

INTRODUCTION

The Code of Student Conduct applies to all students. The Code of Student conduct applies at any time a student is on school property, riding a school owned or operated vehicle, at school-sponsored events, and at any time the student is under school jurisdiction.

CLASSIFICATION OF RULES

Rules of the Code of Student Conduct are divided into three groups. Violation of the rules will result in consequences described in each group.

Class I – Minor

Class II – Major

Class III – Severe illegal acts

ADMINISTRATION OF CONSEQUENCES

The Conecuh County Board of Education realizes that the age of a student and circumstances will have an effect on the consequences for violations of the Code of Conduct. The consequences for each group are listed in broad categories.

Each school will form a committee to decide the specific consequences for each offense. The committee will consist of parents, employees and students where appropriate from each school with the principal as the chairperson. A county wide committee will be formed to decide specific consequences for each offense using the information supplied by each school's committee. These consequences will then be submitted to the Board of Education for approval. A copy of this policy will be kept on file at the local school and at the Conecuh County Board of Education.

For every class II or III offense, principal or designee will notify parents of action taken.

Principal may refer a child or parents to the courts when such action is warranted.

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GRADES K-12

CLASS I MINOR OFFENSES

Class I- minor offenses are minor infractions that occur in the classroom. Each classroom teacher will work with students and parents to correct behavior problems.

1. Failure to follow classroom rules.
2. Distraction of other students such as talking, making noises, interrupting class functions.
3. Non-conformity to dress code (uniform policy)
4. Tardies to class
5. Failure to complete and/or return required school forms
6. Bringing disruptive items such as radios and CD players to school.
7. Failure to bring proper supplies to class
8. Other offenses deemed to be Class I Offenses

Consequences

1st Offense – Teacher conference with student

2nd Offense – Parent contact by teacher (**Parent must be notified.**) *

3rd Offense – Disciplinary action – parent must be notified

4th Offense – Teacher may refer a student to the office when three prior attempts have been made. When referred to the office, the offense will automatically move to a Class II Offense. Documentation by teacher for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offenses must be presented when student is referred to the principal

A discipline plan or consequence must be approved by the principal for each teacher.

* Parent notification must be in the form of a conversation or parent conference.

CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSES
Grades K-2

CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSES

CONSEQUENCES

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| 1. | Defiance of authority and/or disrespect to a school board employee ----- | PC, CP, OSS 1 day |
| 2. | Providing false information to school personnel (This includes forgery of parent's name-----
providing false information to parents, such as changing grades, forging notes, passes, or forms.) | PC, CP, OSS 1 day |
| 3. | Property Damage----- | RR, OSS max 2 days |
| 4. | Possession of stolen property----- | PC, CP OSS 1 day |
| 5. | Unauthorized absence from class (out of class without permission of the teacher or administrator)----- | PC |
| 6. | Use of profane or obscene language----- | PC, CP, OSS 1 day |
| 7. | Trespassing (presence on school property at unauthorized times such as during an out of -----
school suspension) | OSS until parent conf. |
| 8. | Physical aggression – minor physical intentional contact between students (pushing, shoving, etc.)----- | CP, OSS max 2 days |
| 9. | Fighting – physical aggressive contact between students where licks are passed that-----
result in no student injury. | CP, OSS max 3 days |
| 10. | Inappropriate display of affection----- | PC, CP OSS 1 day |
| 11. | Inappropriate use of the internet----- | PC |
| 12. | Written or verbal propositions to engage in sexual act----- | PC, CP, OSS 1 day |
| 13. | Use of obscene/sexual gestures, illustrations, writings, or conversation toward or in the-----
presence of another person | PC, CP, OSS 1 day |
| 14. | Leaving campus without permission ----- | PC |
| 15. | Being deceptive or lying to school officials----- | PC, CP, OSS 1 day |
| 16. | Violation of Check-in/Check-Out Policy----- | PC |
| 17. | Cheating----- | PC, CP OSS 1 day |
| 18. | Petty Theft – Property valued at less than \$10----- | RR, PC, CP, OSS 1
day |
| 19. | Stealing – Property valued between \$10 - \$49----- | RR, PC, CP
OSS 1 day |
| 20. | Gambling or possession of gambling devices----- | PC |
| 21. | Any other violation which the administrator may determine as a Class II offense----- | ALL |

* For each successive offense, principal may assign more severe consequences

* After six offenses student may be referred to administrative hearing committee or Board of Education for further disciplinary action at discretion of the administrator.

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Class II Major Consequences

All consequences may not be available at all schools

Maximum of 10 days out of school suspension (OSS)

In School Suspension

After School Detention

Parent Conference (PC)

Corporal Punishment (CP)

Required Restitution (RR)

After six offenses student may be referred to administrative hearing committee or Board of Education for further disciplinary action at discretion of the administrator.

CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSES
Grades 3-5

CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSES

CONSEQUENCES

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Defiance of authority and/or disrespect to a school board employee----- | CP, SS max 2 days,
OSS max 2 days |
| 2. Providing false information to school personnel (This includes forgery of parent’s name,-----
providing false information to parents, such as changing grades, forging notes, passes, or forms.) | CP, SS max 2 days |
| 3. Property Damage----- | RR, OSS 3-5 days |
| 4. Possession of stolen property----- | CP, SS 1-2 days |
| 5. Unauthorized absence from class (out of class without permission of the teacher or administrator)----- | PC, CP, SS 1 day |
| 6. Use of profane or obscene language | PC, CP, SS-12 days,
OSS 1-3 days |
| 7. Trespassing (presence on school property at unauthorized times such as during an out of-----
school suspension) | PC |
| 8. Physical aggression – minor physical intentional contact between students (pushing, shoving, etc.)----- | CP, SS 1-2 days
OSS-1-3 days |
| 9. Fighting – physical aggressive contact between students where licks are passed that-----
result in no student injury. | CP, OSS 1-5 days |
| 10. Inappropriate display of affection----- | PC, SS 1-2 days, CP |
| 11. Inappropriate use of the internet ----- | PC, CP, SS 1-2 days |
| 12. Written or verbal propositions to engage in sexual acts----- | PC, CP, SS 1-2 days
OSS 1-3 days |
| 13. Use of obscene/sexual gestures, illustrations, writings, or conversation toward or in the-----
presence of another person | PC, CP, SS 1-2 days
OSS 1-3 days |
| 14. Leaving campus without permission----- | OSS 1-5 days |
| 15. Being deceptive or lying to school officials----- | CP, SS 1-2 days
OSS 1-2 days |
| 16. Violation of Check-in/Check-Out Policy----- | PC |

Grades 3 – 5

- 17. Cheating-----PC, CP, SS 1-2 days
OSS 1-2 days
- 18. Petty Theft – Property valued at less than \$10-----RR, CP, SS 1-2 days
OSS 1-2 days
- 19. Stealing – Property valued between \$10 - \$49-----RR, CP, SS 1-2 days,
OSS 1-5 days
- 20. Gambling -----PC, CP, SS 1-2 days,
OSS 1-2 days
- 21. Any other violation which the administrator may determine as a Class II offense

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Class II Major Consequences Grades 3 - 5

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Maximum of 10 days out of school suspension (OSS)

Maximum of 10 days alternative school (Alternative school may be assigned in place of OSS)

In School Suspension

After School Detention

Saturday School (SS)

Parent Conference (PC)

Corporal Punishment (CP)

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CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSES
Grades 6-12

CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSES

CONSEQUENCES

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Defiance of authority and/or disrespect to a school board employee----- | CP, SS max 2 days,
OSS 1-3 days |
| 2. Providing false information to school personnel (This includes forgery of parent’s name,-----
providing false information to parents, such as changing grades, forging notes, passes, or forms.) | CP, SS max 2 days
OSS 1-3days |
| 3. Property Damage----- | RR, SS max 2 days
CP, OSS 1-10 |
| 4. Possession of stolen property----- | CP, SS max 2 days,
OSS 1-10 |
| 5. Unauthorized absence from class (out of class without permission of the teacher or administrator)----- | SS max 2 days,
OSS 1-5 days |
| 6. Use of profane or obscene language----- | CP, SS max 2 days
OSS 3-5 days |
| 7. Trespassing (presence on school property at unauthorized times such as during an out of-----
school suspension) | OSS 1-10 days |
| 8. Physical aggression – minor physical intentional contact between students (pushing, shoving, etc.)----- | SS max 2 days
OSS-1-3 days |
| 9. Fighting – physical aggressive contact between students where licks are passed that-----
result in no student injury. | OSS 3-10 days |
| 10. Inappropriate display of affection----- | CP, SS max 2 days,
OSS 3-5 days |
| 11. Inappropriate use of the internet ----- | CP, SS max 2 days
OSS 1-5 days |
| 12. Written or verbal propositions to engage in sexual acts----- | OSS 1-10 days |
| 13. Use of obscene/sexual gestures, illustrations, writings, or conversation toward or in the presence of-----
another person. | OSS 1-10 days |
| 14. Leaving campus without permission----- | OSS 1-10 days |

Grades 6-12

- 15. Being deceptive or lying to school officials-----CP, SS max 2 days,
OSS 1-10 days
- 16. Violation of Check-in/Check-Out Policy-----CP, SS max 2days
OSS 1-5 days
- 17. Cheating-----CP, SS max 2days,
OSS 1-3 days
- 18. Petty Theft – Property valued at less than \$10-----CP, SS max 2 days,
OSS 1-3 days
- 19. Stealing – Property valued between \$10 - \$49-----SS max 2 days
OSS 3-5 days
- 20. Gambling -----CP, SS max 2 days,
OSS 1-3 days
- 21. Any other violation which the administrator may determine as a Class II offense-----All

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Class II Major Consequences Grades 6-12

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After School Detention

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Parent Conference (PC)

Corporal Punishment (CP)

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Grades K-12

CLASS III SEVERE ILLEGAL ACTS

These acts include illegal behaviors that disrupt the orderly educational process in the classroom or other areas of school jurisdiction and violate the Conecuh County Board of Education policies, laws of the State of Alabama or laws of the United States of America.

*Offenses

*Fighting (Refer to title 13A Code of Alabama)

*Theft of Property (School or private) (where property value exceeds \$50)

*Destruction of School or Private Property

*Extortion

*Possession of a weapon (Alabama Code 16-1-24-3)

*Sexual Harassment

*Purchase, possession, use of any illegal substance or paraphernalia

*Bomb Threat

*False Fire Alarm

*Possession of electronic pagers or communication devices

*Violation of any criminal statutes

*Any other acts as determined by school officials

*Refer to manual of laws and Regulations: School Safety and Discipline (School Safety and Discipline Section of 1995 Accountability Act per Board policy)

Grades K-12

CLASS III CONSEQUENCES

Maximum of 10 days out of school suspension
Recommendation for expulsion

Note:

In all cases law enforcement will be notified

“NO – FIGHT” POLICY
Class III – Severe – Illegal Acts
Grades K-12

The Conecuh County Board of Education is obligated to provide a safe and orderly environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. Therefore, it is the policy of this school system that fighting in school buildings, on school grounds, at any school-sponsored event, or on a school-owned/maintained vehicle will not be tolerated. A fight classified as Class III – Severe Illegal Acts is defined as any conduct falling within the Alabama statutes defining assault, menacing and reckless endangerment, or criminal coercion. Refer to Title 13A of the *Code of Alabama 1975*.

The superintendent, working cooperatively with the local police and/or sheriff, the district attorney, and the juvenile court, shall enforce this “no-fight” policy at all middle/junior high schools and senior schools within the system.

These procedures will be followed:

1. Fighting in a school building, on school grounds, at any school sponsored event, or on a school-owned/maintained vehicle shall be classified as a severe-illegal act violation of the code of student conduct.
2. The principal or designee shall investigate the fight and take the appropriate action as identified in the code of student conduct.
3. The principal or designee shall secure the cooperation of witnesses to the fight and secure written statements from all witnesses.
4. The principal or designee shall secure reliable witnesses for court appearances.
5. The principal or designee shall call the police and file a complaint/petition with the juvenile court.
6. A reasonable attempt shall be made to notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) if the student is to be removed from the school by police officers.