

# Elizabethton City Board of Education

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1 The Board of Education believes that acceptable behavior is an essential ingredient of effective educa-  
2 tion programs. It expects students to conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect favorably upon  
3 themselves, their families, their community, and their school.

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5 Teachers and administrators shall be responsible for creating and implementing programs favorable to  
6 the development of self-discipline and self-direction. School personnel shall plan carefully to insure ac-  
7 tive interest in class work and the total school program including the teaching of good behavior and the  
8 accepted goals of the school. The use of all personnel provided by the schools shall be maximized to  
9 assist in the development of personal value judgments, the teaching of school and civic responsibilities,  
10 and human relations.

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12 To this end, the staff is authorized to take reasonable measures to establish appropriate school behavior.<sup>1</sup>  
13 Any professional employee shall have the authority to control the conduct of any student while under  
14 the supervision of the school system. This authority shall extend to all activities of the school, including  
15 all games and public performances of athletic teams and other school groups, trips, excursions and all  
16 other activities under school sponsorship and direction.

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18 Such measures may include the use of reasonable force to restrain or correct students and maintain  
19 order.

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21 Students are expected to conform to the rules and regulations of the schools and apply themselves to  
22 the learning process.

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24 A student shall not use violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance or  
25 any other conduct which causes the disruption, interference or obstruction of any school purpose while  
26 on school property, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity, function or event,  
27 whether on or off campus. Neither shall s/he urge other students to engage in such conduct which causes  
28 disruption, interference or obstruction of any school purpose.

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30 Harassment, intimidation and other conduct that may be considered "bullying" will not be tolerated.  
31 Students shall not engage in conduct that has the effect of unreasonably interfering with another student's  
32 academic development or that creates a hostile or offensive learning environment.

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34 While not intended to be exclusive, the following acts illustrate the kind of offenses encompassed  
35 here.

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37 No student shall:  
38 1. Occupy any school building, gymnasium, school grounds, properties or any part thereof with intent  
39 to deprive others of its use or where the effect is to deprive others of its use;  
40 2. Block the entrance or exit of any school building or property or any corridor or room so as to  
41 deprive others of access thereto;

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3. Prevent or attempt to prevent the convening or the continued functioning of any school, class, activity or lawful meeting or assembly on the school campus;
4. Prevent student(s) from attending a class or activity;
5. Except under the direction of the principal, block normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a school campus or adjacent grounds;
6. Set fire to otherwise damage or attempt to damage any school property;
7. Cause or attempt to cause damage to private property either on the school grounds, or during an activity, function, or event off school grounds;
8. Cause or attempt to cause physical injury or behave in such a way as could reasonably cause physical injury to a student or school employee;
9. Possess, handle, transmit, use, or attempt to use any fireworks, explosives, dangerous weapon or other object that reasonably can be considered a dangerous weapon;
10. Possess, use, sell, purchase, barter, distribute, or be under the influence of any illegal drug or alcoholic beverage;
11. Dress or groom in a manner likely to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school;
12. Use tobacco while on school property or while participating in a school-sponsored event, while on school buses to and from school, or on school buses to and from school-sponsored events;
13. Lie, cheat, steal or attempt to steal school property, or steal or attempt to steal private property either on school grounds, or during an activity, function, or event off school grounds;
14. Engage in immoral or disruptive conduct or use obscene language;
15. Continuously and intentionally make noise or act in any other manner so as to interfere with the teacher's ability to conduct class;
16. Refuse to identify himself upon request of any teacher, principal, director of schools, bus driver, or other school personnel;
17. Fail to comply with reasonable directions or commands of teachers, principals, school bus drivers, or other school personnel; or
18. Willfully and/or persistently violate the rules of the Board.

A student found guilty of misbehavior, including but not limited to violation of one of these acts, may receive punishment ranging from verbal reprimand to suspension and/or expulsion dependent on the severity of the offense and the offender's prior record<sup>2</sup>

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Legal References:  
 1. TCA 49-6-4102  
 2. TCA 49-6-3401