the additional consequences as 22
- listed below. The nature of the offense may result in more severe consequences on the first offense. 23
- The safety of all children on the bus is the primary concern. Consequently, all students are expected to 24
- behave accordingly. 25

26	1 st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Bus Probation
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29	3 rd Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Bus Suspension for 5
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31	4 th Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Bus Suspension for

5th Offense: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Bus Suspension for

Remainder of Year

1	Cheating & Forgery:	
2	1 st Offense:	Extended learning, complete an alternative written assignment, Parent Contact
4	2 nd Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting, complete an alternative written assignment, Parent Contact
6 7	3 rd Offense:	2 days of In-school Alternative Setting and alternative written assignment
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10	Cutting Class/Hooky:	
11 12	1st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact and/or Extended Learning
13	2 nd Offense:	Extended Learning or In-School Alternative Setting
14	3 rd Offense:	Referral to Truancy Review Board and Parent Contact
15	4 th Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing
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17	Damage, Destruction, or Theft o	f School /Private Property:
18		Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Clean-Up if
19 20		appropriate and/or In-School Alternative Setting and payment for damage or loss.
21	Defiance of Authority:	
22 23	1st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact and/or Extended- Learning
24	2nd Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting
25	3rd Offense:	Extended Learning
26	4th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
27	Disruption of Class:	
28	1st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact
29	2nd Offense:	Extended Learning or In-School Alternative Setting
30	3rd Offense:	Extended Learning or In-School Alternative Setting
31	4th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
32	Dress Code Violation:	
33	1st Offense:	Parent Contact, Appropriate clothing brought, Behavior Plan, In-
34	ist offense.	School Alternative Setting, if no clothing brought
35	2nd Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting or Extended Learning, review
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2	3rd Offense:	2 days In-School Alternative Setting
3	4th Offense: 5 th Offense:	3 days Out-of-School Suspension 5th Offense: Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
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5	Drinking, Possession, or Distribu	ution of an Alcoholic Beverage:
6		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
7	Excessive Absences:	
8	5 Unexcused absences:	Letter sent to parent
9	7 Unexcused absences:	Referral to School Truancy Review Board
10	9 Unexcused absences:	Referral to District Truancy Review Board
11	12 Unexcused absences:	Petition to Juvenile Court
12	Fighting:	
13	1st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact and In-School
14		Alternative Setting or Extended Learning
15	2nd Offense:	Extended Learning
16	3rd Offense:	Remand to Alternative School or Suspend for 3 days
17	4th Offense:	Remand to Alternative School and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing
18		Authority or Suspend until Disciplinary Hearing
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20	Gambling or Possession of Gamb	bling Material:
21	1st Offense:	Extended Learning, Parent Contact, behavior plan
22	2nd Offense:	Extended Learning, Parent Contact
23	3rd Offense:	1 In-School Alternative Setting
24	4th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
25	Gang Gestures, Symbols, Literat	ture, Colors, Drawings, Signs, Jewelry, Apparel, etc.:
26	1st Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting or Extended Learning
27	2nd Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting or Extended Learning
28	3rd Offense:	Extended Learning
29	4th Offense:	2 Days Out-of-School Suspension
30	Making false allegations against	school employee/SRO:
31	1 st Offense:	Parent conference/Administrative conference/Extended Learning
32	2 nd Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting
33	3 rd Offense:	3 days of Out-of School Suspension
34	4 th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

2	1 st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact
3	2 nd Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact
4	3 rd Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Extended Learning
5		or In-School Alternative Setting
6	4 th Offense:	Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority: Disciplinary Hearing
7		Authority can send students to Alternative School for a specific
8		amount of time.
9	Possession of Over-the-Cou	inter Drugs:
10		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority Possession
11		of any prescription drug will be considered a zero tolerance
12		offense
13		dangerous instrument, or use of any object as a dangerous
14	instrument:	
15		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
16	Profanity:	
17	Profanity directed toward a to	eacher could be considered rude and disrespectful behavior and/or
18	defiance of authority.	
19	1st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact and/or Extended
20		Learning
21	2nd Offense:	Extended Learning or In-School Alternative Setting
22	3rd Offense:	Extended Learning
23	4th Offense:	Extended Learning
24	5 th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority or Out of
25		School Suspension
26	Rude/Disrespectful Behavio	or:
27	1st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact and/or Extended
28		Learning
29	2nd Offense:	Extended Learning or In-School Alternative Setting
30	3rd Offense:	Extended Learning
31	4th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
32	Sexting:	
33		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

Unauthorized Use of Electronic Devices by Students and other Non-Education Paraphernalia:

1	Covuol	Miscon	duct.
1	Sexuai	MISCOII	uuci.

2 1st Offense: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact and/or Extended

Learning 3

Extended Learning or In-School Alternative Setting 2nd Offense:

3rd Offense: **Extended Learning** 5

4th Offense: Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority 6

Tardiness to school: Infractions for tardiness clear at the end of the semester 7

8 5 Unexcused: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact 7 Unexcused: Referral to School Truancy Review Board 9

Any further violations will be considered defiance. 10

11 Threat of assault/harassing School Employee, SRO, or students:

Administrative Conference, Parent Contact 1st Offense: 12

2nd Offense: In-School Alternative Setting 13

3rd Offense: **Extended Learning** 14

4th Offense: Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority 15

16 Use or Possession of Electronic Cigarettes, Vapor Devices, or other Alternative Smoking Devices:

1st Offense: Confiscation, Administrative Conference, Parent Contact 17 2nd Offense: 18

Confiscation, Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, In-

School Alternative Setting 19

Confiscation, In-School Alternative Setting or Extended Learning 3rd Offense: 20

Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority 4th Offense: 21

Use or Possession of Tobacco Products: 22

Principal or School Resource Officer must write a citation, per Tennessee Code Annotated 39-17-1505 23

1st Offense: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact 24

2nd Offense: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, In-School 25

Alternative Setting 26

3rd Offense: In-School Alternative Setting or Extended Learning 27

28 **Zero Tolerance Offenses: (Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-3401)**

- Possession of firearm expel for one (1) calendar year for each violation. 29 (1)
- Possession, use, transmittal, handling, or attempt to use any dangerous weapon remand to 30 (2)
- alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation. 31

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- 1 (3) Possession and or use of drugs/drug paraphernalia remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation
- 3 (4) Assault on a school employee / school resource officer remand to alternative school for one 4 (1) calendar year for each violation.
- 5 (5) Bomb Threat / Bomb remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.
- 7 (6) Transmittal of a threat by electronic device or other means, or any communication containing a 8 credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student, school employee, or school resource 9 officer - remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.

SAFE HARBOR PROVISION NOTICE

- 11 A student may approach a school official and voluntarily surrender an object which is prohibited by
- these rules. If the student voluntarily approaches a school official and surrenders an object, then the
- student will not be subject to any disciplinary action by these rules. If a search is in progress at the
- school, the safe harbor provision is not applicable. Safe -harbor will not be provided to students who
- carry firearms. Firearms are strictly prohibited and the zero-tolerance policy will be enforced. School
- officials will utilize judgment in determining whether the circumstances warrant further investigation.
- 17 Parent Notice: Intervention by the School Resource Officer will occur in cases where a student
- commits a violation of the disciplinary code of conduct that is also a violation of the law.

Maury County Secondary School Discipline Plan (Exhibit B)

- 20 (Note: It is understood that every offense must be investigated and that the nature and severity of the
- offense must be taken into account. It is therefore important to note that the principal/assistant
- principal, with proper documentation, has the authority to alter the sequence of actions and/or
- use discretion according to the facts in evidence in each case.) Extended Learning The school
- 24 administrator or designee assigns the student who misbehaves to an assigned room for study time
- 25 before, during or after school, or on Saturday.
- **5th Graders in Middle Schools will follow the Maury County Secondary School Discipline Plan.
- 27 Students suspended from school or assigned to the Alternative Program may not be on any other
- school property or at a school sponsored event and will be suspended for defiance of authority and may
- 29 be charged with trespassing for violating this policy.

Assault on a Student:

Suspend and refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

1	Harassment/Intimidation/Bull	ying and/or the support of	f these acts toward other students:
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3 2nd Offense: 1 Day In-School Alternative Setting and Parent Conference

3rd Offense: Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

5 Bus Misconduct/Misbehavior on Bus:

- 6 The same rules of conduct apply on the bus as in the school or classroom. The same consequence will
- 7 apply for misconduct on the bus as misconduct in the classroom, with the additional consequences as
- 8 listed below. The nature of the offense may result in more severe consequence on the first offense. The
- 9 safety of all children on the bus is the primary concern. Consequently, all students are expected to
- 10 behave accordingly.

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11	1 st Offense:	Warning, Parent Conference, I	Behavior Plan, and Bus Probation
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- 12 2nd Offense: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Bus Suspension for 3
- 13 day
- 14 3rd Offense: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Bus Suspension for 5
- 15 day
- 4th Offense: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Bus Suspension for 3
- 17 day
- 18 5th Offense: Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Bus Suspension for
- the remainder of the school year

20 Cheating & Forgery:

- 21 1st Offense: Extended Learning, complete an alternative assignment, Parent
- 22 Contact
- 23 2nd Offense: In-School Alternative Setting and alternative writing assignment
- 24 3rd Offense: 2 days of In-School Alternative Setting and alternative written
- 25 assignment
- 26 4th Offense: Complete alternative assignments and refer to Disciplinary
- 27 Hearing Authority

28 Cutting Class and/or Leaving School without Permission/Hooky:

- 29 1st Offense: 1 Extended Learning
 - 2nd Offense: 2 Extended Learning, 1 In-School Alternative Setting, Parent
- 31 Conference, Behavior Plan
- 32 3rd Offense: Refer to Truancy Review Board
- 33 4th Offense: Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

34 Damage, Destruction, or Theft of School /Private Property:

- 35 1st Offense: 1 Extended learning, 1 In-School Alternative Setting, payment
- for damage or loss, parent conference, behavior plan

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1	2 nd Offense:	2 Extended Learning, 2 In-School Alternative Settings, payment
2 3	3 rd Offense:	for damage or loss, Parent Contact Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
4	Defiance of Authority:	
5	1st Offense:	1 In-School Alternative Setting, Parent Contact
6	2 nd Offense:	2 In-School Alternative Setting
7	3 rd Offense:	3 days Out-of-School Suspension
8	4 th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
9	Dress Code Violation:	
10	1 st Offense:	Parent Contract, appropriate clothing brought, Behavior Plan, In-
11		School Alternative Setting, if no clothing brought
12	2 nd Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting, review behavior plan
13	3 rd Offense:	2 days In-School Alternative Setting
14	4 th Offense:	3 days Out-of-School Suspension
15	5 th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
16	Disruption & Interference with school:	
17	1st Offense:	Extended Learning
18	2 nd Offense:	1 In-School Alternative Setting
19	3 rd Offense:	2 In-School Alternative Setting
20	4 th Offense:	2 days Out-of-School Suspension
21	5 th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
22	Drinking, possession, or dist	ribution of an alcoholic beverage:
23		Suspend/Disciplinary Hearing Authority/Petition to Juvenile
24		Court
25	Excessive Absences:	
26	5 Unexcused	Letter sent to parent
27	7 Unexcused:	Referral to School Truancy Review Board
28	9 Unexcused	Referral to District Truancy Review Board
29	12 Unexcused	Petition to Juvenile Court
30	Fighting: (Mutual Participa	tion) Students may be cited or transferred to Juvenile Detention Center
31	Student fighting in school/bus	s will be transported to Juvenile Detention Center and parents will be
32	require to pick up their child a	<u> </u>

1	1st Offense:	3 day out of school suspension/Parent Conference/Behavior Plan,
2		School may petition to court
3	2nd Offense:	5 day out of school suspension, Parent Conference, Referral to
4		counselor, Family Resource Center, school may petition to court
5	3rd Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
6	Gambling or Possession of G	Gambling Material:
7	1 st Offense:	Extended Learning, Parent Contact, Behavior Plan
8	2 nd Offense:	Extended Learning, Parent Contact,
9	3 rd Offense:	1 In-School Alternative Setting
10	4 th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
11	Gang Gestures, Symbols, Literature, Colors, Drawings, Signs, Jewelry, Apparel, etc.:	
12	1st Offense:	Parent Contact, 1 Extended Learning
13	2 nd Offense:	2 days OSS
14	3 rd Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
15	Making false allegations against school employee/SRO:	
16	1 st Offense:	Parent Conference/Administrative Conference/Extended
17		Learning
18	2 nd Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting
19	3 rd Offense:	3 days Out-of-School Suspension
20	4 th Offense:	Suspend/Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
21	Unauthorized Use of Electro	onic Devices by Students and other Non-Education Paraphernalia:
22	1 st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact
23	2 nd Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact
24	3 rd Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, Extended Learning
25	3 Offense.	or In-School Suspension
26	4 th Offense:	Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority: Disciplinary Hearing
27	4 Officials.	Authority can send students to Alternative School for a specific
28		amount of time.
29	Possession of Over-the-Cou	nter Drugs:
30		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
31	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	langerous instrument, or use of any object as a dangerous
32	instrument:	
33		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
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1 Rude & Disrespectful Behavior:

2	1 st Offense:	Extended Learning

3 2nd Offense: 1 In-School Alternative Setting 4 3rd Offense: 2 In-School Alternative Setting 5 4th Offense: 2 days Out-of-School Suspension

6 5th Offense: Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

7 Sexting:

8 Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

9 Sexual Misconduct:

10	1 st Offense:	1 In-School Alternative Setting, Parent Contact, Behavior Plan
11	2 nd Offense:	1 In-School Alternative Setting, Parent Contact, 2 Extended

12 Learning

13 3rd Offense: 3 day Out-of-School Suspension, Parent Conference 14 4th Offense: Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

15 Tardiness to school: Infractions for tardiness clear at the end of the semester

16	3 Unexcused:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact
17	5 Unexcised:	Referral to school truancy review board

18 7 Unexcused: 1 Extended Learning

19 9 Unexcused: 1 In-School Alternative Setting

20 10 Unexcused: Refer to District Truancy Review Board

21 12 Unexcused: Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

22 Threat of Assault/harassing school employee/SRO, or students:

- 23 Threat Type 1: A verbal, written or electronic threat to cause harm to students, staff members, SRO or
- a school facility that would cause a person to reasonably fear bodily injury. 1st Offense:
- 25 Administrative Conference, Parent Contact, ISAS 3days or up to 1-3 days OSS if deemed appropriate
- by the administration
- 27 Threat Type 2: A verbal, written or electronic threat to cause harm to students, staff members, SRO or
- a school facility in which evidence of a plan exists that would cause a person to reasonably fear bodily
- 29 injury. *Threat Assessment Protocol may be required. 1st Offense: [Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary
- 30 Hearing Authority]

31 Possession or Use of Electronic Cigarettes, Vapor Devices, or other Alternative Smoking Devices:

32	1 st Offense:	Confiscation, Extended Learning, Parent Contact, Behavior Plan
33	2 nd Offense:	Confiscation, Extended Learning, Parent Contact, Behavior Plan
34	3 rd Offense:	Confiscation, 2 days Out-of-School Suspension, Parent

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1 2	4 th Offense:	Conference Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
3	Use or Possession of Tobacco Pr	oducts:
4	Principal or School Resource Officer must write a citation, per Tennessee Code Annotated 39-17-1505	
5 6 7 8	1 st Offense: 2 nd Offense: 3 rd Offense: 4 th Offense:	1 Extended Learning, Parent Contact, Behavior Plan 2 Extended Learning, Parent Contact, Behavior Plan 2 days Out-of-School Suspension, Parent Conference Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
9 10 11	Using profane, vulgar, or obscene words, gestures, or other actions that disrupt school operations: (Profanity directed toward a teacher could be considered rude and disrespectful behavior and/or defiance of authority)	
12 13 14 15	1 st Offense: 2 nd Offense: 3 rd Offense: 4 th Offense:	1 Extended Learning, Parent Contact2 In-School Alternative Setting, Parent Contact2 days Out-of-School SuspensionSuspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
16	Zero Tolerance Offenses: (Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-3401)	
17	(1) Possession of firearm - ex	pel for one (1) calendar year for each violation.
18 19	(2) Possession, use, transmittal, handling, or attempt to use any dangerous weapon - remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.	
20 21	(3) Possession and or use of drugs/drug paraphernalia - remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.	
22 23	(4) Assault on a school employee / school resource officer - remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.	
24 25	(5) Bomb Threat / Bomb - remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.	
26 27 28	(6) Transmittal of a threat by electronic device or other means, or any communication containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student, school employee, or school resource officer - remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.	
29	** Possession of drugs and or use: Personal Prescription – Suspend and Refer to DHA	
30	SAF	FE HARBOR PROVISION NOTICE
31 32	* **	official and voluntarily surrender an object which is prohibited by rily approaches a school official and surrenders an object, then the

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Defiance of Authority:

1st Offense:

2nd Offense:

3rd Offense:

student will not be subject to any disciplinary action by these rules. If a search is in progress at the 1 school, the safe harbor provision is not applicable. Safe -harbor will not be provided to students who 2 3 carry firearms. Firearms are strictly prohibited and the zero-tolerance policy will be enforced. School officials will utilize judgment in determining whether the circumstances warrant further investigation. 4 5 Parent Notice: Intervention by the School Resource Officer will occur in cases where a student commits a violation of the disciplinary code of conduct that is also a violation of the law. 6 Maury County Secondary Alternative Program Discipline Plan (Exhibit C) 7 It is understood that every offense must be investigated and that the nature and severity of the offense 8 must be taken into account. It is therefore important to note that the coordinator of the program, 9 with proper documentation, has the authority to alter the sequence of actions and/or use 10 discretion according to the facts in evidence in each case. 11 The purpose of the Alternative Program is to assist students in changing their behavior. Therefore, 12 students will attend counseling while assigned to the program. Students suspended from school or 13 assigned to the Alternative Program may not be on any other school property or at a school sponsored 14 event and will be suspended for defiance of authority and may be charged with trespassing for 15 violating this policy. 16 17 **Assault on a Student:** Suspend and refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority 18 Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying and/or the support of these acts toward other students: 19 1st Offense: Parent contact, counseling and loss of points 20 2nd Offense: Loss of points/parent conference 21 3rd Offense: Suspend/Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority 22 **Cheating & Forgery:** 23 24 Parent contact/Loss of points Damage, Destruction or Theft of School or Private Property: 25 Parent Conference, pay for damage/Petition to Juvenile Court 26

Parent conference, counseling, loss of points

Suspend/Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

Loss of Points/Parent Conference

1	Dress Code Violation:		
2	1 st Offense:	Parent contact to bring appropriate clothes	
3	2 nd Offense:	Parent contact to bring appropriate clothes/Loss of points/Parent	
4		Conference	
5	3 rd Offense:	Suspension	
6	4 th Offense:	Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority	
7	Drinking, possession, or dis	istribution of an alcoholic beverage:	
8 9		Suspend/Disciplinary Hearing Authority/Petition to Juvenile Court	
10	Fighting:		
11	1 st Offense:	Suspend/Petition to Juvenile Court	
12	2 nd Offense:	Suspend/Disciplinary Hearing Authority	
13	Gambling or Possession of Gambling Material:		
14		Parent Conference, counseling, confiscation of item	
15	Gang Gestures, Symbols, Literature, Colors, Drawings, Signs, Jewelry, Apparel, etc.:		
16	1 st Offense:	Counseling/Confiscation	
17	2 nd Offense:	Parent Conference	
18	Leaving School without per	rmission/Hooky:	
19	1 st Offense:	Parent Conference/loss of points	
20	2 nd Offense:	Refer to Truancy Review Board	
21	Making false allegations against school employee/SRO:		
22	1 st Offense:	Parent Conference/Administrative Conference/Extended	
23		Learning	
24	2 nd Offense:	In-School Alternative Setting	
25	3 rd Offense:	3 days Out-of School Suspension	
26	4 th Offense:	Suspend/Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority	
27	Unauthorized Use of Electr	onic Devices by Students and other Non-Education Paraphernalia:	
28	1 st Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact	
29	2 nd Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact	
30	3 rd Offense:	Administrative Conference, Parent Contact t	
31	4 th Offense:	Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority: Disciplinary Hearing	

1 2		Authority can send students to Alternative School for a specific amount of time.
3	Possession of dangerous inst	trument, or use of any object as a dangerous instrument:
4 5		Suspend/Disciplinary Hearing Authority/Petition to Juvenile Court
6	Possession of Over-the-Cour	nter Drugs:
7 8 9		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority Possession of any prescription drug will be considered a zero-tolerance offense
10	Rude & Disrespectful Behavior/Disruption & Interference with school:	
11 12 13	1 st Offense: 2 nd Offense: 3 rd Offense:	Parent Contact/loss of points Loss of points, Parent Conference Suspension/Disciplinary Hearing Authority
14	Sexting:	
15		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
16	Sexual Misconduct:	
17 18	1 st Offense: 2 nd Offense:	Parent Conference/loss of points Disciplinary Hearing Authority
19	Tardiness:	
20 21		No tardies allowed No admittance after 7:45 a.m.
22	Threat of Assault/harassing school employee/SRO:	
23 24		Suspend/Disciplinary Hearing Authority/Petition to Juvenile Court
25	Possession or Use of Electro	nic Cigarettes, Vapor Devices, or other Alternative Smoking Devices:
26		Suspend and Refer to Disciplinary Hearing Authority
27	Tobacco Use or Possession:	
28		Write a Citation/Loss of points

1 Using profane, vulgar or obscene words, gestures, or other actions that disrupt school

2 operations:

3 1st Offense: Parent Conference/essay or write offs (to expand vocabulary)

4 2nd Offense: Parent Conference/loss of points

5 3rd Offense: Suspend/Disciplinary Hearing Authority

6 Zero Tolerance Offenses: (Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-3401)

- 7 (1) Possession of firearm expel for one (1) calendar year for each violation.
- 8 (2) Possession, use, transmittal, handling, or attempt to use any dangerous weapon remand to
- 9 alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.
- 10 (3) Possession and or use of drugs/drug paraphernalia remand to alternative school for one (1)
- 11 calendar year for each violation.
- 12 (4) Assault on a school employee / school resource officer remand to alternative school for one
- 13 (1) calendar year for each violation.
- 14 (5) Bomb Threat / Bomb remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each
- 15 violation.
- 16 (6) Transmittal of a threat by electronic device or other means, or any communication containing a
- credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student, school employee, or school resource
- officer -remand to alternative school for one (1) calendar year for each violation.