

CCHS School Based Rules and Regulations and Consequences

- Rule #1** **Assault or Physical Injury to School Employees or Other Personnel (Level III-4)**
Physical assault, injury, shoving, hitting, holding and/or creating a physical barrier to one's personal space.
- First Offense: Parental contact, up to ten days OSS, with possible recommendation to Superintendent
for long-term suspension and referral to law enforcement.
- Rule #2** **Threats (Level II-18)**
Threatening remarks that are assaultive in nature, intimidation toward a school employee, visitor, or student. This includes profanity directed at staff.
- First Offense: Parental contact and 1 day ISS-three-days OSS and possible recommendation for
long-term suspension.
Second Offense: Three days ISS-Five-Days OSS and recommendation for suspension for the
remainder of the school year
Third Offense: Up to Ten Days OSS and possible recommendation for long term suspension with aggravating factors.
*Note: Victim reserves the right to take legal action.
- Rule #3** **Threatening remarks (Level II-18), seriously discourteous or disrespectful words or acts (Level I-1), confrontations (Level II-6), harassment, hazing, initiations (Level II-21), profanity (Level I-3)**
*Students shall respect other students and adults at all times.
- First Offense: One day ISS-one day OSS
Second Offense: Two days ISS
Third Offense: Three days OSS
Fourth Offense: Up to Ten days OSS and recommendation for suspension for the remainder of the semester/year.
*Note: Victims reserve the right to press charges.
- Rule #4** **Fighting /Assault (Physical blows passed) (Level II-19)**
Students who are provoked into a fight by another student should walk away and report it to a teacher, assistant principal, or principal. Self-defense means blocking, leaving the area, and reporting the incident. If there is an exchange of blows, both are combatants.
- First Offense: Three to Five days OSS and turned over to law enforcement for charges
Second Offense: Five to Ten days OSS, turned over to law enforcement for charges, and placed on a disciplinary contract
Third Offense: Ten days OSS, turned over to law enforcement, and a recommendation for suspension for the remainder of the school year.
- Rule # 5** **Bullying* (Level II-16)**

Bullying is prohibited. Chatham County Schools and staff shall not tolerate bullying/discrimination/harassment on school property and grounds or at any school activity off campus. Bullying may include a pattern of abuse over time and involves a student being “picked on.” Bullying includes physical intimidation or assault; extortion, oral or written threats; excessive or cruel teasing; putdowns; name calling; threatening gestures or actions; cruel rumors; false accusations; harassment or discriminatory acts; and social isolation. Legal reference: G.S. 115C-47, -391; N.C. State Board of Education Policy Against Harassment, Bullying, and Discrimination.

First Offense: One day ISS- three days OSS

Second Offense: Three days ISS- five days OSS

Third Offense: Up to Ten days OSS and possible recommendation for suspension for the remainder of the semester/year.

*Note: Victims reserve the right to press charges

Rule #6

Stealing (Level II-13)

Theft, robbery, burglary, or possession of stolen property (including items from the cafeteria) is unacceptable and the State Board of Education has directed schools to report criminal acts to law enforcement.

First Offense: One day ISS- five days OSS and restitution. Law enforcement may be contacted.

Second Offense: Two days ISS- 10 days OSS and restitution. Law enforcement may be contacted.

Third Offense: Up to 10 days OSS and possible long term suspension. Law enforcement may be contacted.

Rule# 7

Skipping (Level I-2)

Skipping assigned classes/school, skipping detention, or in an unauthorized area, unless students have been authorized to be absent by a parent/guardian or by the principal with parent/guardian permission, they are to be in class or at school.

First Offense: Up to one day of ISS

Second Offense: One-three days ISS

Third Offense: One –Two Days OSS

Rule# 8

Gambling (Level II-18)

Gambling is not permitted on school premises or during any school-related activity. Students will not be allowed to take part in games of chance where money or other things of value can be lost or gained from others. This policy does not apply to school approved fund raisers.

First Offense: One- three days ISS

Second Offense: Three days ISS to five days OSS

Third Offense: Five days ISS- Ten days OSS

Rule# 9

Possession of/using Incendiary Devices/Materials (Level II-11)

Possession of lighter, matches, lighter fluid or use of materials reasonably likely to result in a fire on school property are prohibited.

First Offense: Up to three days OSS
Second Offense: Three days ISS to five days OSS
Third Offense: Up to 10 days OSS and possible recommendation to the Superintendent for long term suspension

Rule# 10 Firearm/Destructive Device K-12 – Any student in grades K-12 shall be recommended by the principal for a suspension of 365 calendar days for bringing a firearm or explosive device onto school property or to a school-sponsored event off school property, or for possessing a firearm or explosive or explosive device on school property or at a school-sponsored event off school property. School property includes any property owned, used or leased by the Board of Education, including school buses, other vehicles and school bus stops. Principals are required to refer to the law enforcement system any student who brings a firearm or weapon to school.

a. Firearm: A weapon, including a starter gun, which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; or any firearm muffler or firearm silencer. The term shall not include an inoperable antique firearm, a BB gun, stun gun, air rifle, or air pistol.

b. Destructive Device: An explosive, incendiary, or poison gas; bomb; grenade; rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces; missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce; mine; or device similar to any of the devices listed in this definition.

Violation of this section shall result in suspension from school for 365 days unless modified by the superintendent or Board of Education on a case-by-case basis.

The 365-day suspension does not apply to any student who finds the firearm on school property or receives it from another person on school property and who delivers the weapon, immediately, to school or law enforcement authorities.

Rule# 11 Failure to follow instructions of faculty, staff, or other responsible adult. (Level I-1)
Students shall comply with all directions of the principal, assistant principal, teachers, substitute teachers, teacher assistants, student teachers, and any other school personnel.

First Offense: Up to one day of OSS
Second Offense: One day ISS to three days OSS
Third Offense: Up to ten days OSS

Rule# 12 Academic Integrity (Cheating) (Level II-1)
Cheating includes plagiarism, falsification, copying from a CD Rom or other sources without giving credit, copying someone else's work or notes, knowingly allowing someone to copy your work or notes, and/or using unauthorized materials or information on a test/quiz. Submitting another's ideas or work as your own.

First Offense: Up to three days OSS
Second Offense: Three to ten days OSS
Third Offense: Three-ten days OSS with possible recommendation for long term

suspension

*Note: The student shall receive a zero on the assignment and be referred to a counselor.

Rule# 13 Inappropriate Interpersonal Behavior (Level II-15)
Students shall conduct their relationships in a manner that reflects a positive image for our school and our learning environment. The following are included as inappropriate/indecent:
intimate kissing, intimate embracing/touching, or suggestive entwining, and sexual acts.

First Offense: One day ISS-three days OSS

Second Offense: Three days ISS to five days OSS
Third Offense: Up to ten days OSS with possible long term suspension.

Rule# 15 Sexual Harassment No student shall engage in conduct prohibited by Policy 1736/4026/7236 (Sexual Harassment Defined) (Please refer to the entire policy).

Suggested Consequences:

K-5

- _First offense: Warning to 1 day OSS
- _Second offense: 1 day ISS to 5 days OSS
- _Third offense: 5 days ISS to 10 days OSS

Grades 6 – 12

- _First offense: 3 days OSS to 5 days OSS
- _Second offense: 5 days OSS to 10 days OSS
- _Third offense: Up to 10 days OSS, possible long-term suspension with aggravating factors.

Rule# 16 Damage to school or private property (Level II-12)

Students shall respect the property of the school and other persons including, but not limited to, writing on any school property, destroying or damaging school property, or tampering with the property of others. Consequence assigned will be commensurate with amount of damage.

First Offense: Up to five days OSS, and possible referral to law enforcement, restitution

Second Offense: Five to ten days OSS, possible referral to law enforcement, restitution

Third Offense: Up to ten days OSS and possible recommendation for long term suspension, referral to law enforcement, restitution

Rule# 17 Dress Code (Level I-4)

In order to promote a positive learning environment, students are expected to dress appropriately. This dress code prohibits the following types of clothing at school. Please note that this list is not all-inclusive, and students, along with their parents/guardians, are expected to use good judgment. All faculty and staff members will monitor the dress code.

- a. Clothing that is sexually explicit or suggestive
- b. Clothing and jewelry that promotes illegal substances or alcohol
- c. Clothing or headwear that is decorated with profane words, vulgar language, gang-related signs or colors, obscene picture shirts, suggestive slogans, racial slogans, including the Confederate Battle Flag, and/or other offensive material.
- d. Revealing, inappropriate clothing, i.e., tank tops, spaghetti straps, backless tops or dresses, net shirts, tops that reveal undergarments, and midriff shirts. No stomach or back should be showing at any time (female or male). Shirt straps should have three fingers width with no undergarments showing at any time. No lace up shirts or shirts with lace down the sides. Shirts do not have to be tucked in, but must be long enough to cover skin/under garments when the student raises his/her arms, or stands up from a sitting position.
- e. Shorts must cover the top ½ of the thigh. No lace up pants or pants with lace down the sides. If you believe a certain piece of clothing is questionable, please do not wear it to school. No words or lettering

across the seating of the pants/skirts/shorts. Pajamas and bedtime attire are not permitted unless approved by administration.

f. Headwear is not permitted in the building unless approved by administration. This rule includes, but is not limited to, hats, ball caps, wave caps, sweatbands, toboggans, bandannas, sunglasses, coat or sweatshirt hoods, and spandex stockings. This rule applies to both males and females.

g. Sagging pants or exposing undergarments will not be tolerated. All pants, undergarments, etc, must be on your hips.

h. Shoes must be worn at all times. No bedroom slippers permitted unless approved by administration.

i. All rules apply while a student is on school property and/or during school-related activities.

j. Students are not permitted to wear adornments such as chains or spikes that reasonably could be perceived as a weapon.

First Offense: Student will be allowed to get change of clothing

Second Offense: Two days ISS to one day OSS

Third Offense: Up to three days OSS

Rule# 18 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments/Substances (Level III-3)

No student shall possess, handle, or transmit any weapon, facsimile of a weapon, dangerous instruments, substances or other object that can reasonably be considered or used as a weapon or dangerous instrument/substances. This does not apply to any student who finds a weapon or dangerous instrument/substances on school property or receives it from another person on school property and who immediately reports the weapon or dangerous instrument/substances to school or law enforcement authorities.

For the purpose of the Code of Student Conduct, weapons include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. loaded or unloaded firearms, including guns, pistols, or rifles;

b. destructive devices, explosives, including bombs, dynamite cartridges, grenade mines;

c. fireworks;

d. gunpowder, ammunition, or bullets;

e. knives, including pocket knives, bowie knives, switchblades, dirks, or daggers;

f. slingshots or slungshots;

g. leaded canes;

h. blackjacks;

i. metal knuckles;

j. BB guns;

k. air rifles or air pistols;

l. stun guns or other electrical shock weapons, such as tasers;

m. icepicks;

n. razors or razor blades (except safety razors designed and used solely for personal shaving)

o. Any sharp, pointed, or edged instruments, except unaltered nail files and clips and tools used solely for preparation of food, instruction, and maintenance.

Note: Refer to Level IV-2 for violations involving firearms or destructive devices.

Rule# 19 Inside Building Conduct, Horseplay (Level I-1)

Students are not to run in the building, make excessive noise in the halls, or disturb any classes/school-related activities. Pushing, shoving, and hitting, even in fun, are prohibited.

First Offense: Up to one day OSS
Second Offense: One day ISS to three days OSS
Third Offense: Up to ten days OSS

Rule# 20 Technology

Students will not use technology in a way that violates the Chatham County Acceptable Use policy.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Accessing a World Wide Web site that is not part of the teacher's instructional plan, particularly those containing sexually explicit or other offensive material.
- b) Accessing a World Wide Web site containing sexually explicit or other offensive material as an independent user in any school classroom or lab.
- c) Accessing the World Wide Web without the teacher's permission.
- d) Use of another person's email account.
- e) Modifying software or hardware without permission
- e) Changing any portion of a school employee's program.

First Offense: Loss of access to laptop at home for the remainder of the semester
Second Offense: One day ISS, loss of access to laptop at home for the remainder of the school year
Third Offense: Three days ISS to five days loss of access to laptop at home for the remainder of the semester
*Note: Out-of-school suspension may be warranted depending on the severity of a student's actions.

Rule# 21 Significant Disruption of School/Class and/or Inciting or Participating in a Student Disorder (Level II-6)

No student shall engage in conduct that intentionally causes significant disruption of the school or creates student disorder including: walkouts, protests, demonstrations, false fire alarms, etc.

First Offense: Up to three days OSS
Second Offense: Three days ISS to ten days OSS
Third Offense: Up to ten days OSS and may be recommended for long term

Rule# 22 Disturbing the school setting (Level II-7)

Students who choose to disrupt the normal operation of the school will be suspended.

First Offense: Up to three days OSS
Second Offense: Three days ISS to ten days OSS
Third Offense: Up to ten days OSS and may be recommended for long term

Rule# 23 Trespassing (Level I-6)

Students refusing to depart from the school premises after being warned by authorized personnel or suspended students who are on campus are trespassing. Students who are suspended or expelled are not allowed to attend any school function or be on any Chatham County School property or event.

First Offense: One day ISS-three days OSS
Second Offense: Three days ISS-five days OSS
Third Offense: Five days ISS to Ten days OSS

Rule# 24 Forgery (Level II-1)

Forging notes of any type that deal with school matters will not be tolerated. Students that refuse to identify themselves or give misleading or false information to staff members will be treated the same as those forging a note. This will also include calls from the outside excusing students from school.

First Offense: Up to three days OSS
Second Offense: Three to ten days OSS
Third Offense: Three-ten days OSS with possible recommendation for long term suspension

Rule# 25 Cafeteria (Level I-1)

Students should show proper manners at all times, which means no breaking line, no shouting, no throwing food, no horseplay, etc.

First Offense: Up to one day of ISS
Second Offense: One-three days ISS
Third Offense: One –Two Days OSS

Rule# 26 Disruptive Devices (Level I-5)

Personal electronic equipment and cellular phones **should not be visible or audible during the instructional day (7:50 – 3:10 (excluding lunch, break, class change)). These items may be used in designated areas only.** Only a parent/guardian will be allowed to recover the item from the office. **Failure to relinquish the item to the staff member results in one day OSS.**

First Offense: Confiscation, return to parent, up to-ISS
Second Offense: Confiscation, One day ISS to one day OSS
Third Offense: Confiscation, up to three days OSS

Rule# 27 Misconduct on school vehicle (Level I-8)

Bus conduct must be safety oriented. Rules will be established by the driver of the bus and reviewed by the administration. School rules also apply to the bus, as it is a continuation of school property. Those students who fail to follow directives of the driver or persons in charge of buses will be subject to the following. Severe offenses may warrant student(s) to be removed from the bus immediately (Level 2-8). **Riding a school bus is a privilege and safety rules will be followed.**

First Offense: Up to three-day suspension from riding the bus.
Second Offense: Three to Five day suspension from riding the bus
Third Offense: Up to ten day suspension from riding the bus
Fourth Offense: Up to the remainder of the school year

- Rule# 28 Extortion (Level II-14)**
Extortion will not be tolerated. Anyone who through verbal or physical threat extorts anything of value from another person will be subjected to the following consequences:
- First Offense: Up to 3 days OSS
Second Offense: **Up to 5 days OSS**
Third Offense: Up to 10 days OSS with possible recommendation for long-term suspension.
*Note: Law enforcement may be contacted.
- Rule# 29 Hate Messages (Level II-5)**
Hate messages or other vulgar, profane or inappropriate messages written, carved, etched, etc., on school property or other mediums or any abusive, harassing, or disrespectful communication are strictly prohibited.
- First Offense: Up to three days OSS
Second Offense: Three days ISS to ten days OSS
Third Offense: Up to ten days OSS with possible recommendation for long term suspension.
- Rule# 30 Buying or Selling from Another Student (Level 1-9)**
Students may not sell or purchase items from another student without written permission from an administrator.
- First offense: One day ISS to three days OSS
Second Offense: Three days ISS to five days OSS
Third Offense: Five days ISS to ten days OSS
- Rule# 31 Arriving late to school/dismissal procedures (Level I-2)**
Failure to follow the late arrival/dismissal procedures will result in the following disciplinary action:
- First Offense: Up to one day ISS
Second Offense: One day ISS to three days ISS
Third Offense: One to two days OSS
- Rule# 32 Tobacco (Level II-2)**
Violation of Chatham County Board of Education Tobacco Policy will not be tolerated.
- First Offense: One day After-School detention (90 minutes) and parent contact
Second Offense: Up to three days OSS
Third Offense: Three to five days OSS
- Rule # 33 Alcohol and Illegal Drugs (Level III-1)**
Students shall not use, possess, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs other than those prescribed by a physician. Those found in violation will not only be suspended, but will also be referred to the proper legal agencies. Alcoholic beverages and drugs of any form will not be tolerated on or off the school campus at school-related activities. Students found guilty of possessing,

using, transmitting, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, will be suspended for a minimum of eight (8) days, up to a maximum of long-term suspension for the remainder of the semester or year. Students found guilty of possessing, using, or transmitting drug paraphernalia or counterfeit (fake) drugs are also subject to the same consequences listed above. Students found guilty of selling drugs or alcohol are subject to be suspended for the remainder of the semester, the remainder of the year, or a recommendation for permanent expulsion. Students guilty of a first offense violation of the substance abuse policy may have an eight (8) day suspension reduced to five (5) days upon enrollment in an appropriate drug-counseling program. The student and/or his/her parent or guardian will assume any cost. For possession, conspiracy to possess, use, and/or intoxicated:

First offense -The student shall be suspended from school for 10 days. The suspension may be reduced to five days if the student complies with the principal's recommendation which may include participation in an insight group for a designated length of time and attending at least 75 percent of the individual and/or group sessions scheduled. The student (accompanied by his/her parent or guardian) will be required to obtain a substance abuse assessment from a substance abuse professional before returning to school and is required to comply with the recommendations of the substance abuse professional as well. The initial assessment will be funded by Chatham County Schools. Charges for fulfilling subsequent treatment recommendations will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Additionally, first offense will result in the loss of on campus parking privileges for a period of ninety (90) school days.

Students involved in extracurricular activities will be suspended from participation for a minimum of thirty (30) school days, the remainder of the particular sport season, or the period of time designated by the bylaws of the recognized state or national organization, whichever is greater. Suspension of parking privileges and extracurricular activities will carry over from one school year to another until the term of the consequences has been satisfied. All consequences start at the time of suspension from school.

Second offense - The student shall be suspended for the remainder of the semester/school year. This suspension can be reduced to ten days if the student and family voluntarily seek substance abuse treatment at a state approved alcohol/drug agency in the community and also comply with the principal's recommendation.

*Additionally, second and subsequent offense will result in the loss of on campus parking privileges and suspension from extracurricular activities for a period of 365 calendar days.

Third offense - The student is suspended from school for the remainder of the school year.

Subsequent offense –Any additional offense will result in suspension for the remainder of the school year, unless the conduct is severe enough to warrant expulsion from school. A third offense will result in the loss of on-campus parking privileges and suspension from extracurricular activities for a period of 365 calendar days.

Rule #34 Gangs (Level III-2)

Students involved in activities, use of symbols, or wearing clothing that are considered to be “gang related” will be subject to the following:

First Offense: Parent contact and up to 10 days OSS. If the violation is clothing the student will be

asked to change immediately.
Second Offense: Up to long term suspension.

- This includes confederate battle flag, gang colors and gang symbols.

Rule# 35 Communicating a False Bomb Report or Perpetrating a Bomb Hoax (Level 3-6,7)

Students shall not communicate a false bomb report that there is located on any school property or at any school-sponsored event on or off school property any device designed to cause damage by explosion, blasting, or burning. Students shall not perpetrate a bomb hoax by any means, including the concealment, placement, or display of any device, machine, or artifact to cause a person to reasonably believe the item is a bomb.

First Offense: 365-day suspension. Law enforcement will be called.

Rule #36 Causing a Fire or Committing Arson (Level 4)

Students shall not set fire to anything unless directed to do so under the supervision of a teacher or administrator for educational purposes.

First Offense: 365 day suspension. Law enforcement may be called. Restitution may be required.

• While a student is suspended from school, he/she may not take part in any school- sponsored events and may not be allowed to be on any Chatham County Schools' Campus. GS. 115 c 288

• Students are under the direction of school officials at all times. All rules apply to student conduct on school property, school buses, school-sponsored field trips, athletic events, club events, and all other school activities.

•The school administration reserves the right to use discretionary action to modify listed consequences when necessary.