CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The District disciplinary policy has been revised, and students are advised that the regulations are strict. It is very important that each student is fully familiar with the Code of Student Conduct. **Ignorance of the policies will not excuse students from disciplinary consequences.**
The following violations are considered disruptive and/or criminal, or are otherwise so serious in nature that EXPULSION PROCEEDINGS MUST BE INITIATED ON THE FIRST OFFENSE. (See Code of Conduct).

- Weapons openly displayed or concealed about the student's person, upon school premises, school athletic field, school buses or at a school related activity. A weapon is defined as a gun; pistol; B.B. gun; pellet gun; …
- Use, possession, transmission, or attempted sale of narcotics, hallucinogens, marijuana, chemical inhalant substances, or any other illegal or controlled substances, or any material which resembles a drug…
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic drinks on school grounds and/or being under the influence of alcohol…
- Physical assault, battery, abuse, threat of death to a school employee/immediate family, or of another student…
- Arson and/or serious damage or vandalism to school property or property of others…
- Any activity which creates or has the potential of creating a major disruption of the school's program…
- Conduct involving sexual activity, sexual assault, or any violations of a sexual nature, indecent exposure…

Discipline/Consequences

The Aiken County Code of Student Conduct provides the expectations for student behavior and the consequences for violations. To avoid chronic and repeated disruptions to the instructional program, the Code of Conduct is reviewed with students. Busbee also provides interventions at the classroom and administrative levels. After repeated minor violations or a major violation, a behavior incident report is completed.

The principal or assistant principal has the right to assign consequences for any and all disciplinary actions. This includes ISS, OSS, and Expulsion. Please be aware that students are expected to follow the rules at all times. Most students end up suspended because they do not tell the truth when they are in trouble, are disrespectful, say inappropriate things to other students or staff, and cannot keep their hands and feet to themselves. Talk to your child about the importance of following the rules and staying in school.

If school and classroom rules and procedures are not followed, corrective/disciplinary action will be taken. Major inappropriate behaviors and repeated minor behaviors will

result in suspension and/or recommendation for expulsion. Upper Level offenses and major offenses will result in automatic In-School or Out-of-School suspension and/or recommendation for expulsion. (See Code of Conduct).

Challenging/Instigating/Encouraging a Fight

No student shall willfully and/or maliciously disrupt the school environment by challenging to fight, instigating a fight, or encouraging others to fight. If you challenge, instigate, or encourage others to fight, you will be subject to disciplinary action.

Consequences for Major Inappropriate School and Classroom Behaviors

First Violation	1 Day In-School Suspension
Second Violation	3 Days In-School Suspension
Third Violation	1 Day Out-of-School Suspension
Fourth Violation	3 Days Out-of-School Suspension
Fifth Violation	5 Days Out-of-School Suspension
Sixth Violation	10 Days Out-of-School Suspension and/or a Recommendation for Expulsion

The consequences for inappropriate behaviors on the school bus are as follows:

First Offense	1 Day Bus Suspension
Second Offense	3 Days Bus Suspension
Third Offense	5 Days Bus Suspension
Fourth Offense	7 Days Bus Suspension
Fifth Offense	10 Days Bus Suspension
Sixth Offense	Bus suspension for the remainder of the year

Parents will be contacted and sent written notices on all classroom/school and bus suspensions.

Sexual Harassment

According to the district Code of Student Conduct, sexual harassment of any student, staff member, or visitor, either male or female, on school property or while under the jurisdiction of the school, will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment may be generally defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and written, spoken, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Students who feel they may have been subjected to sexual harassment are encouraged to report the matter to a parent, a teacher, guidance counselor, principal, or any other school official with whom the students feels comfortable. The administration will handle sexual harassment complaints sternly, quickly, and with the utmost confidentiality in order to protect students.