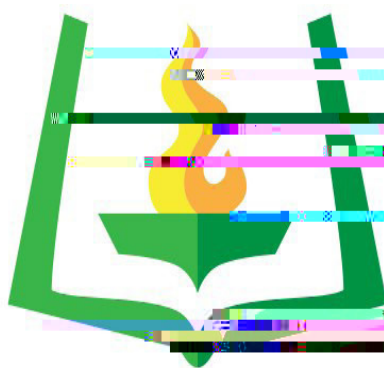


# High School Code of Conduct 2023-2024



**AIKEN COUNTY**

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2023-2024

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT  
FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADES (9 - 12)

**IMPORTANT:** *PARENTS AND STUDENTS SHOULD READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY AND PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES ON PAGE 37 & 38. PLEASE TEAR OUT PAGE 38 AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL.*

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**Board of Trustees**

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman



athletic events and other school-related activities, while at, or in the immediate vicinity of, school bus stops and while utilizing school bus transportation for any purpose; and otherwise coming to or going home from school.

## V. Student Conduct Requirements

While under school jurisdiction, students are required to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that is in the best interest of the school and community. It is expected that students will:

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which may impact athletic and/or other extracurricular activities as described in the written school procedures.

***Procedures for Administrative Placement at The Center for Innovative Learning (CIL):***

In certain circumstances, a student may be placed in the alternative setting after an accumulation of level II infractions with a conference and agreement between the administration and the parent/guardian. This agreement must be in place prior to the student committing an expellable offense.

***Procedures, Hearings, and Appeals of Expulsions***

A recommendation for expulsion will be confirmed by the school level Assistant Superintendent. The Assistant Superintendent may require an additional conference with the parent or guardian before confirming a recommendation for expulsion.

of probation or strict probation are set forth. In either case, such student will be considered to have violated that probationary status on the occasion of a subsequent suspension or expulsion level of offense, or a less than suspension of offense if the same violates the terms of the imposed strict probation. Such violation of probation will result in immediate suspension from school and reinstatement of the expulsion recommendation. An appeal of this action may be made to the Hearing Officer or Board of Education, whichever imposed the probation.

***Petition for Readmission for School Year Following Expulsion:***

Any student expelled f

*Confiscation of Weapons and/or Other Illegal, Dangerous, or Unauthorized Items or Devices*

Any weapon, look-a-like weapon, or contraband item found on a student, or on property under

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**NOTE:** The administration will make the final judgment on the appropriateness of clothing and/or appearance and reserves the right to prohibit students from wearing any articles of clothing or other items which lead to or result in the disruption of or interference with the school environment and student safety. In the event the administration determines a student's dress is inappropriate for school in accordance with this policy, the administration will either require the student to change or will inform the student not to wear the garment to school again. Repeated violations of the Dress Code will be addressed as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

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## OFFENSES AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

### HIGH SCHOOL BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES BY LEVEL

Though not specifically mentioned in the list of behaviors, students may be suspended or recommended for expulsion for first-time offenses or any act which is detrimental to the good order, best interest, and physical safety of the school. The student may be disciplined according to the nature and degree of the offense or act at the discretion of the administration.

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Behavioral misconduct is defined as those activities engaged in by a student which tend to impede orderly classroom procedures or instructional activities, orderly operation of the school, or the frequency or seriousness of which disturb the classroom or school. The provisions of this regulation apply not only to within-school activities, but also to student conduct on the school bus, and at other school-sponsored activities.

WRN	Warning	CP	Contact Parent
CNF	Conference	REST	Restitution
LP	Loss of Privileges/Confiscation	DET	Detention
BC	Behavior Contract	RE	Recommended for Expulsion
ISS	In-School Suspension	OSS	Out of School Suspension
CS	Community Service		
RC	Rehabilitation/Counseling		


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Disruptive conduct is defined as those activities engaged in by a student which are directed against persons or property, and the consequences of which tend to endanger the health or safety of oneself or others in the school. Some instances of disruptive conduct may overlap certain criminal offenses, justifying both administrative sanctions and court proceedings. Behavioral misconduct (Level I) may be reclassified as disruptive conduct (Level II) if it occurs three or more times. The provisions of this regulation apply not only to in-school activities, but also to student conduct on a school bus and at other school-sponsored activities.

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# Disciplinary Codes

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- *Late bus arrival*
- *Teacher, Guidance, or Administrator Conference*

**Unlawful Tardies** Three written parent excuses for any reason or combination of reasons will be accepted per semester. Any additional excuses must be of a medical nature or will be considered

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- *Missed Bus*
- *Car trouble*

**High School**

Tardy is defined as not being inside the appointed classroom at the beginning of designated class period start time. Students who are late to school shall be marked absent to class when the entire class is missed and marked tardy to the class that is partially missed. Unexcused/Unlawful tardies are considered a violation of the CSAL in that instruction time is missed. Unexcused tardies and unlawful absences from individual classes will be addressed in an Attendance Intervention Plan and may result in a referral to the District Attendance Office or Family Court.

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**Level II - Disrupt ve Conduct**

Disrupt ve conduct is def ned as those act vit es directed against persons or property, which tend to endanger the health or safety of oneself or others on a school vehicle. Disrupt ve records of violat ons are cumulat ve. Acts of disrupt ve conduct with enforcement procederes or sanct ons to be applied shall include but are not limited to the following violat ons.

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Transportation Supervisor must be involved in conference for bus suspensions of 30 days or longer

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**Level III - Criminal Conduct**

Criminal Conduct is defined as those activities that result in violence to oneself, another person, or destruction of property. These actions pose a direct and serious threat to the safety of oneself or others on a school vehicle. Criminal conduct usually requires administrative actions, which could result in the immediate removal of the student from school, the intervention of law enforcement authorities, and/or action by the Board of Trustees. Level III violations may lead to a student's immediate removal from the bus at the school or bus transportation office. Acts of criminal conduct may include, but are not limited to the following violations.

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) maintains the following position regarding transporting band instruments and other carry-on items on school buses:

The primary purpose of the school bus is to provide safe transportation for students to and from school and school-related activities. The safety of students and other passengers is paramount when transporting band instruments and other large items. Any item carried on a school bus must be of such

size that it can be transported in the student's lap. Any home project, musical instrument, or other items which would create a hazard or block the aisle or vision of the driver is prohibited. This is necessary to ensure that all items are kept under the control of the student at all times in case of an accident or an emergency and that those items do not prevent or hinder the evacuation of the bus in the event of an emergency.

The United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Standard 17, Pupil Transportation Safety, reads in part:

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**PHYSICAL ABUSE. ADULTS WHO ABUSE STAFF MEMBERS CAN EXPECT TO HAVE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SUMMONED AND LEGAL RECOURSE PURSUED, IF NECESSARY.**

We, parent/guardian and student, have read the conduct regulations (Code of Student Conduct) which are in effect in the schools of The Consolidated School District of Aiken County during the school year 2023-2024.

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