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The safety of students and staff in all Cherokee County Schools is paramount to success.

Every Student, Every Day will be expected to follow the Code of Conduct to ensure that all students have an equal chance to succeed.

General Notes:

Students with Disabilities: Nothing in this Code of Conduct shall be interpreted or applied in a manner inconsistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, a student's IEP or Section 504 Plan, or other applicable state or federal law. Disciplinary removals and changes of placement for students with disabilities will be administered in accordance with all applicable procedural safeguards.

“Smart Glasses” are included in the SC Cell Phone Policy and the CCSD Code of Conduct. Therefore, these devices are to be powered off during the school day and students are not to have access to these devices during the school day.

The district recognizes the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education. However, the use of AI to violate any of the CCSD Codes of Conduct is strictly prohibited. Examples include, but are not limited to, cheating and fraud.

If a student refuses an In-School Suspension assignment, all subsequent consequences that would have resulted In-School Suspension may result in Out-of-School Suspension.
However, if a parent refuses an In-School Suspension assignment, all consequences that would have resulted In-School Suspension will be Out-of-School Suspension for the remainder of the year.

If a student receives 10 or more days of In-School Suspension, the building administration may choose to apply Out-of-School Suspension for every subsequent ISS discipline action.

If a student, for any reason, accumulates 5 days of OSS, they will be placed on a School Discipline Contract. The parents/guardians, school administration, student, and any appropriate stakeholders will meet in person to discuss the problem behavior/s and create a plan to address correction and consequences. All parties will sign the contract. Building Administration may choose to place a student on a School Discipline Contract for other reasons. Again, all parties will sign the contract.

Students returning from an expulsion, alternative setting, or extended suspension, will be placed on a Transition Contract. The parents/guardians, school administration, student, and any appropriate stakeholders will meet in person to discuss the previous problem behavior/s, causes for expulsion or alternative placement, and create a plan to address correction and consequences. All parties will sign the contract.

Cherokee County Elementary School (Grades 4K-3rd)
Code of Conduct

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Though not specifically mentioned in the list of behaviors, students may be suspended out of school for extended periods of time or recommended for expulsion for 1st time offenses or any act which is detrimental to the good order, best interest, and physical safety of the school. Additional consequences will apply when students are uncooperative. Administration may deviate from the consequence ranges when aggravating or mitigating circumstances exist. The nature, severity, frequency, age, developmental level, and safety concerns associated with the offense will be considered.

Level 1 Offenses and Consequences

Level 1 offenses will be dealt with by the teacher until they reach a chronic level (a minimum of 3 offenses), then violations will be handled by building administration and may be considered Level 2.

All consequences will be age and/or developmentally appropriate.

Violation	Behavior	Consequences			
Cheating (190)	Attempting to use unauthorized resources to gain advantage on an assignment or assessment, intentionally sharing your own work without permission for another student's advantage, etc.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Computer Violation (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some classroom examples are listed below: carelessness, irresponsible use, off task, sharing work without permission, not following classroom rules, etc.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
School Discipline Contract Lv.1 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Inappropriate Language (016)	Toward students (words or gestures)	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Disrupting Class (007)	Behavior that disrupts the educational environment.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Inappropriate Materials (018)	Distribution/Possession/Sale of materials not authorized by the principal.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Dress Code (280)	See Student Dress Code on page 32.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Excessive Noise (400)	Excessive noise in the hallway, office, restroom, cafeteria, or other areas of campus outside the classroom that could potentially disrupt the educational environment.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Other offenses (002)	Consistently not following directions as given by the teacher.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Horseplay (405)	Intentional rough or boisterous play which could cause injury or conflict during school or school-related activities.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)
Inappropriate Behavior (017)	Behavior which distracts from the orderly educational process of school. Used only when a more accurate discipline code does not exist to describe the behavior.	Level 1 Intervention	Level 1 Intervention	SBD	OSS (1)

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<tr><td>Inappropriate Physical Contact (022)</td><td>Intentionally making physical contact with another student that would reasonably be considered inappropriate.</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>SBD</td><td>OSS (1)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Littering (370)</td><td>Intentionally leaving trash on school property.</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>SBD</td><td>OSS (1)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Refusal to Obey / Defiance (270)</td><td>Failure to comply or an attitude of defiance.</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>SBD</td><td>OSS (1)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Tardy (180)</td><td rowspan="2">Arriving late for the start of school, an assigned class, or activity without permission from another adult in the building.

Unexcused Early Dismissals will not carry a 180 code, but will be included for the consequences listed.</td><td colspan="4">Consequences for Unexcused:
Late Arrival (Tardy) & Early Dismissals</td></tr>
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Family Court Referral
(4 Unex Abs)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Throwing Objects (028)</td><td>Items which disrupt the orderly educational process.</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>SBD</td><td>OSS (1)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Violation of Classroom Rules (030)</td><td>Failing to meet teacher expectations in the classroom.</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>Level 1 Intervention</td><td>SBD</td><td>OSS (1)</td></tr>
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Level 1 - Interventions

Teach/Re-teach Behavior Expectations
Explicit Instruction
Student Problem Solving Worksheet
Modify or Supplement Assignment/Activity
Proximity Control
Seat Change
Teacher/Parent/Student Conference
Reinforcement of Appropriate Behaviors
Clarification of Expectations
Referral to Guidance Counselor
Adjust Classroom Environment
Lunch Detention/Silent Lunch
Teacher/Student Conference
Use of PBIS
Classroom Behavior System
Positive Behavior Modeling
Peer Buddy/Peer Tutor
Loss of Privileges
Parent/Guardian Contact

Level 2 Offenses and Consequences

Level 2 violations disrupt or affect students' educational progress. Many Level 2 offenses may be a result of repetitive Level 1 violations by a student who has not responded to teacher interventions. Level 2 offenses will be addressed by the administration. All consequences will be age or developmentally appropriate.

PC = Parent Contact
Conf = Conference
SBD = School Based Discipline
W = Warning
OSS = Out of School Suspension
BS = Bus Suspension
L3 = Level 2 Offense Moved to Level 3

*OSS can be less than 1 day.
*All Level 2 offenses require a Parent Contact (PC), or a Parent/Student Conference.

Offense (code)	Description	Consequence Ranges (Based on age/developmental level and severity of offense)		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Bite/Spit/Pinch (003)	Intentional acts that are meant to inflict pain or emit bodily fluids.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3) or RS	L3
Cell Phone Violation (330)	Students must turn off and store their devices and device accessories during the school day.	W to SBD	SBD (1-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Computer Violation (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. *Using device during unauthorized times or locations *Unauthorized use of internet or playing games *Giving out personal information *Other misuse as determined by administration *Disruptive emails/messaging from student to student; conversations as opposed to work related to school.	SBD (1)	SBD (1-2) to OSS (1-2)	L3
School Discipline Contract Lv.2 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Cutting Class or Activity (160)	Any unauthorized absence to a class or activity during a school day.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Dishonest Behavior (006)	Intentionally attempting to deceive or mislead a staff member for personal advantage. This includes, but is not limited to, lying, cheating, forging signatures, etc.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Disrespect (420)	Speaking or behaving in a way that is reasonably interpreted by a staff member to be inconsiderate, rude, offensive, hurtful, or generally disrespectful.	SBD (1-2)	OSS (1-3)	OSS 5
Harassment (012)	Intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student based on actual or perceived race (HSR), disability (HSD), gender (HSG), religion (HSE), national origin (HNO), or sexual orientation (HSO).	W – SBD	OSS (1-3)	5 to ES
Hit/Kick/Push (014)	Intentionally striking a person with the intent to inflict harm or pain.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Stealing (285)	Taking the property of another without right or permission and with the intent not to return the property.	SBD (2-3)	OSS (1-3)	OSS 5
Inappropriate Language (016), Gesture (290), Profanity (210)	Any verbal/written language or gesture toward a student that is profane, offensive, sexual in nature, disrespectful, degrading, abusive, harassing, bullying, or lacks decency.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Leaving Class (320)	Leaving the classroom without permission in non-emergency situations.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Medicine Violation I (Minor)	Possession/Distribution of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that generally aren't harmful. Examples	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3

(031)	include cough drops, pain relievers, vitamins, asthma inhalers, anti-bacterials, Midol, Gas Ex, Pepto-Bismol, cold/flu, heartburn, allergies, Orajel, etc.	All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.		
Inappropriate Behavior (017)	General misbehavior by a student inside of or outside of class. Used only when a more accurate discipline code does not exist to describe the behavior.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Off Limits/ Unauthorized Area (200)	Intentional presence or loitering in an area without the permission of an adult. (minor)	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)	Intentionally not obeying a directive from a staff member.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
District Medicine Violation (031)	Possession or distribution of over-the-counter medications/non-controlled substances. This includes medications that are designed to treat medical conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, bacterial infections, allergies, heartburn, pain reduction, cold/flu, etc. See board policy JLCD/JLCD-R	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Property Misuse (023)	Use of school property for unauthorized purposes or minor damages to school property done intentionally.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Inappropriate Affection (PDA) (015)	PDA includes any physical contact that is deemed inappropriate by administration.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3
Threat (Minor) (027)	Making a verbal, written, physical, or electronic threat that is considered minor in nature.	SBD (1-2)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-3)	L3

Level 3 Offenses and Consequences

Level 3 violations disrupt or affect students' educational progress. Many Level 3 offenses may be a result of repetitive Level 2 violations by a student who has not responded to teacher interventions. Level 3 offenses will be addressed by the administration. All consequences will be age or developmentally appropriate.

PC = Parent Contact	Law = Report to Law Enforcement
Conf = Conference	ES = Extended Suspension
OSS = Out of School Suspension	BS = Bus Suspension

*OSS can be less than 1 day.
*All Level 3 offenses require a Parent Contact (PC), and/or a Parent/Student Conference.
*Extended Suspension (ES) can range from 10 days to Remainder of School Year.
*Students recommended for an ES will be referred to the CCSD Hearing Officer who will determine the term of the ES.

Offense (code)	Description	Consequence Ranges (Based on age/developmental level and severity of offense)		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Confrontation/ Altercation (407)	Physical or verbal behavior that communicates, leads to, or is reasonably understood to mean that a student wants to escalate a disagreement.	SBD (2-3)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Computer Violation (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. *Students are prohibited to login to Google Chrome or download any extension or add on. *Sharing username and/or password or other personal school district account information. *Downloading and/or using websites to obtain purchased or illegal term papers, book reports, or other forms of required student work. *Unauthorized downloading, installing, transmitting music, games, copyrighted material, and/or other applications. *Deleting district system applications and changing personal mobile computing device settings (exceptions include personal settings such as font size, brightness of screen, etc.)	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
School Discipline Contract Lv.3 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (2-5)	ES	
Cutting School (150)	Deliberate failure to attend school and/or remain on school grounds once a student has arrived at school. This will also be considered an unexcused absence.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Action (271)	Willful noncompliance with disciplinary action issued by an administrator for violating the CCSD Code of Conduct. *If a student or parent refuses an in-school suspension assignment, then all consequences that would have been in-school suspension will be out-of-school suspension for the remainder of the school year.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Fighting (009)	The act of two or more persons involved in a violent, physical conflict such as hitting, slapping, punching, or kicking another person at school, at a school event, or on district transportation.	OSS (1-2)	OSS (3-5)	ES
Inappropriate Language (016), Gesture (290), Profanity (210)	Any verbal/written language or gesture toward a staff member that is offensive, sexual in nature, disrespectful, degrading, abusive, or lacks decency.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Inappropriate Materials (018)	Bringing an object to school, the bus, or a school-sponsored event that can cause a major distraction/disruption.	OSS (2-5) / ES		
Aiding Others (001)	Instigating or provoking a fight.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Medicine Violation II (Possession)		SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES

(031)	Possession of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that could potentially be harmful. Examples include cough/cold syrups, EpiPens, insulin pumps, sleep medicines.	All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.		
Medicine Violation II (Distribution) (031)	Distribution of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that could potentially be harmful. Examples include cough/cold syrups, EpiPens, insulin pumps, sleep medicines.	OSS (2-5)	ES	
		All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.		
Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)	Openly defying and intentionally not obeying a directive from a staff member.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Assault (Simple) (520)	Unprovoked/provoked physical attack or abuse of another student at school or on the school bus.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740)	Damage to, or theft of property less than $200.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2) *Possible Restitution	OSS (2-5) Restitution	ES Restitution
Major Disruption-Recording or Photographing Others Without Their Permission (020)	Photographing, Audio/Video recording (using any electronic device) students or adults at school and/or posting school-related incidents online that could potentially interfere with the educational process.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Threat (Major) (027)	Actions which may be identified as harassment, intimidation, stalking, or threatening.	OSS (1-5)	ES	
Tobacco Violation (230)	Possession or use of vaping products, smoking cigarettes, cigars, etc. and using smokeless products. Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD), Tobacco Products (TOB), Vaping Products (VAP)	OSS (1-5)	ES	
Larceny/Theft (670)	Taking or theft of the personal property of another person.	OSS (1-2)	OSS (3-5)	ES
Trespassing (750)	While under suspension or if on ES, students are not allowed on school grounds; therefore, being on school grounds, on bus, in classes, or at other school events during or after school hours or on weekends while under suspension or expelled is prohibited.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2)	OSS (2-5)	ES
Vandalism <$200 (760)	Willful destruction or damage done to school property. Less than $200.	SBD (2-3) to OSS (1-2) *Possible Restitution	OSS (2-5) Restitution	ES Restitution

Non-Negotiable Level 3 Consequences

Non-Negotiable Level 3 violations seriously disrupt and affect students' educational progress. Non-Negotiable Level 3 offenses will be addressed by the administration.
All consequences will be age or developmentally appropriate.

* Extended Suspension (ES) can range from 10 days to Remainder of School Year.
*Students recommended for an Extended Suspension will be referred to the CCSD Hearing Officer who will determine the term of the Extended Suspension.

Offense (code)	Description	Consequence Ranges	
		1st	2nd
Alcohol/Liquor Law (680)	Distribution, possession of, or under the influence of alcohol at school, on school grounds, or on the school bus. This includes all athletic events, after school activities, and field trips.	OSS (5) to ES	ES
Arson (500)	Intentionally setting fire to an object with the intent to destroy or cause damage. This may occur on school grounds or the school bus.	ES Law	
Assault, Aggravated (Student) (520)	An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. This category includes attempted murder. A weapon can be a commonly known weapon, such as a gun or knife, or any other item, which, although not usually thought of as a weapon, becomes one when used in a manner that could cause severe bodily injury (e.g., baseball bat, metal chain, large stick). A "severe laceration" is one that should receive medical attention. A "loss of consciousness" must be the direct result of force inflicted on the victim by the offender.	OSS (5) to ES Law	ES Law
Assault, Simple (Staff) (510)	Physical attack on a member of the school staff.	OSS (5) to ES Law	ES Law
Assault (With Weapon) (510)	Threatening, intimidating, or attacking any person with a weapon such as a firearm, knife, etc., or any other article used as a weapon.	ES Law	
Bomb Threat (260)	Communicating a report, while knowing or having reason to know the report is false, that there is located on any school premises or at school-sponsored activities, a device designed to cause damage or destruction by explosion, blasting, or burning.	ES Law	
Bus Violation III (340)	Non-Negotiable Level 3 Offenses covered by the CCSD Code of Conduct that occur on the bus will incur school-based discipline to include OSS and/or Extended Suspension. Two Level 3 Offenses on the bus may result in bus suspension for the remainder of the year.		
Computer Violation (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. *Bypassing CCSD filters *Actions violating board policy or public law including bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation. *Sending, transmitting, downloading, uploading, accessing, photographing/filming others without the permission of the district and/or school and/or against their will, or distributing obscene, offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic sexually explicit materials with the intention to demean or harass others. *VPN downloading and/or proxy use for internet access, hacking district systems, batch files, or scripts for malicious intent. *Gaining access to other students, staff, or school district employee's accounts files, and/or data. *Vandalism of district-issued device (Intentional) *Inappropriate searches	OSS (5) to ES	ES
Drugs Distribution (570), Usage (575), Possession (580)	*Under the influence of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, or using a prescription drug not as prescribed. *Possession of any illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Sale or distribution of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Possession of drug paraphernalia, or remnants of illegal drugs. See board policy JLCD/JLCD-R	ES Law	
Fire Alarm (350)	Intentionally setting off the fire alarm, attempting to pull the fire alarm, or vandalizing, stealing or triggering fire extinguishers.	OSS (5) to ES	ES

Fireworks (010)	Setting off firecrackers, smoke bombs, chemical devices, or similar activities are strictly prohibited.	OSS (5) to ES	ES
Refusal to Obey (Incorrigible) (270)	Student has been referred to administration at an extreme high frequency for a variety of discipline infractions and continues to violate the CCSD Code of Conduct despite numerous conferences, interventions, and opportunities to improve behavior.	OSS (5) to ES	ES
Level 3 Escalation-refusal to obey (270)	Repetitive and Consistent Violation of a Level 3 Offense.	OSS (5) to ES	ES
Major Disruption (020)	Any student behavior that causes an excessive disruption during the school day, on the school bus, or during a school activity that may involve law enforcement. Parents may be put on trespass by CCSD if their behavior disturbs the educational environment, or is threatening, and law enforcement is called.	OSS (5) to ES Law	ES Law
Other Offenses (Major) (700)	Any incident that is deemed unlawful, extremely dangerous, egregious, highly inappropriate, or disruptive to the school when no other offense category more accurately describes the conduct.	ES	
Sexting (295)	Sharing, displaying, creating, or selling nude, partially nude, or other sexually explicit or suggestive images, videos, or visual representations using non-digital means (e.g., printed materials) or electronic communication, including but not limited to texting, emailing, or posting on social media platforms. These acts are prohibited whether or not the subjects of the images, videos, or visual representations consent to their being created, possessed, or shared. Possession and/or distribution of sexual materials involving minors will result in an immediate report to local law enforcement.	OSS (5) to ES	ES
Pornography (710)	Possessing, viewing, accessing, storing, printing, or downloading pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials by non-digital means (e.g., printed materials) or electronic means (all forms of media are included). Possession and/or distribution of sexual materials involving minors will result in an immediate report to local law enforcement.	OSS (5) to ES	ES
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740) >$200	Damage to, or theft of property greater than $200.	OSS (5) to ES Rest Law	ES Rest Law
Sexual Harassment (013)	Unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, such as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.	OSS (5) to ES	ES
Vandalism >$200 (760)	Willful destruction or damage done to school property. Greater than $200.	OSS (5) to ES Rest Law	ES Rest Law
Weapon (Other) (789 Specify)	Possessing a weapon such as a knife, blackjack, brass knuckles, ice pick, razor, box cutter, taser, mace/pepper spray, or any object which can be used or represented to be a weapon. A report may be made to law enforcement. Any blade 2.5 in. or longer will be reported to law enforcement. Possessing weapons such as BB guns, gun facsimiles, firearms, incendiary device, or explosives. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities. Knowingly bringing a firearm to a school or other setting under the jurisdiction of the Board will result in expulsion for no less than one year from the date of the incident, subject to modification in accordance with S.C. Code §59-63-235.	ES Law	

Cherokee County Elementary School (4th - 5th)
Code of Conduct

Though not specifically mentioned in the list of behaviors, students may be suspended out of school for extended periods of time or recommended for expulsion for 1st time offenses or any act which is detrimental to the good order, best interest, and physical safety of the school. Additional consequences will apply when students are uncooperative. Administration may deviate from the consequence ranges when aggravating or mitigating circumstances exist. The nature, severity, frequency, age, developmental level, and safety concerns associated with the offense will be considered.

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Level 1 Offenses and Consequences

(Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level I Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion or extended suspension by their building level administration. A referral to the building MTSS Coordinator should be considered.)

Offense	Description	Consequences				
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cell Phone Violation (330)	Students must turn off and store their devices and device accessories during the school day. Photographing and/or recording other students will be applied as an additional offense. (If photos or videos are posted or distributed, see Major Disruption and/or Cyberbullying)	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
School Discipline Contract Lv.1 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (1)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 1 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	ISS (3)	OSS (5)	RE		
Violation of Class Rules (030)	Students failing to follow teacher/staff directives or procedures. Examples include sleeping, not following directions, failing to complete work, etc.	Warning	ISS (I)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Computer Violation (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some classroom examples are listed below: District-issued device not charged, failure to bring district-issued device, carelessness, irresponsible use, off task, sharing work without permission, not following classroom rules, etc. *Using district-issued device during unauthorized times or locations *Unauthorized use of internet or playing games *Giving out personal information *Other misuse as determined by administration *Disruptive emails/messaging from student to student; conversations as opposed to work related to school.	Teacher Discipline (minor infraction must be entered)	Warning	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
		-District-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned.				
Detention Violation (005)	Failure to attend or comply with discipline such as lunch detention or afterschool detention.	ISS (1)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
Dishonest Behavior (006)	Intentionally attempting to deceive or mislead a staff member for personal advantage.	Warning (referral to Guidance)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
Disrupting Class (007)	Behavior (physical, verbal, or electronic) which disturbs or interferes substantially with maintaining an environment conducive to learning inside the classroom, during in-school activities, or after school events.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Inappropriate Behavior (017)	General misbehavior by a student inside of or outside of class. Used only when a more accurate discipline code does not exist to describe the behavior.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)

Dress Code (280)	See Student Dress Code on page 32	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Excessive Noise (400)	Excessive noise in the hallway, office, restroom, cafeteria, or other areas of campus outside the classroom that could potentially disrupt the educational environment.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Horseplay (405)	Intentional rough or boisterous play which could cause injury or conflict during school or school-related activities.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
Inappropriate Physical Contact (022)	Intentionally making physical contact with another student that would reasonably be considered inappropriate.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
Littering (370)	Intentionally leaving trash on school property.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Medicine Violation I (Minor) (031)	Possession/Distribution of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that generally aren't harmful. Examples include, OTC pain relievers, vitamins, asthma inhalers, Midol, Gas Ex, Pepto-Bismol, cold/flu, heartburn, allergies, etc.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
		All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.				
Off Limits/ Unauthorized Area (200)	Intentional presence or loitering in an area without a hall pass or without the permission of an adult. (minor)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
Inappropriate Affection (PDA) (015)	PDA includes any physical contact that is deemed inappropriate by administration.	Warning + Call Home	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)	Not obeying a directive from an adult. (There are Level 2 and Level 3 versions of this that result in different consequences)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Tardy (180)	Arriving late for the start of school, an assigned class, or activity without permission from another adult in the building. Unexcused Early Dismissals will not carry a 180 code, but will be included for the consequences listed.	Consequences for Unexcused: Late Arrival (Tardy) & Early Dismissals				
		3 (1 Unex Abs)	6 AIP (2 Unex Abs)	9 District Truancy Hearing (3 Unex Abs)	12 Family Court Referral (4 Unex Abs)	
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property less than $50 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)

Additional Level 1 Consequences:
Teacher Conferences, Administrative Conferences, Parent/Legal guardian Conferences, Home Visits, Counseling, Behavior Contracts, Student Work Assignment, Detention (After School, Lunch, Break).

Level 2 Offenses and Consequences

Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level 2 Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.

Offense	Description	Consequences			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Confrontation or Altercation (407)	Physical or verbal behavior that communicates, leads to, or is reasonably understood to mean that a student wants to escalate a disagreement.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
Bite/Spit/Pinch (003)	Intentional acts that are meant to inflict pain or emit bodily fluids.	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Computer Violation Major Misuse (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some examples are listed below: *Sharing username and/or password or other personal school district account information. *Downloading and/or using websites to obtain purchased or illegal term papers, book reports, or other forms of required student work. *Unauthorized downloading, installing, transmitting music, games, copyrighted material, and/or other applications. *Deleting district system applications and changing personal mobile computing device settings (exceptions include personal settings such as font size, brightness of screen, etc.) *Emails/messaging between students and staff that contain inappropriate content *Creating unapproved student chat rooms	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
		-District-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned.			
School Discipline Contract Lv.2 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (2)	OSS (2)	RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 2 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE		
Cutting Class (160) or Cutting Activity (170)	Any unauthorized absence to a class or activity during a school day.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Disrespect (420)	Speaking or behaving in a way that is reasonably interpreted by a staff member to be defiant, argumentative, inconsiderate, rude, offensive, hurtful, or generally disrespectful.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Aiding Others (001)	Encouraging or inciting other students to misbehave, break a rule, or provoking a fight.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Action (271)	Willful noncompliance with disciplinary action issued by an administrator for violating the CCSD Code of Conduct.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Action (271)	If a student is removed from ISS for a disciplinary reason, or if a student/parent refuses an ISS assignment, then all consequences that would have been ISS will become OSS for the remainder of the year.	In-School Suspension assignments become Out-of-School Suspension			
Forgery (011)	Students creating fake signatures, notes, or passes posing as an adult. Ex. Parent Signatures, Parent Notes, Teacher Notes, Fake Hall Pass.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Gang Activity (250)	Wearing clothing that is commonly associated with a gang. Flashing gang signs. Writings/drawings with symbols and references identifying him/herself as a part of a gang. Attempting to use gang affiliation to intimidate someone or create conflict. Any gang related activity that disrupts the educational environment or causes mental or physical harm to others.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
Gambling (630)	The act of risking money or other possessions for possible gain, or to bet on an uncertain outcome.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Harassment (012)	Intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student based on actual or perceived race (HSR), disability (HSD), gender (HSG), religion (HSE), national origin (HNO), or sexual orientation (HSO).	ISS (2)	OSS (2)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Hit/Kick/Push (014)	Intentionally hitting, kicking, or pushing a student with the intent to inflict harm or pain.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)

Inappropriate Language (016), Gesture (290), Profanity (210)	Any verbal/written language or gesture that is profane, offensive, sexual in nature, disrespectful, degrading, abusive, harassing, bullying, or lacks decency. Making a verbal, written, physical, or electronic, "idle" threat to a student that is minor in nature.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Inappropriate Materials (018)	Distribution, sale, or possession of printed, audio, video, or electronic materials/images/music not authorized by administration.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Leaving Class (320)	Leaving the classroom without permission in non-emergency situations.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Medicine Violation II (031)	Possession of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that could potentially be harmful. Examples include cough/cold syrups, EpiPens, insulin pumps, sleep medicines, CBD, etc. Distribution escalates this offense to a Level 3 Violation.	OSS (1)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
		All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.			
Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)	Intentionally and openly not obeying a directive from an adult.	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Property Misuse (023)	Use of school property for unauthorized purposes.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Major Disruption (020)	Causing a major disruption to the educational environment. Causes could come from detrimental conduct, instigating a fight, intentional or unintentional actions, recording or photographing others, posting or distributing information, images, or videos outside of school that result in a disruption of the educational environment.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
		Distribution of images or videos of minors will be reported to local law enforcement.			
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property $50-$100 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Tobacco Violation (230)	Possession or use of vaping products, smoking cigarettes, cigars, etc. and using smokeless products. Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD), Tobacco Products (TOB), Vaping Products (VAP)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) RE

Level 3 Offenses and Consequences

Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level 3 Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.

Offense	Description	Consequences	
		1st	2nd
Bathroom Violation (Urination) (029)	Intentionally urinating or defecating outside of the toilet with the intent to disrupt others. This may occur inside or outside of the restroom.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Computer Violation (Extreme Major Misuse) (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some examples are listed below: *Bypassing CCSD filters *Actions violating board policy or public law including bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation. *Sending, transmitting, downloading, uploading, accessing, photographing/filming others without the permission of the district and/or school and/or against their will, or distributing obscene, offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic & sexually explicit materials. *VPN downloading and/or proxy use for internet access, hacking district systems, batch files, or scripts for malicious intent. *Gaining access to other students, staff, or school district employee's accounts files, and/or data. *Vandalism of district-issued device (Intentional) *Inappropriate searches This applies to district-issued devices and student cell phone use on campus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
		-District-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned. -Depending on the seriousness of the offense, a report may be made to law enforcement.	
School Discipline Contract Lv.3 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (10) RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 3 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (10) RE	
Cutting School (150)	Deliberate failure to attend school and/or remain on school grounds once a student has arrived at school. This will also be considered an unexcused absence.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Fighting (009)	The act of two or more persons involved in a physical conflict such as hitting, slapping, punching, or kicking another person at school, at a school event, or on district transportation. Each offense will be reported to law enforcement authorities.	OSS (5) REPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT	OSS (10) and RE REPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT
Inappropriate Physical Contact (022)	Intentionally making physical contact with another student that would reasonably be considered inappropriate.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) And RE
Inappropriate Language (016), Gesture (290), Profanity (210)	Any verbal/written language or gesture toward a staff member that is offensive, sexual in nature, severely disrespectful, degrading, abusive, or lacks decency.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Inappropriate Materials (018)	Bringing an object to school, the bus, or a school-sponsored event that can cause a distraction or major disruption.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Off Limits (Serious) (200)	Unauthorized presence in an administrative office, guidance office, opposite gender restroom, 2 or more people in a bathroom stall, locker room, hotel room, areas that are dangerous, or are clearly not appropriate. Including the normal school day, extra-curricular activities, school-sponsored events, sporting events, and school-sponsored transportation.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Assault, Simple (520)	Unprovoked/provoked physical attack or abuse of another student at school or on the school bus.	OSS (10) and RE	
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740) $100-$200	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property $100-$200 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Threat (Major) (027)	Actions toward a student or staff which may be identified as harassment, intimidation, stalking, extortion, blackmailing, or threatening.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE

Non-Negotiable Level 3 Offenses

These Level 3 Offenses will result in OSS (10 Days) and Recommendation for Expulsion. In some cases, restitution may be required as well as a police report made by the school.

Offense	Description	
Alcohol/Liquor Law (680)	Possession of, or under the influence of alcohol at school, on school grounds, or on the school bus. This includes all athletic events, after school activities, and field trips. Distribution or sale of alcohol to other students will be RE 1st offense.	Student must complete a drug/alcohol rehabilitation/counseling program approved by the Superintendent.
Arson (500)	Intentionally setting fire to an object with the intent to destroy or cause damage. This may occur on school grounds or the school bus. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Assault, Aggravated (Student) (510)	An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. This category includes attempted murder. A weapon can be a commonly known weapon, such as a gun or knife, or any other item, which, although not usually thought of as a weapon, becomes one when used in a manner that could cause severe bodily injury (e.g., baseball bat, metal chain, large stick). A "severe laceration" is one that should receive medical attention. A "loss of consciousness" must be the direct result of force inflicted on the victim by the offender. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Assault, Simple (Staff) (520)	Any physical attack on a member of the school staff. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Disturbing School (560)	It is unlawful for a person who is not a student or any student who is suspended or expelled from school to willfully interfere with disrupt or disturb the normal operations of the school day or during a school activity that may or may not involve law enforcement. Parents may be put on trespass by CCSD if their behavior disturbs the educational environment, or is threatening, and law enforcement is called.	
Bomb Threat (260)	Communicating a report, while knowing or having reason to know the report is false, that there is located on any school premises or at school-sponsored activities, a device designed to cause damage or destruction by explosion, blasting, or burning. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Counterfeit/Forgery (550)	The use of an exact imitation of something valuable or important with the intention to deceive or defraud for personal advantage. Examples include money, doctor's notes, social security numbers, etc. A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Drugs Distribution (570), Usage (575), Possession (580)	*Under the influence of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, or using a prescription drug not as prescribed. *Possession of any illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Sale or distribution of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Possession of drug paraphernalia, or remnants of illegal drugs. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	Student must complete a drug/alcohol rehabilitation/counseling program approved by the Superintendent.
Embezzlement (590)	Unlawful misappropriation by an offender for his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Fire Alarm (350)	Intentionally setting off the fire alarm, attempting to pull the fire alarm, or vandalizing, stealing or triggering fire extinguishers.	
Fireworks (010)	Setting off firecrackers, smoke bombs, chemical devices, or similar activities are strictly prohibited.	
Fraud (620)	Deliberate false representation of a factual matter, whether by words or conduct, to secure unfair or unlawful gain. A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Gang Activity (250)	Engaging in initiations, hazing, intimidations, or related activities of such group affiliations that are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students.	
Homicide (640)	Homicide is the killing of one human being by another. Does not include vehicular manslaughter or attempted murder as a homicide. Non-negligent manslaughter is defined as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Negligent manslaughter is defined as the killing of another person through negligence. This offense does not include vehicular manslaughter. Justifiable homicide - The killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by a peace officer in the line of duty or the killing, during the commission of a serious criminal offense, of the perpetrator by a private individual. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Inappropriate Contact with Staff (022)	Making contact with a staff member that is reasonably interpreted to be grossly inappropriate, threatening, or disrespectful.	
Refusal to Obey Incorrigible (270)	Student has been referred to administration at a high frequency for a variety of discipline infractions and continues to violate the CCSD Code of Conduct despite numerous conferences, interventions, and opportunities to improve behavior. Students who exceed 10 cumulative days of OSS for a combination of any reason, will be recommended for expulsion.	
Indecent Exposure (019)	Intentionally exposing private parts in person or electronically. (While at school or on a district device) A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Intimidation of Staff (650)	Extortion, bribery, threatening physical harm to a staff member for personal gain. Acting aggressively (physically or verbally) toward a staff member. Threatening a teacher, school principal, or other public official is a crime in South Carolina and may result in criminal prosecution. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	

Kidnapping/Abduction (660)	Kidnapping/abduction is the unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his or her will or of a minor without the consent of his or her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian. This category includes hostage taking. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Sexting (295)	Sharing, displaying, creating, or selling nude, partially nude, or other sexually explicit or suggestive images, videos, or visual representations using non-digital means (e.g., printed materials) or electronic communication, including but not limited to texting, emailing, or posting on social media platforms. These acts are prohibited whether or not the subjects of the images, videos, or visual representations consent to their being created, possessed, or shared. Possession and/or distribution of sexual materials involving minors will result in an immediate report to local law enforcement.
Pornography (710)	Possessing, viewing, accessing, storing, printing, or downloading pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials by non-digital means (e.g., printed materials) or electronic means (all forms of media are included). Possession and/or distribution of sexual materials involving minors will result in an immediate report to local law enforcement.
Prostitution (720)	To unlawfully engage in or promote sexual activities for profit. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Forced Sex Offense (610)	A Forcible Sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. This definition includes forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object (to use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his or her youth or because of his or her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity), and/or forcible fondling (child molesting). A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Robbery (730)	Robbery is defined as the taking or attempting to take anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm. Because some type of assault is an element of the crime of robbery, an assault should not be reported as a separate crime if it is performed in furtherance of the robbery. If an injury occurring during a robbery results in death, the crime should be listed as a homicide. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Forced Sex Offense (610)	A Forcible Sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent (due to any reason including age, mental or physical capacity, etc.). A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Non-Forced Sex Offense (690)	Acts of sexual nature are prohibited on school property, or at school-sponsored activities or trips; therefore, participation in sex in school or on school property/school trips is strictly prohibited. This includes transportation.
Sexual Harassment (013)	Repeated or deliberate unwelcome sexual comments, advances, touching, and/or sexually motivated physical contact.
Property misuse (023) Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property greater than $200. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement.
Threat (Student, Staff, & School) (027)	Knowingly and willfully delivered or conveyed a threat to commit bodily harm by means of a weapon against students, employees of a school, or the school itself. Includes verbal, written, physical, or electronic threats. When the requirements of S.C. Code §59-63-237 are met, the student must be expelled for a period not to exceed one academic year, subject to modification as provided by law.
Trespassing (750)	While under suspension or if expelled, students are not allowed on school grounds; therefore, being on school grounds, on bus, in classes, or at other school events during or after school hours or on weekends while under suspension or expelled is prohibited. *Students attending Copeland Academy are not allowed on the school grounds of any CCSD school before, during, or after school hours. This includes athletic events.
Other Offenses – Serious (700)	Student arrested for any violent incident in the community. (Per the South Carolina Safe Schools Act Section 59-63-110) Ex. Homicide, Attempted Homicide, Rape, Attempted Rape, Sexual Battery, Armed Robbery, Battery, Lynching, Aggravated Assault, Kidnapping, Trafficking, Explosives/Weapons Offense, Arson, Threat to Kill *Students required to wear a court ordered ankle monitor for any offense, must meet with school administration. Administration will consider the student's placement based on the community offense. Students may return to their home school, be assigned to the alternative school, or assigned to the virtual program.
Weapon (Specify) (789)	Possessing a weapon such as a knife, blackjack, brass knuckles, ice pick, razor, box cutter, taser, mace/pepper spray, or any object which can be used or represented to be a weapon. A report may be made to law enforcement. Any blade 2.5 in. or longer will be reported to law enforcement. Possessing weapons such as BB guns, gun facsimiles, firearms, incendiary device, or explosives. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities. Knowingly bringing a firearm to a school or other setting under the jurisdiction of the Board will result in expulsion for no less than one year from the date of the incident, subject to modification in accordance with S.C. Code §59-63-235.

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Level 1 Offenses and Consequences

(Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level I Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration. A referral to the building MTSS Coordinator should be considered.)

Offense	Description	Consequences				
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cell Phone Violation (330)	Students must turn off and store their devices and device accessories during the school day. Photographing and/or recording other students will be applied as an additional offense. (If photos or videos are posted or distributed, see Major Disruption and/or Cyberbullying)	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
School Discipline Contract Lv.1 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (1)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 1 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	ISS (3)	OSS (5)	RE		
Violation of Class Rules (030)	Students failing to follow teacher/staff directives or procedures. Examples include sleeping, not following directions, failing to complete work, etc.	Warning	ISS (I)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Computer Violation (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some classroom examples are listed below: District-issued device not charged, failure to bring district-issued device, carelessness, irresponsible use, off task, sharing work without permission, not following classroom rules, etc. *Using district-issued device during unauthorized times or locations *Unauthorized use of internet or playing games *Giving out personal information *Other misuse as determined by administration *Disruptive emails/messaging from student to student; conversations as opposed to work related to school.	Teacher Discipline (minor infraction must be entered)	Warning	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
		-District-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned.				
Detention Violation (005)	Failure to attend or comply with discipline such as lunch detention or afterschool detention.	ISS (1)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
Dishonest Behavior (006)	Intentionally attempting to deceive or mislead a staff member for personal advantage.	Warning (referral to Guidance)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
Disrupting Class (007)	Behavior (physical, verbal, or electronic) which disturbs or interferes substantially with maintaining an environment conducive to learning inside the classroom, during in-school activities, or after school events.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Inappropriate Behavior (017)	General misbehavior by a student inside of or outside of class. Used only when a more accurate discipline code does not exist to describe the behavior.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Dress Code (280)	See Student Dress Code on page 32.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)

Excessive Noise (400)	Excessive noise in the hallway, office, restroom, cafeteria, or other areas of campus outside the classroom that could potentially disrupt the educational environment.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)

Horseplay (405)	Intentional rough or boisterous play which could cause injury or conflict during school or school-related activities.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
Inappropriate Physical Contact (022)	Intentionally making physical contact with another student that would reasonably be considered inappropriate.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
Littering (370)	Intentionally leaving trash on school property.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Medicine Violation I (Minor) (031)	Possession/Distribution of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that generally aren't harmful. Examples include, OTC pain relievers, vitamins, asthma inhalers, Midol, Gas Ex, Pepto-Bismol, cold/flu, heartburn, allergies, etc.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
		All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.				
Off Limits/ Unauthorized Area (200)	Intentional presence or loitering in an area without a hall pass or without the permission of an adult. (minor)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
Inappropriate Affection (PDA) (015)	PDA includes any physical contact that is deemed inappropriate by administration.	Warning + Call Home	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)	Not obeying a directive from an adult. (There are Level 2 and Level 3 versions of this that result in different consequences)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Tardy To Class (180)	Arriving late to a class or activity without written permission from a school staff member. (Per 9 Weeks)	1st-2nd Warning		3rd-4th ISS (1)		5th+ ISS (2)
Tardy To School (180)	Arriving late to school. (Per 9 Weeks) Schools will keep track of time missed from class to use when reporting truancy to the District and Family Court.	1st-2nd Warning		3rd-4th ISS (1)		5th+ OSS (1)
		Minimum consequences listed. With district approval, schools may implement a different policy that is greater than, but not less than the minimum consequences listed. This can include detention, ISS, or Loss of Driving Privileges (HS). Excessive tardies can trigger an AIP and eventual consequences for truancy.				
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property less than $50 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)

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Teacher Conferences, Administrative Conferences, Parent/Legal guardian Conferences, Home Visits, Counseling, Behavior Contracts, Student Work Assignment, Detention (After School, Lunch, Break).

Level 2 Offenses and Consequences

Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level 2 Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.

Offense	Description	Consequences			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Confrontation or Altercation (407)	Physical or verbal behavior that communicates, leads to, or is reasonably understood to mean that a student wants to escalate a disagreement.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
Bite/Spit/Pinch (003)	Intentional acts that are meant to inflict pain or emit bodily fluids.	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Computer Violation Major Misuse (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some examples are listed below: *Sharing username and/or password or other personal school district account information. *Downloading and/or using websites to obtain purchased or illegal term papers, book reports, or other forms of required student work. *Unauthorized downloading, installing, transmitting music, games, copyrighted material, and/or other applications. *Deleting district system applications and changing personal mobile computing device settings (exceptions include personal settings such as font size, brightness of screen, etc.) *Emails/messaging between students and staff that contain inappropriate content *Creating unapproved student chat rooms	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
		-District-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned.			
School Discipline Contract Lv.2 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (2)	OSS (2)	RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 2 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE		
Cutting Class (160) or Cutting Activity (170)	Any unauthorized absence to a class or activity during a school day.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Disrespect (420)	Speaking or behaving in a way that is reasonably interpreted by a staff member to be defiant, argumentative, inconsiderate, rude, offensive, hurtful, or generally disrespectful.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Aiding Others (001)	Encouraging or inciting other students to misbehave, break a rule, or provoking a fight.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Action (271)	Willful noncompliance with disciplinary action issued by an administrator for violating the CCSD Code of Conduct.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Action (271)	If a student is removed from ISS for a disciplinary reason, or if a student/parent refuses an ISS assignment, then all consequences that would have been ISS will become OSS for the remainder of the year.	In-School Suspension assignments become Out-of-School Suspension			
Forgery (011)	Students creating fake signatures, notes, or passes posing as an adult. Ex. Parent Signatures, Parent Notes, Teacher Notes, Fake Hall Pass.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Gang Activity (250)	Wearing clothing that is commonly associated with a gang. Flashing gang signs. Writings/drawings with symbols and references identifying him/herself as a part of a gang. Attempting to use gang affiliation to intimidate someone or create conflict. Any gang related activity that disrupts the educational environment or causes mental or physical harm to others.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
Gambling (630)	The act of risking money or other possessions for possible gain, or to bet on an uncertain outcome.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Harassment (012)	Intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student based on actual or perceived race (HSR), disability (HSD), gender (HSG), religion (HSE), national origin (HNO), or sexual orientation (HSO).	ISS (2)	OSS (2)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Hit/Kick/Push (014)	Intentionally hitting, kicking, or pushing a student with the intent to inflict harm or pain.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)

Inappropriate Language (016), Gesture (290), Profanity (210)	Any verbal/written language or gesture that is profane, offensive, sexual in nature, disrespectful, degrading, abusive, harassing, bullying, or lacks decency. Making a verbal, written, physical, or electronic, "idle" threat to a student that is minor in nature.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Inappropriate Materials (018)	Distribution, sale, or possession of printed, audio, video, or electronic materials/images/music not authorized by administration.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Leaving Class (320)	Leaving the classroom without permission in non-emergency situations.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Medicine Violation II (031)	Possession of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that could potentially be harmful. Examples include cough/cold syrups, EpiPens, insulin pumps, sleep medicines, CBD, etc. Distribution escalates this offense to a Level 3 Violation.	OSS (1)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
		All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.			
Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)	Intentionally and openly not obeying a directive from an adult.	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Property Misuse (023)	Use of school property for unauthorized purposes.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Major Disruption (020)	Causing a major disruption to the educational environment. Causes could come from detrimental conduct, instigating a fight, intentional or unintentional actions, recording or photographing others, posting or distributing information, images, or videos outside of school that result in a disruption of the educational environment.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
		Distribution of images or videos of minors will be reported to local law enforcement.			
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property $50-$100 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Tobacco Violation (230)	Possession or use of vaping products, smoking cigarettes, cigars, etc. and using smokeless products. Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD), Tobacco Products (TOB), Vaping Products (VAP)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) RE

Level 3 Offenses and Consequences

Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level 3 Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.

Offense	Description	Consequences	
		1st	2nd
Bathroom Violation (Urination) (029)	Intentionally urinating or defecating outside of the toilet with the intent to disrupt others. This may occur inside or outside of the restroom.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Computer Violation (Extreme Major Misuse) (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some examples are listed below: *Bypassing CCSD filters *Actions violating board policy or public law including bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation. *Sending, transmitting, downloading, uploading, accessing, photographing/filming others without the permission of the district and/or school and/or against their will, or distributing obscene, offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic & sexually explicit materials. *VPN downloading and/or proxy use for internet access, hacking district systems, batch files, or scripts for malicious intent. *Gaining access to other students, staff, or school district employee's accounts files, and/or data. *Vandalism of district-issued device (Intentional) *Inappropriate searches This applies to district-issued devices and student cell phone use on campus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
		-District-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned. -Depending on the seriousness of the offense, a report may be made to law enforcement.	
School Discipline Contract Lv.3 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (10) RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 3 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (10) RE	
Cutting School (150)	Deliberate failure to attend school and/or remain on school grounds once a student has arrived at school. This will also be considered an unexcused absence.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Fighting (009)	The act of two or more persons involved in a physical conflict such as hitting, slapping, punching, or kicking another person at school, at a school event, or on district transportation. Each offense will be reported to law enforcement authorities.	OSS (5) REPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT	OSS (10) and RE REPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT
Inappropriate Physical Contact (022)	Intentionally making physical contact with another student that would reasonably be considered inappropriate.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) And RE
Inappropriate Language (016), Gesture (290), Profanity (210)	Any verbal/written language or gesture toward a staff member that is offensive, sexual in nature, severely disrespectful, degrading, abusive, or lacks decency.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Inappropriate Materials (018)	Bringing an object to school, the bus, or a school-sponsored event that can cause a distraction or major disruption.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Off Limits (Serious) (200)	Unauthorized presence in an administrative office, guidance office, opposite gender restroom, 2 or more people in a bathroom stall, locker room, hotel room, areas that are dangerous, or are clearly not appropriate. Including the normal school day, extra-curricular activities, school-sponsored events, sporting events, and school-sponsored transportation.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Assault, Simple (520)	Unprovoked/provoked physical attack or abuse of another student at school or on the school bus.	OSS (10) and RE	
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740) $100-$200	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property $100-$200 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
Threat (Major) (027)	Actions toward a student or staff which may be identified as harassment, intimidation, stalking, extortion, blackmailing, or threatening.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE

Non-Negotiable Level 3 Offenses

These Level 3 Offenses will result in OSS (10 Days) and Recommendation for Expulsion. In some cases, restitution may be required as well as a police report made by the school.

Offense	Description	
Alcohol/Liquor Law (680)	Possession of, or under the influence of alcohol at school, on school grounds, or on the school bus. This includes all athletic events, after school activities, and field trips. Distribution or sale of alcohol to other students will be RE 1st offense.	Student must complete a drug/alcohol rehabilitation/counseling program approved by the Superintendent.
Arson (500)	Intentionally setting fire to an object with the intent to destroy or cause damage. This may occur on school grounds or the school bus. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Assault, Aggravated (Student) (510)	An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. This category includes attempted murder. A weapon can be a commonly known weapon, such as a gun or knife, or any other item, which, although not usually thought of as a weapon, becomes one when used in a manner that could cause severe bodily injury (e.g., baseball bat, metal chain, large stick). A "severe laceration" is one that should receive medical attention. A "loss of consciousness" must be the direct result of force inflicted on the victim by the offender. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Assault, Simple (Staff) (520)	Any physical attack on a member of the school staff. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Disturbing School (560)	It is unlawful for a person who is not a student or any student who is suspended or expelled from school to willfully interfere with disrupt or disturb the normal operations of the school day or during a school activity that may or may not involve law enforcement. Parents may be put on trespass by CCSD if their behavior disturbs the educational environment, or is threatening, and law enforcement is called.	
Bomb Threat (260)	Communicating a report, while knowing or having reason to know the report is false, that there is located on any school premises or at school-sponsored activities, a device designed to cause damage or destruction by explosion, blasting, or burning. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Counterfeit/ Forgery (550)	The use of an exact imitation of something valuable or important with the intention to deceive or defraud for personal advantage. Examples include money, doctor's notes, social security numbers, etc. A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Drugs Distribution (570), Usage (575), Possession (580)	*Under the influence of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, or using a prescription drug not as prescribed. *Possession of any illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Sale or distribution of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Possession of drug paraphernalia, or remnants of illegal drugs. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	Student must complete a drug/alcohol rehabilitation/counseling program approved by the Superintendent.
Embezzlement (590)	Unlawful misappropriation by an offender for his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Fire Alarm (350)	Intentionally setting off the fire alarm, attempting to pull the fire alarm, or vandalizing, stealing or triggering fire extinguishers.	
Fireworks (010)	Setting off firecrackers, smoke bombs, chemical devices, or similar activities are strictly prohibited.	
Fraud (620)	Deliberate false representation of a factual matter, whether by words or conduct, to secure unfair or unlawful gain. A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Gang Activity (250)	Engaging in initiations, hazing, intimidations, or related activities of such group affiliations that are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students.	
Homicide (640)	Homicide is the killing of one human being by another. Does not include vehicular manslaughter or attempted murder as a homicide. Non-negligent manslaughter is defined as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Negligent manslaughter is defined as the killing of another person through negligence. This offense does not include vehicular manslaughter. Justifiable homicide - The killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by a peace officer in the line of duty or the killing, during the commission of a serious criminal offense, of the perpetrator by a private individual. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Inappropriate Contact with Staff (022)	Making contact with a staff member that is reasonably interpreted to be grossly inappropriate, threatening, or disrespectful.	
Refusal to Obey Incorrigible (270)	Student has been referred to administration at a high frequency for a variety of discipline infractions and continues to violate the CCSD Code of Conduct despite numerous conferences, interventions, and opportunities to improve behavior. Students who exceed 10 cumulative days of OSS for a combination of any reason, will be recommended for expulsion.	
Indecent Exposure (019)	Intentionally exposing private parts in person or electronically. (While at school or on a district device) A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.	
Intimidation of Staff (650)	Extortion, bribery, threatening physical harm to a staff member for personal gain. Acting aggressively (physically or verbally) toward a staff member. Threatening a teacher, school principal, or other public official is a crime in South Carolina and may result in criminal prosecution. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	

Kidnapping/Abduction (660)	Kidnapping/abduction is the unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his or her will or of a minor without the consent of his or her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian. This category includes hostage taking. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Sexting (295)	Sharing, displaying, creating, or selling nude, partially nude, or other sexually explicit or suggestive images, videos, or visual representations using non-digital means (e.g., printed materials) or electronic communication, including but not limited to texting, emailing, or posting on social media platforms. These acts are prohibited whether or not the subjects of the images, videos, or visual representations consent to their being created, possessed, or shared. Possession and/or distribution of sexual materials involving minors will result in an immediate report to local law enforcement.
Pornography (710)	Possessing, viewing, accessing, storing, printing, or downloading pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials by non-digital means (e.g., printed materials) or electronic means (all forms of media are included). Possession and/or distribution of sexual materials involving minors will result in an immediate report to local law enforcement.
Prostitution (720)	To unlawfully engage in or promote sexual activities for profit. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Forced Sex Offense (610)	A Forcible Sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. This definition includes forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object (to use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his or her youth or because of his or her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity), and/or forcible fondling (child molesting). A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Robbery (730)	Robbery is defined as the taking or attempting to take anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm. Because some type of assault is an element of the crime of robbery, an assault should not be reported as a separate crime if it is performed in furtherance of the robbery. If an injury occurring during a robbery results in death, the crime should be listed as a homicide. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Forced Sex Offense (610)	A Forcible Sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent (due to any reason including age, mental or physical capacity, etc.). A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Non-Forced Sex Offense (690)	Acts of sexual nature are prohibited on school property, or at school-sponsored activities or trips; therefore, participation in sex in school or on school property/school trips is strictly prohibited. This includes transportation.
Sexual Harassment (013)	Repeated or deliberate unwelcome sexual comments, advances, touching, and/or sexually motivated physical contact.
Property misuse (023) Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property greater than $200. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement.
Threat (Student, Staff, & School) (027)	Knowingly and willfully delivered or conveyed a threat to commit bodily harm by means of a weapon against students, employees of a school, or the school itself. Includes verbal, written, physical, or electronic threats. When the requirements of S.C. Code §59-63-237 are met, the student must be expelled for a period not to exceed one academic year, subject to modification as provided by law.
Trespassing (750)	While under suspension or if expelled, students are not allowed on school grounds; therefore, being on school grounds, on bus, in classes, or at other school events during or after school hours or on weekends while under suspension or expelled is prohibited. *Students attending Copeland Academy are not allowed on the school grounds of any CCSD school before, during, or after school hours. This includes athletic events.
Other Offenses – Serious (700)	Student arrested for any violent incident in the community. (Per the South Carolina Safe Schools Act Section 59-63-110) Ex. Homicide, Attempted Homicide, Rape, Attempted Rape, Sexual Battery, Armed Robbery, Battery, Lynching, Aggravated Assault, Kidnapping, Trafficking, Explosives/Weapons Offense, Arson, Threat to Kill *Students required to wear a court ordered ankle monitor for any offense, must meet with school administration. Administration will consider the student's placement based on the community offense.
Weapon Specify in Objects (789)	Possessing a weapon such as a knife, blackjack, brass knuckles, ice pick, razor, box cutter, taser, mace/pepper spray, or any object which can be used or represented to be a weapon. A report may be made to law enforcement. Any blade 2.5 in. or longer will be reported to law enforcement. Possessing weapons such as BB guns, gun facsimiles, firearms, incendiary device, or explosives. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities. Knowingly bringing a firearm to a school or other setting under the jurisdiction of the Board will result in expulsion for no less than one year from the date of the incident, subject to modification in accordance with S.C. Code §59-63-235.

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Level 1 Offenses and Consequences

(Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level I Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration. A referral to the building MTSS Coordinator should be considered.)

Offense	Description	Consequences				
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cell Phone Violation (330)	Students must turn off and store their devices and device accessories during the school day. Photographing and/or recording other students will be applied as an additional offense. (If photos or videos are posted or distributed, see Major Disruption and/or Cyberbullying)	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Violation of Class Rules (030)	Students failing to follow teacher/staff directives or procedures. Examples include sleeping, not following directions, failing to complete work, etc.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Computer Violation (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some classroom examples are listed below: District-issued device not charged, failure to bring district-issued device, carelessness, irresponsible use, off task, sharing work without permission, not following classroom rules, etc. *Using district-issued device during unauthorized times or locations *Unauthorized use of internet or playing games *Giving out personal information *Other misuse as determined by administration *Disruptive emails/messaging from student to student; conversations as opposed to work related to school.	Teacher Discipline (minor infraction must be entered)	Warning	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
		-District-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned.				
School Discipline Contract Lv.1 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (1)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 1 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	ISS (3)	OSS (5)	RE		
Detention Violation (005)	Failure to attend or comply with discipline such as lunch detention or afterschool detention.	ISS (1)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
Dishonest Behavior (006)	Intentionally attempting to deceive or mislead a staff member for personal advantage.	Warning (referral to Guidance)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (5)
Disrupting Class (007)	Behavior (physical, verbal, or electronic) which disturbs or interferes substantially with maintaining an environment conducive to learning inside/outside the classroom, during in-school activities, or after school events.	Warning	ISS (I)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Dress Code (280)	See Student Dress Code on page 32.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Loitering (240)	Students with the privilege of early dismissal are expected to leave the grounds immediately. School rules remain in effect until the student leaves campus. Loitering on school grounds or returning to school without permission after early dismissal.	Warning	ISS (2)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)

Horseplay (405)	Intentional rough or boisterous play which could cause injury or conflict during school or school-related activities. This includes throwing objects, putting one's hands or feet on another student causing a disruption, or potential conflict.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (5)
ID Violation (360)	Students are to have proper identification and must present it when requested by faculty or staff.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
Littering (370)	Intentionally leaving trash on school property.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Medicine Violation I (Minor) (031)	Possession/Distribution of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that generally aren't harmful. Examples include cough drops, OTC pain relievers, vitamins, asthma inhalers, anti-bacterials, Midol, Gas Ex, Pepto-Bismol, cold/flu, heartburn, allergies, Orajel, etc.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (5)
		All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.				
Inappropriate Behavior (017)	General misbehavior by a student inside of or outside of class. Used only when a more accurate discipline code does not exist to describe the behavior.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (5)
Off Limits/ Unauthorized Area (200)	Intentional presence or loitering in an area without a hall pass or without the permission of an adult. (minor)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (5)
Inappropriate Affection (PDA) (015)	PDA includes any physical contact that is deemed inappropriate by administration.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)	Not obeying a directive from an adult. (There are Level 2 and Level 3 versions of this that result in different consequences)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Tardy To School or Class (180)	Arriving late to school, class, or an activity. (Per 9 weeks) Schools will keep track of time missed from class to use when reporting truancy to the District and Family Court.	1st-2nd No penalty	3rd Warning	4th-5th No penalty	6th- Warning	7 plus- OSS (1) each occurrence
		Minimum consequences listed. With district approval, schools may implement a different policy that is greater than, but not less than the minimum consequences listed. This can include detention, ISS, or Loss of Driving Privileges (HS). Excessive tardies can trigger an AIP and eventual consequences for truancy.				
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property less than $50 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE

Additional Level 1 Consequences:

Teacher Conferences, Administrative Conferences, Parent/Legal guardian Conferences, Home Visits, Counseling, Behavior Contracts, Student Work Assignment, Detention (After School, Lunch, Break).

Level 2 Offenses and Consequences

Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level 2 Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.

Offense	Description	Consequences			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Confrontation or Altercation (407)	Physical or verbal behavior that communicates, leads to, or is reasonably understood to mean that a student wants to escalate a disagreement.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE
Bite/Spit/Pinch (003)	Intentional acts that are meant to inflict pain or emit bodily fluids.	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE
Computer Violation (Major Misuse) (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some examples are listed below: *Sharing username and/or password or other personal school district account information. *Downloading and/or using websites to obtain purchased or illegal term papers, book reports, or other forms of required student work. *Unauthorized downloading, installing, transmitting music, games, copyrighted material, and/or other applications. *Deleting district system applications and changing personal mobile computing device settings (exceptions include personal settings such as font size, brightness of screen, etc.) *Emails/messaging between students and staff that contain inappropriate content *Creating unapproved student chat rooms	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE
		-District-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned.			
School Discipline Contract Lv.2 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (2)	OSS (2)	RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 2 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE		
Cutting Class (160) or Cutting Activity (170)	Any unauthorized absence to a class or activity during a school day.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Cutting School (150) Leaving School (310)	Deliberate failure to attend school and/or remain on school grounds once a student has arrived at school. This will also be considered an unexcused absence.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE
Disrespect (420)	Speaking or behaving in a way that is reasonably interpreted by a staff member to be defiant, inconsiderate, rude, offensive, hurtful, or generally disrespectful.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Aiding Others (001)	Encouraging or inciting other students to misbehave or break a rule.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Action (271)	Willful noncompliance (Open Defiance) with disciplinary action issued by an administrator for violating the CCSD Code of Conduct.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE
Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Action (271)	If a student is removed from ISS for a disciplinary reason, or if a student/parent refuses an ISS assignment, then all consequences that would have been ISS will become OSS for the remainder of the year.	In-School Suspension assignments become Out-of-School Suspension			
Forgery (011)	Possession, creation, or use of fake signatures, notes, passes or any other related material that could be used to gain, pass, or bypass any classroom, school, or district function.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Gang Activity (250)	Wearing clothing that is commonly associated with a gang. Flashing gang signs. Writings/drawings with symbols and references identifying him/herself as a part of a gang. Attempting to use gang affiliation to intimidate someone or create conflict. Any gang related activity that disrupts the educational environment or causes mental or physical harm to others.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE
Gambling (630)	The act of risking money or other possessions for possible gain, or to bet on an uncertain outcome.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)

Hit/Kick/Push (014)	Intentionally hitting, kicking, or pushing a student with the intent to inflict harm or pain.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Inappropriate Language (016), Gesture (290), Profanity (210)	Any verbal/written language or gesture that is profane, offensive, sexual in nature, disrespectful, degrading, harassing, threatening, bullying, or lacks decency.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Inappropriate Materials (018)	Distribution, sale, or possession of printed, audio, video, or electronic materials/images/music not authorized by staff.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Leaving Class (320)	Leaving the classroom without permission in non-emergency situations.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Medicine Violation II (031)	Possession of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that could potentially be harmful. Examples include cough/cold syrups, EpiPens, insulin pumps, sleep medicines, CBD, etc. Distribution escalates this offense to a Level 3 Violation.	OSS (1)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE
Property Misuse (023)	Use of school property for unauthorized purposes.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Major Disruption (020)	Causing a major disruption to the educational environment. Causes could come from detrimental conduct, instigating a fight, intentional or unintentional actions, recording or photographing others, posting or distributing information, images, or videos outside of school that result in a disruption of the educational environment.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE
		Distribution of images or videos of minors will be reported to local law enforcement.			
Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)	Intentionally and openly not obeying a directive from an adult.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property $50-$100 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Threat minor (027)	Making a verbal, written, physical, or electronic “idle” threat to a student that is minor in nature.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
Tobacco Violation (230)	Possession or use of vaping products, smoking cigarettes, cigars, etc. and using smokeless products. Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD), Tobacco Products (TOB), Vaping Products (VAP)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) and RE

Level 3 Offenses and Consequences

Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level 3 Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.

Offense	Description	Consequences	
		1st	2nd
Bathroom Violation (Urination) (029)	Intentionally urinating or defecating outside of the toilet with the intent to disrupt others. This may occur inside or outside of the restroom.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE
Computer Violation (Extreme Major Misuse) (220)	*Students are expected to follow the CCSD Student Mobile Device Guide. Some examples are listed below: *Bypassing CCSD filters *Actions violating board policy or public law including bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation. *Sending, transmitting, downloading, uploading, accessing, photographing/filming others without the permission of the district and/or school and/or against their will, or distributing obscene, offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic & sexually explicit materials. *VPN downloading and/or proxy use for internet access, hacking district systems, batch files, or scripts for malicious intent. *Gaining access to other students, staff, or school district employee's accounts files, and/or data. *Vandalism of district-issued device (Intentional) *Inappropriate searches This applies to district-issued devices and student cell phone use on campus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE -If necessary, district-issued device stays at school during OSS. -The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned. -Depending on the seriousness of the offense, a report may be made to law enforcement.
School Discipline Contract Lv.3 (430)	Student has been placed on a School Discipline Contract for incidents related to the CCSD Code of Conduct and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (10) RE	
Transition Contract Lv. 3 Alternative/Expulsion (430)	Student has been placed on a Transition Contract after returning to their homeschool from an Alternative setting, Expulsion, or Extended Suspension and has violated the terms agreed to in the contract.	OSS (10) RE	
Cutting School (150)	Deliberate failure to attend school and/or remain on school grounds once a student has arrived at school. This will also be considered and unexcused absence.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE
Inappropriate Physical Contact (022)	Intentionally making physical contact with another student that would reasonably be considered inappropriate.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE
Inappropriate Language (016), Gesture (290), Profanity (210)	Any verbal/written language or gesture toward a staff member that is offensive, sexual in nature, severely disrespectful, degrading, threatening, abusive, or lacks decency.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE
Inappropriate Materials (018)	Bringing an object to school, the bus, or a school-sponsored event that can potentially cause a major distraction or major disruption.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE
Off Limits (Serious) (200)	Unauthorized presence in an administrative office, guidance office, opposite gender restroom, 2 or more people in a bathroom stall, locker room, hotel room, areas that are dangerous, or areas that are clearly not appropriate. Includes the normal school day, extra-curricular activities, school-sponsored events, sporting events, and school-sponsored transportation.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE
Assault, Simple (520)	Unprovoked/provoked physical attack or abuse of another student at school or on the school bus.	OSS (10) and RE	
Property Misuse (023) or Stolen Property (740) $100-$200	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property $100-$200 in value. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE
Threat (Major) (027)	Actions toward a student which may be identified as harassment, intimidation, stalking, extortion, blackmailing, or threatening.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE

Non-Negotiable Level 3 Offenses These Level 3 Offenses will result in OSS (10 Days) and Recommendation for Expulsion. In some cases, restitution may be required as well as a police report made by the school.			
Offense	Description		
Alcohol/Liquor Law (680)	Possession of, or under the influence of alcohol at school, on school grounds, or on the school bus. This includes all athletic events, after school activities, and field trips. Distribution or sale of alcohol to other students will be OSS (10) and RE 1st offense.	OSS (10) and RE Student must complete a drug/alcohol rehabilitation/counseling program approved by the Superintendent.	OSS (10) and RE
Arson (500)	Intentionally setting fire to an object with the intent to destroy or cause damage. This may occur on school grounds or the school bus. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.		
Assault, Aggravated (Student) (510)	An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. This category includes attempted murder. A weapon can be a commonly known weapon, such as a gun or knife, or any other item, which, although not usually thought of as a weapon, becomes one when used in a manner that could cause severe bodily injury (e.g., baseball bat, metal chain, large stick). A "severe laceration" is one that should receive medical attention. A "loss of consciousness" must be the direct result of force inflicted on the victim by the offender. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.		
Assault, Simple (Staff) (520)	Any physical attack on a member of the school staff. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.		
Bomb Threat (260)	Communicating a report, while knowing or having reason to know the report is false, that there is located on any school premises or at school-sponsored activities, a device designed to cause damage or destruction by explosion, blasting, or burning. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.		
Counterfeit/Forgery (550)	The use of an exact imitation of something valuable or important with the intention to deceive or defraud for personal advantage. Examples include money, doctor's notes, social security numbers, etc. A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.		
Disturbing School (560)	It is unlawful for a person who is not a student or any student who is suspended or expelled from school to willfully interfere with, disrupt, or disturb the normal operations of the school day or during a school activity that may or may not involve law enforcement. Parents may be put on trespass by CCSD if their behavior disturbs the educational environment, or is threatening, and law enforcement is called.		
Drugs Distribution (570), Usage (575), Possession (580)	*Under the influence of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, or using a prescription drug not as prescribed. If a student is suspected to be under the influence, school administration may use all available resources to make a reasonable determination. This includes, but is not limited to, observation and school nurse recommendation. Students suspected of being under the influence, may be offered the opportunity to provide a negative drug test from a licensed, health professional. *Possession of any illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Sale or distribution of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Possession of drug paraphernalia, or remnants of illegal drugs. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	Student must complete a drug/alcohol rehabilitation/ counseling program approved by the Superintendent.	
Embezzlement (590)	Unlawful misappropriation by an offender for his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.		
Fight (009)	The act of two or more persons involved in a physical conflict such as hitting, slapping, punching, or kicking another person at school, at a school event, or on district transportation. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.	OSS (10) and RE REPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT	
Fire Alarm (350)	Intentionally setting off the fire alarm, attempting to pull the fire alarm, or vandalizing, stealing or triggering fire extinguishers.		
Fireworks (010)	Setting off firecrackers, smoke bombs, chemical devices, or similar activities are strictly prohibited.		
Fraud (620)	Deliberate false representation of a factual matter, whether by words or conduct, to secure unfair or unlawful gain. A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.		
Gang Activity (250)	Engaging in initiations, hazing, intimidations, or related activities of such group affiliations that are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students.		

Homicide (640)	Homicide is the killing of one human being by another. Does not include vehicular manslaughter or attempted murder as a homicide. Non-negligent manslaughter is defined as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Negligent manslaughter is defined as the killing of another person through negligence. This offense does not include vehicular manslaughter. Justifiable homicide - The killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by a peace officer in the line of duty or the killing, during the commission of a serious criminal offense, of the perpetrator by a private individual. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Inappropriate Contact with Staff (022)	Making contact with a staff member that is reasonably interpreted to be grossly inappropriate, threatening, or disrespectful.
Refusal to Obey/Defiant Incorrigible (270)	Student has been referred to administration at a high frequency for a variety of discipline infractions and continues to violate the CCSD Code of Conduct despite numerous conferences, interventions, and opportunities to improve behavior. Students who exceed 10 cumulative days of OSS for a combination of any reason, will be recommended for expulsion.
Indecent Exposure (019)	Intentionally exposing private parts in person or electronically. (While at school or on a district device) A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.
Intimidation of Staff (650)	Extortion, bribery, threatening physical harm to a staff member for personal gain. Acting aggressively (physically or verbally) toward a staff member. Threatening a teacher, school principal, or other public official is a crime in South Carolina and may result in criminal prosecution. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Kidnapping/Abduction (660)	Kidnapping/abduction is the unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his or her will or of a minor without the consent of his or her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian. This category includes hostage taking. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Sexting (295)	Sharing, displaying, creating, or selling nude, partially nude, or other sexually explicit or suggestive images, videos, or visual representations using non-digital means (e.g., printed materials) or electronic communication, including but not limited to texting, emailing, or posting on social media platforms. These acts are prohibited whether or not the subjects of the images, videos, or visual representations consent to their being created, possessed, or shared. Possession and/or distribution of sexual materials involving minors will result in an immediate report to local law enforcement.
Pornography (710)	Possessing, viewing, accessing, storing, printing, or downloading pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials by non-digital means (e.g., printed materials) or electronic means (all forms of media are included). Possession and/or distribution of sexual images involving minors will result in an immediate report to law enforcement authorities.
Prostitution (720)	To unlawfully engage in or promote sexual activities for profit. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Robbery (730)	Robbery is defined as the taking or attempting to take anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm. Because some type of assault is an element of the crime of robbery, an assault should not be reported as a separate crime if it is performed in furtherance of the robbery. If an injury occurring during a robbery results in death, the crime should be listed as a homicide. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Forced Sex Offense (610)	A Forcible Sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent (due to any reason including age, mental or physical capacity, etc.). A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
Non-Forced Sex Offense (690)	Acts of sexual nature are prohibited on school property, or at school-sponsored activities or trips; therefore, participation in sex in school or on school property/school trips is strictly prohibited. This includes transportation.
Sexual Harassment (013)	Repeated or deliberate unwelcome sexual comments, advances, touching, and/or sexually motivated physical contact.
Property misuse (023) Stolen Property (740)	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property greater than $200. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities. Restitution required. Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement.
Threat (Student, Staff, & School) (027)	Knowingly and willfully delivered or conveyed a threat to commit bodily harm by means of a weapon against students, employees of a school, or the school itself. Includes verbal, written, physical, or electronic threats. When the requirements of S.C. Code §59-63-237 are met, the student must be expelled for a period not to exceed one academic year, subject to modification as provided by law.
Trespassing (750)	While under suspension or if expelled, students are not allowed on school grounds; therefore, being on school grounds, on bus, in classes, or at other school events during or after school hours or on weekends while under suspension or expelled is prohibited. *Students attending Copeland Academy are not allowed on the school grounds of any CCSD school before, during, or after school hours. This includes athletic events.
Vehicle Theft (770)	Taking a motorized vehicle that one does not own with the intent to deprive the owner of the property. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.

Major Disruption (020)	Student arrested for any violent incident in the community. (Per the South Carolina Safe Schools Act Section 59-63-110) Ex. Homicide, Attempted Homicide, Rape, Attempted Rape, Sexual Battery, Armed Robbery, Battery, Lynching, Aggravated Assault, Kidnapping, Trafficking, Explosives/Weapons Offense, Arson, Threat to Kill. *Students required to wear a court ordered ankle monitor for any offense, must meet with school administration. Administration will consider the student's placement based on the community offense. Students may return to their home school, be assigned to the alternative school, or assigned to the virtual program.
Weapons Specify in Objects (789)	Possessing a weapon such as a knife, blackjack, brass knuckles, ice pick, razor, box cutter, taser, mace/pepper spray, or any object which can be used or represented to be a weapon. A report may be made to law enforcement. Any blade 2.5 in. or longer will be reported to law enforcement. Possessing weapons such as BB guns, gun facsimiles, firearms, incendiary device, or explosives. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities. Knowingly bringing a firearm to a school or other setting under the jurisdiction of the Board will result in expulsion for no less than one year from the date of the incident, subject to modification in accordance with S.C. Code §59-63-235.

The CCSD Code of Conduct applies to every student that is transported on a CCSD School or Activity Bus. Offenses/Incidents occurring on a School or Activity Bus could carry additional consequences. Most Level 1, 2, or 3 offenses from the Code of Conduct will parallel the same Level for bus offenses (occur at the same time). However, School Bus consequences could be applied in addition to the school level discipline.

School Bus Offenses

This is general guidance for school bus related discipline. Some offenses may set outside of the list below. Administration is responsible for ensuring a safe experience for all students using buses as transportation. Therefore, administrators may increase consequences for some offenses.

SBS = School Bus Suspension	Description	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense	5th Offense
Bus Violation Level 1 (340)	Any behavior that could interfere with the driver's attention to driving and safe operation of the bus. Examples include, but are not limited to: -Failure to obey bus driver instructions -Littering on bus	Warning	3 Day SBS Bus Intervention Plan	5 Day SBS	10 Day SBS	SBS Semester
Bus Violation Level 2 (340)	More serious behavior that could interfere with the driver's attention to driving and safe operation of the bus. Examples include, but are not limited to: -Repeated failure to obey bus driver instructions -Improper Boarding or Departing Procedures -Throwing Objects In / Out of Bus -Possession or Use of Unsafe / Prohibited Items on Bus -Tampering with Bus Equipment -Hanging Out of Window -Vandalism (less than $75) and restitution required	5 Day SBS Bus Intervention Plan	10 Day SBS	SBS Semester	SBS Year	
Bus Violation Level 3 (340)	Serious behavior that interferes with the driver's attention to driving and safe operation of the bus. This level should receive both school and bus consequences. -Vandalism ($75 or greater) and restitution required -Physically interfering with the driver or intentionally blocking the view of the driver while preparing to operate or driving. -Putting the bus, driver, or passengers in serious risk of harm or danger.	SBS Semester Bus Intervention Plan	SBS Year			

Cherokee County School District
DRESS CODE

The district knows there is a relationship between good dress habits, good work habits, and proper school behavior. The district also realizes that dress and grooming are personal matters; however, students should not dress in a manner that could distract fellow classmates from the important business of learning.

The district seeks the cooperation of the student and parents/legal guardians in working together toward having students enjoy today's styles while at the same time developing good taste in grooming and dress. The responsibility for the dress and appearance of the students will rest with individual students and parents/legal guardians. They have the right to determine how the student will dress, providing that such attire is not destructive to school property, complies with requirements for health and safety, and does not interfere with the educational process.

The administration is authorized to act in instances where individual dress is determined to be potentially disruptive to instruction or the orderly operation of the school or school events.

The following, while not an exhaustive list, are examples of inappropriate dress at school and are prohibited:

- Head coverings such as ball caps, stocking caps, hoodies, bandanas, sweatbands, do-rags
- Clothing that is revealing (underwear/bra – midriff - private body areas) or sexually suggestive clothing
- Apparel or jewelry with obscene, profane, inflammatory, inappropriate, or sexually suggestive language
- Apparel, or jewelry with advertisements or symbols of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, violence, or degrading human dignity
- Apparel/Accessories that represents or promotes gang affiliation
- Pajamas/nightwear/bedroom/house slippers
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be worn at least fingertip length
- Leggings, tights, yoga pants, or tight pants without back pockets must be accompanied with a shirt that covers the backside.
- Jeans with holes are allowed, but holes must below fingertip length and not reveal undergarments or private body areas.
- Spikes, Chains, and Dark Glasses
- Not having school identification visible
- Any clothing considered inappropriate or potentially disruptive to the school environment by administration not described above.

Protective Mask Wearing: Covering the face, for any reason, is a safety concern for our schools. Therefore, wearing face coverings or masks for a medical reason must have the approval of the school nurse and administration or the student must have a documented medical accommodation on file with the school. All face coverings and masks must not violate any other part of the CCSD dress code (ex: offensive language, symbols, etc.).

Students are expected to dress appropriately as defined in the district dress code. Students violating the dress code will not be allowed in class and will either be sent directly home to change, held in ISS until a parent arrives bringing appropriate attire, or sent to ISS for the remainder of the day if parents are unavailable. Absences from class will be an unexcused absence.