

Elizabethton City Board of Education

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1 The Board views the school as a community and the rules and regulations of that school as the laws of
2 that community. Each member enjoying the rights of citizenship in the community must also accept the
3 responsibilities of citizenship. School staff, students and parents all must assume the responsibility for
4 appropriate behaviors in the school.

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6 The Board believes that students should:

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- 8 1. Be encouraged to participate in establishing course goals, in planning classroom activities, and
9 in improving courses of studies;
- 10 2. Feel free to express, without fear, their own opinions, recognizing that every privilege and right
11 has a corresponding responsibility;
- 12 3. Be involved in the planning of assembly programs and school-sponsored forums of interest;
- 13 4. Be encouraged to participate in student government organizations that provide students with a
14 voice in school affairs; and
- 15 5. Be encouraged to participate in a variety of extra-class activities to broaden their educational
16 experiences.

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18 Typical student responsibilities are to:

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- 20 1. Know and adhere to reasonable rules and regulations established by the Board;¹
- 21 2. Respect the human dignity and worth of every other individual;
- 22 3. Refrain from libel, slanderous remarks, and obscenity in verbal and written expression;¹
- 23 4. Study and maintain the best possible level of academic achievement;
- 24 5. Be punctual and present in the regular school program;
- 25 6. Dress and groom in a manner that meets reasonable standards of health, cleanliness, modesty
26 and safety;
- 27 7. Maintain and/or improve the school environment, preserve school and private property, and
28 exercise care while using school facilities;¹
- 29 8. Refrain from disobedience or misconduct or behavior which would lead to physical or emotional
30 harm or disrupts the educational process;¹
- 31 9. Respect the authority of school administrators, teachers and other authorized personnel in
32 maintaining discipline in the school and at school-sponsored activities;
- 33 10. Obey the law and school rules as to the possession or the use of alcohol, illegal drugs and other
34 unauthorized substances or materials;¹ and
- 35 11. Possess on school grounds only those materials which are acceptable under the law and accept
36 the consequences for articles stored in one's locker.¹

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39 Legal References:

- 40 1. 20 U.S.C. § 1703
- 41 2. TCA 49-6-3401