STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODE

CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Introduction

Clarendon County School District is proud of the students and the great honor they have consistently brought to themselves, their parents, and the school district. Our students have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the community. Most of our students are excellent examples of good citizens. They exemplify good behavior, are rarely absent from school, and enjoy engaging in academic activities.



Dr. Shawn Johnson

Superintendent

However, there are a few students who refuse to accept responsibility for their behavior. Some are determined to avoid any serious effort to gain an education or respect the common code of behavior. Consequently, it is difficult for teachers to teach and serious students to go about the important business of learning.

The Discipline Code Book identifies unacceptable student behavior in our schools. Appropriate disciplinary acts will be applied for students who commit the offenses listed in the Discipline Code Book.

Every student, teacher, and administrator will be provided a copy of the Discipline Code Book.

Authority of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees may authorize or order the expulsion or suspension of any student for the commission of any crime, gross immorality, gross behavior, persistent disobedience, or for violation of written rules and regulations established by the Board of Trustees or State Board of Education. When a student commits an offense that is also a violation of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the appropriate law enforcement authorities may be notified.
Reference Policy: 59-63-210; 59-63-240 code of Laws of SC, 1976

Note to Parents

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their children exhibit acceptable behavior. The Discipline Code Book has been established by the administration and endorsed by the local Board of Trustees.



Decision Process

The building administrators make decisions on infractions based on discipline precedents. If an unusual situation occurs, the principal will contact the appropriate district-level administrator before finalizing the decision.

Board of Trustees



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Vision and Mission

Vision

Unified as One, the vision of the Clarendon County School District is to be a catalyst for our students' academic success and prosperity for our community by developing well-rounded, confident, and responsible citizens.

Mission

Unified as One, the mission of the Clarendon County School District is to educate and empower students to become productive and responsible citizens.

Explanation of Important Terms

1 Administrative Hearing

An administrative hearing occurs when there is a serious concern about a student's behavior. A violation of an offense requiring an administrative hearing will result in a minimum of three (3) days out-of-school suspension pending a hearing and, if necessary, notification of law enforcement authorities. The violation may also lead to a recommendation for expulsion from school. The hearing will take place at a time and site set by the Superintendent or designee after the parent has been contacted for the hearing. Students with multiple violations within Levels I or II may be recommended for an administrative hearing by the principal or designee.

3 Assault, Aggravated

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.

Terms (con't)

3 Assault, Simple

An unprovoked physical attack by one person upon another where the offender neither uses nor displays a weapon and the victim does not suffer obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.

4 Bullying

When a person intimidates/hurts someone on purpose and keeps doing it over and over again.

5 Consequence

The relationship of a result or effect to its cause.

6 Criminal Conduct

A student charged with criminal conduct or returning from incarceration in the penal system may be denied readmission to the school. The students may appeal the non-admittance to the Board of Trustees.

Terms (con't)

7 Cyberbullying

Online social cruelty involves sending or ousting harmful or cruel text or images using the Internet or other communication services.

8 Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are not exempt from school disciplinary processes, nor are they entitled to remain in a particular educational program when their conduct substantially impairs the education of other children in the program. The student's disabling condition will be taken into consideration when deciding whether or not a particular form of discipline is to be utilized.

Terms (con't)

10 Electronic Communication Device

Electronic communication devices include mobile/cell telephones, pagers, walkie-talkies, headphones/earbuds, watches, or other telecommunication devices that emit audible signals, vibrate, display a message, or otherwise summon or deliver communication to the possessor. This includes, but is not limited to, receiving or placing calls, text messages, surfing the Internet, checking phone messages, or receiving or responding to email.

11 Expulsion

Expulsion means the loss of privilege to attend classes or other school functions for the remainder of the school year. Every expelled student has the right to petition for readmission for the following school year unless permanently expelled as an incorrigible student.
Reference policy: JKE, Administrative Rule: JKE-R

12 Fighting

An incident involving two or more students with mutual physical contact, such as hitting, kicking, and/or punching where there is no major injury or disruption.

Terms (con't)

13 Horseplay

Rough or Boisterous Play.

14 In-School Support

In-School Support: The school administrator will assign students to in-school support indicated in the Discipline Code Book. The student may not attend regular classes but rather will be assigned to the in-school support room for the entire time of the suspension. A parent conference is required for the student to re-enter regular classes.
Note: The schools with no In-School Support will be placed at the Principal's discretion.
Reference Policy: JKD; Administrative Rule: JKD-R

15 Intoxicant

Any mind-altering substance that excites beyond self-control.

16 Lawful Assembly

A lawful assembly is any function that is supervised by an appropriate staff member and has been approved by the principal or designee.

Terms (con't)

17 Offense

An offense is a violation of school rules occurring on any school property, while riding a school bus, or while attending any day or night function or activity under the jurisdiction of the school. Misbehavior related to SC High School League-sanctioned events and any other school extracurricular activity, whether on or off campus, is subject to the Student Discipline Code Book.

18 Out-Of-School Suspension (OSS)

Suspension from school for a specified number of days up to ten (10) for any offense means the student may not attend classes or any other school function, ride a school bus, or enter school grounds except for a prearranged conference with a school administrator. When a student is suspended from a class or school, the administrator shall notify, in writing, the parent or guardian, giving the reason for such suspension and setting the time and place when the administrator shall be available for a conference with the parent or guardian. The conference shall be held within three (3) school days of the suspension.
Reference Policy: JKD; Administrative Rule: JKD-R

Terms (con't)

19 Overnight Suspension

The school administrator will assign suspension effective from the end of the school day on which the violation occurred, and reinstatement will be immediately following a conference between a parent or guardian and the school administrator. It is the student's responsibility to inform parents, and the parent's responsibility to set up the conference. If the student returns to school without a parent conference, he/she will not be allowed to return to class until a parent/guardian comes to the school for a conference.
Reference Policy: JKD; Administrative Rule: JKD-R

20 Sexual Harassment

Clarendon County School District will not tolerate on the part of students or staff any behavior of a sexual nature that adversely affects a student's education or creates a hostile or abusive educational environment. A student or parent may report any serious or ongoing harassment to the appropriate school authority for prompt investigation. The district will take the necessary steps to ensure that any student who is found to have engaged in such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action and possible expulsion.
Reference Policy: JC; Administrative Rule: JC-R

Terms (con't)

21 Unlawful Assembly

A group of two or more students congregating with the intent to disrupt the daily school routine, refusing to attend classes, exciting a riot, gathering in an unauthorized area, etc.

- Bullets represent offenses
- Diamonds represents examples
- Dashes indicate rules

Electronic Device Policy & Consequences

This crucial policy aims to foster a positive educational environment by allowing teachers to provide effective instruction while minimizing electronic distractions for students.

Legal Reference: General Appropriations Bill, H. 5100 of 2024, Proviso 1.103

1. Personal Electronic Device: Any device utilized to access the internet, wi-fi, cellular telephone signals, or to capture images or video. This includes but is not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and gaming devices.
2. Personal Electronic Device Accessories: Accessories that connect to personal electronic devices, such as wired or wireless accessories and wearable technologies.
3. School Day: The period a student is present on campus from arrival (e.g., tardy bell) until afternoon dismissal.
4. Access: Viewing, holding, wearing, or using a device for the purpose of communication, internet access, gaming, or recording. Devices should be powered off and stored as directed by the district during the school day.
5. Authorized for Classroom Use: The explicit approval for the use of personal electronic devices in a classroom setting, with alignment to educational objectives.

330 Phone/Electronic Device Violation
330 Phone/Electronic Device Violation - 3 or More

1st Offense: The personal electronic device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. A student conference will be held, and parents will be contacted. The incident will be documented in the EH (Educator's Handbook) Incident Management System.

2nd Offense: The personal electronic device will be confiscated; parents must pick it up. A parent conference will be held with an administrator, and the incident will be documented in the EH (Educator's Handbook) Incident Management System. The student will report to ISS (In-School Support) for the remainder of the school day.

3rd Offense: The personal electronic device will be confiscated; parents must pick it up. The incident will be documented in the EH (Educator's Handbook) Incident Management System. The student will receive an overnight suspension (a parent/guardian meeting with an administrator is required).

4th Offense (or more): The personal electronic device will be confiscated; parents must pick it up. The incident will be documented in the EH (Educator's Handbook) Incident Management System. The student will receive an out-of-school suspension.

Continued violations may result in a recommendation for expulsion. School personnel (including administrators) may confiscate personal electronic devices whenever a student violates these guidelines. A student's refusal to surrender their device will be considered a refusal to obey (per the CCSD Code of Conduct), and disciplinary consequences will be assigned accordingly.

Level I Behavioral Misconduct

Behavioral misconduct is any activity in which a student engages that tends to impede orderly classroom procedures or instructional activities, orderly operation of the school, or the frequency or seriousness of which disturbs the classroom or school.

The following Level I offenses are referred to the office after the teacher, classroom assistant, or other school personnel have exhausted all identified school guidelines.

Behavioral misconduct may include, but is not limited to the following:

Level I-A Offenses

021 No Form Returned (required parent/guardian signature)

030 Violation of Class Rules

360 I.D. Violation (failure to display I.D. card in the front of the body above the waist) NOTE: Applies to grades 6-12

410 Hall Pass Violation

Consequences

FIRST TIME

- Teacher warning (student and office copies), Parent contacted

SECOND TIME

- Teacher warning (student and office copies) or ISS, Parent contacted

THIRD TIME

- Parent conference or parent required for reinstatement if ISS

FOURTH TIME

- Principal's discretion

Level I-B Offenses

180 Tardiness (late to school/class)

Consequences

FIRST TIME

- Administrative warning after three (3) times

SECOND TIME

- One (1) day ISS after six (6) times

THIRD TIME

- One (1) day OSS after each subsequent accumulation of three (3) times

Acceptable Excuses for Tardiness:

- Signed note from medical, court, law enforcement, or other authority indicating the reason for the pupil's tardiness
- Accidents that can be documented by the principal, including any police report or witness, when available.
- Malfunctioning automobiles directly cause tardiness with documentation to the principal's satisfaction, and frequent use of this excuse for tardiness might result in the student being advised to secure more dependable transportation.
- Other acceptable excuses at the administrator's discretion

Examples of Unacceptable Excuses for Tardiness

- Oversleeping
- Missing the school bus (unless the school bus departed from its regular schedule
- Arriving late due to dependence on another person (parent, student, or anyone else)
- Walking to school
- Being held up in traffic
- Trouble with a vehicle that could have been anticipated and controlled (for example: insufficient gas)

Level I-C Offenses

In the interest of health, safety, cleanliness, and decency among students, the district will follow these administrative rules:

280 Dress Code Violation (the principal or designee will determine whether a student has violated the dress code). A student in violation of the policy will change to more appropriate clothing.

Level I-C

--- State health regulations require that shoes and shirts must be worn at all times in a public building.

--- Tank tops, tube tops, and halter tops are not permitted.

--- Headwear; i.e., hats, caps, scarves, bandanas, bonnets or hair rollers are not to be worn in the building.

--- Sunglasses are not to be worn unless prescribed for a specific purpose or length of time.

--- Bare midriffs, see-through garments, and clinging and revealing clothing, such as but not limited to biker shorts and pants, surfer pants, form-fitting knit clothing, and undergarments-type T-shirts are not permitted.

--- Garments or jewelry bearing obscene messages, profane or suggestive language, provocative or suggestive pictures, weapons, advertisements of drugs or alcohol, or inappropriate phrases are not permitted.

--- Shorts, skirts, and culotte-type clothing must be worn at the normal waistline level and must not be shorter than five (5) inches above the knee.

---Apparel indicating membership in a club or organization, other than an officially recognized sponsored group of the school, is not permitted.

--- Pants must be worn at the normal waistline. Any exposure of the body, underwear, or second garment not worn properly will not be permitted.

--- Clothing that, in the judgment of the principal, is distracting, unclean, unsafe, or otherwise disruptive to the educational process is not permitted.

Level I-C Consequences

FIRST TIME

- Administrative warning/Parent contacted to bring a change of apparel.

SECOND TIME

- One (1) day ISS, parent conference required for reinstatement

THIRD TIME

- Principal's discretion

Level I-D Offenses

002 Other Offenses (Minor)

003 Bite/Pinch/Spit

004 Contraband (over-the-counter medication)

006 Dishonesty

014 Hit/Kick/Push

017 Inappropriate Behavior

018 Inappropriate Materials

024 Running

290 Obscene Gesture

370 Littering

Level I-D Consequences

FIRST TIME
- Administrative warning/parent contacted

SECOND TIME
- One (1) day ISS, parent conference required for reinstatement

THIRD TIME
- Two (2) days ISS, parent conference required for reinstatement

FOURTH TIME
- Principal's discretion

Level I-E Offenses

016 Inappropriate Language (student)

200 Off Limits/Unauthorized Area

210 Profanity

Level I-E Consequences

FIRST TIME
- One (1) day ISS, parent conference required for reinstatement

SECOND TIME
- Two (2) days ISS, parent conference required for reinstatement

THIRD TIME
- One (1) day OSS, parent conference required for reinstatement

Level I-F Offenses

005 Detention Violation
007 Disrupt Class
011 Forgery
012 Harassment
027 Threat
150 Cutting School
151 Truant
152 Habitual Truant
153 Chronic Truant
160 Cutting Class
170 Cutting Activity
240 Loitering
320 Leaving Class without permission
400 Excessive Noise
420 Disrespect
560 Disturb School
TDV Truancy Diversion

Level I-F Consequences

FIRST TIME
- Two (2) days ISS, parent conference required for reinstatement

SECOND TIME
- Three (3) days ISS, parent conference required for reinstatement

THIRD TIME
- Two (2) days OSS, parent conference required for reinstatement

FOURTH TIME
- Three (3) days OSS, parent conference required for reinstatement

Level I-G Offenses

330 Phone Violation
390 Electronic Communication Devices

Level I-G Consequences

Devices will be confiscated and submitted to the office.

Level I-H Offenses

340 Specified bus offenses will be dealt with as follows:

- Behavior that distracts the driver and impairs the safe operation of the bus such as loud noise, refusal to be seated, etc.
- Pushing, shoving, tripping, etc., while boarding, riding, or departing bus
- Extending arms and/or head out of the bus window at any time
- Throwing objects in or out of the bus at any time
- Operating/tampering with the bus door or emergency door
- Use of emergency door except in case of an emergency or bus evacuation drill
- Refusing to allow another student to sit in a seat
- Using profanity
- Threatening another student

Level I-H Consequences

To be determined by the Administration and Bus Supervisor

FIRST TIME

- Written warning, parent notification

SECOND TIME

- Three (3) day bus suspension, parent notification

THIRD TIME

- One (1) week bus suspension, parent notification

FOURTH TIME

- Two (2) weeks bus suspension, parent notification

FIFTH TIME

- Three (3) weeks bus suspension, parent notification

SIXTH TIME

- ALL YEAR bus suspension, parent notification

IF A STUDENT RECEIVES A REFERRAL FOR OTHER MISBEHAVIOR LISTED IN THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODE BOOK, THE STUDENT WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE BUS SUSPENSION. FOR EXAMPLE, FIGHTING THE FIRST TIME WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE AT LEAST A THREE (3) DAY BUS SUSPENSION, SECOND TIME A FIVE (5) DAY SUSPENSION, ETC. SEVERITY OF THE OFFENSE WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Level II Disruptive Conduct

Disruptive conduct is any activity in which a student engages that is directed against persons or property, and the consequences of which tend to endanger the health or safety of himself/herself or others in the school. Some instances of disruptive conduct may overlap certain criminal offenses, justifying both administrative sanctions and court proceedings.

The administration may reclassify Disorderly Conduct (Level I) as Disruptive Conduct (Level II): If the student engages in activity three or more times. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to the following:

Level II-A Offenses

020 Major Disruption

028 Throwing rocks or other objects at a person or on school property or a school bus.

270 Refusal to obey school personnel or agents (such as volunteers, aids, or chaperones) whose responsibilities include supervision of students.

310 Leaving School

760 Vandalism

BIV Behavior Intervention

Level II-A Consequences

FIRST TIME

- Two (2) days ISS, parent conference required for reinstatement

SECOND TIME

- One (1) day OSS, parent conference required for reinstatement

THIRD TIME

- Two (2) days OSS, parent conference required for reinstatement

Level II-B Offenses

002 Other Offenses (Minor)
009 Fighting (a physical confrontation not resulting in bodily injury)
013 Harassment – Sexual
015 Inappropriate Affection
016 Inappropriate Language Toward Authority
023 Property Misuse
220 Computer Violation (disruptive conduct involving the use of computers or other related equipment)
004 Contraband (possession of tobacco, lighter, JUUL, vaporizing, or other paraphernalia)
230 Use of tobacco, JUUL, vapors, etc. in building, on school vehicles, on school grounds, or on school trips.
390 Electronic Communication Devices (photos/videos/audio – during school day or school activity)
650 Intimidation
651 Bullying
652 Cyberbullying
680 Alcohol/Liquor Law Violation
690 Non-Forcible Sex Offense
750 Trespassing

Level II-B Consequences

FIRST TIME

- Three (3) days OSS, parent conference required for reinstatement

SECOND TIME

- Five (5) days OSS, parent conference required for reinstatement

THIRD TIME

- Five (5) days OSS,
- Pending administrative hearing

NOTE: Principal's discretion up to ten (10) days OSS

Level III Criminal Conduct

Criminal conduct is any activity in which a student engages that results in violence to himself/herself or to another person or property or which poses a direct and serious threat to the safety of himself/herself or others in the school. These activities usually require administrative actions which result in the immediate removal of the student from the school, the intervention of law enforcement authorities, and/or action by the Board.

Criminal conduct may include, but not limited to the following:

Level III-A Offenses

010 Fireworks (smoke bombs, bottle rockets, firecrackers, etc.)

019 Indecent Exposure

023 Property Misuse

025 Sex Violation

027 Threat (school personnel)

029 Urinate

220 Computer Violation (criminal conduct involving the use of computers or related equipment

250 Gang Activity – Unprovoked Physical Abuse (student(s) attack another student without provocation) and/or Gang Attacks (student(s) attack, threaten or intimidate another student)

350 Setting Off False Fire Alarm

Level III-A Offenses (con't)

380 Probation Violation
430 Contract Violation
500 Arson
520 Assault Simple
530 Bribery
540 Burglary
550 Counterfeit/Forgery
560 Disturb School
580 Drug Possession and/or Use
590 Embezzlement
600 Extortion
610 Forced Sexual Offense
620 Fraud
630 Gambling
670 Larceny/Theft
680 Liquor Law Violation
700 Other Offenses (Serious)
730 Robbery
740 Stolen Property
760 Vandalism
770 Vehicle Theft

Level III-A Consequences

Level III-A offenses require out-of-school suspension (five days minimum), administrative hearing, notification of parent/guardian and, if necessary, notification of law enforcement.

Level III-B Offenses

780 Other Weapons/Misc Object

781 Handguns

782 Rifles and/or Shotguns

783 Other Firearms

784 Knife Blade > 2 inches (State)

785 Knife Blade > 2.5 inches (Federal)

786 Knife Blade less than 2 inches

Discharge Firearm

787 Handguns

788 Rifles/Shotguns

Level III-B Consequences

Level III-B offenses require administrative hearing, notification of parent/guardian, expulsion, and notification of law enforcement.

300 Pupil Operation of Motor Vehicles Vehicles are subject to search

1. Driving vehicles on school property is a privilege granted by the Board of Trustees. Misuse of a motor vehicle on school property, in any manner, may result in the withdrawal of this privilege. All students driving vehicles to school are required to display a current parking permit, as designated by the school, each year that the student is in attendance and parking on campus.
2. Students must park only in the area designated for student parking permits. Students are not penalized during the first (10) days of school for not having a permit. After the first ten (10) days, penalties will be imposed.
3. Penalties will be imposed for the following:
    - Penalties will be imposed for the following
    - ·Failure to display current permit after the first ten (10) days of school NOTES: Loss of privilege applies to both the driver and the vehicle.
    - ·If, after the loss of driving privilege, a student still violates driving regulations, the student will be suspended from school, and driving privileges may be revoked for the remainder of the school year.
    - ·If a student parks on campus without a current permit after the first ten (10) days of school, the vehicle may be towed away at the owner's expense.
    - ·Vehicles used in violating school regulations may be denied parking privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Parent/Guardian/ Student Acknowledgement

This page is to be returned to the student's homeroom teacher.

I have read and understand the 2026-2027 Student Discipline Code Book. I understand what is expected of students in Clarendon County School District.

Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Parent's Printed Name

Parent's Signature

Date

Questions concerning information in the code book should be directed to the principal, assistant principals, or school guidance counselors.

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