

2009-2010 STUDENT DISCIPLINE POLICY

In order to maintain a “school climate” in which the youth of our school can live, learn, and flourish, it is vitally necessary for all students to assume responsibility for their behavior while enrolled in Boiling Springs Intermediate School. Therefore, in order to aid students in making appropriate decisions governing their behavior, this Discipline Policy has been established. While the examples are not intended to be all inclusive, they are illustrative of the types of behavior that are inconsistent with the proper maintenance and function of an effective program in our school. Also, equal or lesser punishment may be substituted due to availability of punishment.

STUDENT INCENTIVES

Our primary goal is to create a learning environment that encourages students to strive for excellence by celebrating exemplary behavior and effort. In order to further promote this positive school culture, it is necessary to sustain a well disciplined environment for all students.

SUPER SURFERS 9 – WEEK BEHAVIOR REWARD

To promote a positive learning environment for all students, each 9-weeks the students will be rewarded for their behavior in the classroom. The criteria for participation will start over each 9-weeks, although consequences for behavior will remain cumulative throughout the year. The following are the guidelines for participation per 9-weeks:

- No office referrals
- No lunch detentions

LEVEL 1: DISORDERLY CONDUCT

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

- The levels of student misconduct considered in this regulation are arranged by the degree of seriousness. The levels are arranged from the least serious to the most serious.
- Three levels of student misconduct are identified: disorderly conduct, disruptive conduct, and criminal conduct. The levels are defined in this regulation.
- This regulation includes a listing of possible sanctions for the three levels of student misconduct. As the levels increase in seriousness, the severity of possible disciplinary sanctions increases.

LEGEND

ISS In School Suspension

OSS Out of School Suspension

SCIP Program operated by Spartanburg County Alcohol & Drug Commission

BREACH OF CONDUCT

1. Tardies

PUNISHMENT (1st, 2nd, 3rd Offense)

1st - 3rd warning

4th note sent home to be returned signed

5th call home

6th - 8th lunch detention

9th - 11th 1 hour detention

12th + 2 hours detention

2. Lying to a member
of the school staff

1) 1 day ISS

2) 2 days ISS

3) 1 day OSS

3. Abusive language or gestures
between or among students
(obscene or profane, written or
verbal)

1) 2 hours detention

2) 1 day ISS

3) 2 days OSS

4. Forgery

1) 2 hours detention

2) 1 day ISS

3) 2 days ISS

5. Cutting class (did not leave grounds)

1) 2 hours detention

2) 1 day ISS

3) 2 days ISS

6. Cutting class (leaving school

1) Up to 2 days OSS

grounds)	2) Up to 3 days OSS 3) Up to 5 days OSS
7. Possession or use of tobacco	1) 3 days OSS 2) 5 days OSS 3) 10 days OSS/Recommended expulsion
8. Violation of Dress Code	1) Student will be given clothes to wear
9. Loitering or misbehaving in restrooms or halls	1) 1 hour detention 2) 2 hours detention 3) 1 day ISS
10. Possession or distribution of obscene literature, pictures or devices	1) 1 day ISS and confiscate 2) 1 day OSS and confiscate
11. Failure to report to detention	1) Serve detention and 1 day ISS
12. Hats worn in the building	1) Confiscate and parent must pick up
13. Distribution of material unauthorized by the principal	1) Parent conference and confiscate
14. Littering - throwing paper, cans, food, etc. on school grounds	1) 1 hour detention and/or picking up trash 2) 2 hours detention and/or picking up trash 3) 1 day ISS and/or picking up trash
15. Bringing cell phones, electronics, toys, etc. to school	Will be confiscated and parent must pick up
16. Being in an unauthorized area Example: being out of Pod area	1) 1 hour detention 2) 2 hours detention 3) 1 day ISS
17. Cheating on tests, examinations or classroom assignments, and plagiarism	1) Teacher takes paper, parents notified by teacher, gives zero grade(s)
18. Possession of lighter or matches	1) Confiscate, 1 day ISS 2) Confiscate, 1 day OSS
19. Verbal conflicts between students	1) Conference, 2 hours detention 2) 1 day ISS 3) Up to 2 days ISS
20. Excessive horseplay	1) 2 hours detention 2) 1 day ISS 3) 2 days ISS 4) 1 day OSS
21. Public displays of affection (touching, kissing, holding hands)	1) 2 hours detention 2) 1 day ISS
22. Push/Strike, biting	1) Up to 2 days ISS 2) Up to 2 days OSS 3) Up to 5 days OSS
23. Not returning signed referrals	1) Warning

within assigned time	2) 2 hours detention
24. Not having agenda	1 – 2 note home 3 – 4 lunch detention 5 – 6 1 hour detention 7 + 2 hours detention
25. Missing lunch detention	1) 1 hour detention
26. Chewing gum	1) Warning 2) lunch detention 3) 1 hour detention 4) 2 hours detention
27. Talking in car pick-up	1) Warning 2) lunch detention 3) 1 hour detention 4) 2 hours detention
28. Talking in assigned area in the morning	1) Warning 2) lunch detention 3) 1 hour detention 4) 2 hours detention
29. Bus Referrals	1) 2 hours detention 2) 2 days bus suspension 3) 4 days bus suspension 4) 6 days bus suspension 5) 10 days bus suspension 6) bus suspension for the remainder of the year

LEVEL 2: DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

Disruptive conduct is defined as those activities engaged in by student(s) which are directed against persons or property, and consequences 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. Disorderly conduct (Level 1) may be reclassified as disruptive conduct (Level 2) if it occurs three or more times. The provisions of this regulation apply not only to with-in school, but also to student conduct on school bus transportation vehicles, and other school sponsored activities.

BREACH OF CONDUCT

PUNISHMENT (1st, 2nd, 3rd Offense)

1. Fighting or instigating a fight/ physical abuse of another student	1) 3 days OSS 2) 5 days OSS 3) 10 days OSS
2. Aggressive fighting (multiple blows, intent to injure, both are angry) or physical assault of another student, or pre-meditated fighting	Up to 10 days OSS and/or recommend placement in Alternative School or recommend expulsion
3. Use of intoxicant (alcohol, any controlled substance, or unauthorized substances)	1) 10 days OSS and SCIP Program 2) 10 days OSS and recommend expulsion
4. Petty vandalism (up to \$10)	1) 1 day ISS and restitution 2) 1 day OSS and resitution 3) 2 days OSS and restitution
5. Minor vandalism (\$10 to \$100)	1) 1 day OSS and restitution 2) 3 days OSS and restitution 3) 5 days OSS and recommend expulsion

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| 6. Petty theft (up to \$10) | 1) 2 days ISS and restitution
2) 1 day OSS and restitution
3) 3 days OSS and restitution |
| 7. Minor theft (\$10 to \$100) | 1) 2 days OSS and restitution
2) 3 days OSS and restitution
3) Up to 10 days OSS and/or recommend expulsion; notify authorities |
| 8. Possession of stolen goods
(less than \$100) | 1) 1 day OSS
2) 3 days OSS
3) Up to 10 days OSS and/or recommend expulsion; notify authorities |
| 9. Rude, argumentative, disrespectful
to teachers or staff members | 1) 2 days ISS
2) Up to 3 days OSS
3) Up to 5 days OSS |
| 10. Threats, harassing, abusing,
intimidation to teachers or
staff members | Sent home immediately and may return within 5 to 10 days
at the discretion of the Principal or may recommend
expulsion or placement in Alternative School |
| 11. Disrupting class/assemblies | 1) Up to 2 days ISS
2) Up to 2 days OSS
3) Up to 3 days OSS
4) Up to 5 days OSS |
| 12. Disruption of ISS and detention | 1) 1 day OSS |
| 13. Threats, harassing, bullying,
and/or intimidation to
student (written or verbal) | 1) Up to 2 days ISS
2) Up to 2 days OSS
3) Up to 10 days OSS and/or recommend expulsion or placement
in Alternative School |
| 14. Trespassing on school property
or being on school property
during a suspension or after
an expulsion | Notification of proper authorities and warrants
will be signed. In the case of suspension, the suspension
will be increased by up to 3 days |
| 15. Abusive language or gestures about
school staff (written) | 1) 1 day OSS
2) Up to 2 days OSS
3) Up to 3 days OSS |
| 16. Abusive language or gestures
to school staff (obscene or profanity -
verbal) | Sent home immediately and may return within 5-10
days at the recommendation of the Principal or may
recommend expulsion or placement in Alternative School |
| 17. Refusal to obey school personnel or
agents such as volunteer aides or
chaperones, whose responsibilities
include supervision of students at
any school functions | Send home immediately and may return within 5-10
days at the discretion of the Principal or may recommend
expulsion or placement in Alternative School; can no longer
participate in activities, field trips, school functions, or special
rewards for the remainder of the year |
| 18. Disrupting school | Sent home immediately and may return within 5 days at the
discretion of the Principal and or recommend expulsion or placement in
Alternative School, or notify proper authorities |
| 19. Illegally occupying or blocking in
any way, school property with the
intent to deprive others of its use | Notify proper authorities, suspend up to 10 days, and may
recommend expulsion or placement in Alternative School |

20. Unlawful assembly	Notify proper authorities, suspend up to 10 days, and may recommend expulsion or Alternative School placement
21. Disruption of assembly programs	Up to 5 days OSS and /or recommend expulsion or Alternative School placement; can no longer attend programs for the remainder of the year
22. Illegally walking out of a classroom	Refer to Principal who may suspend up to 5 days and/or recommend expulsion or Alternative School placement
23. Improper physical contact	Refer to Principal who may suspend up to 10 days and/or recommend expulsion or Alternative School placement
24. Sexual harassment (physical, verbal or written)	1) Up to 3 days OSS 2) Up to 5 days OSS 3) Up to 10 days OSS and/or recommend expulsion
25. Distributing, selling, using or possessing "Look-a-like drugs"	Refer to Principal who may suspend up to 5 days, notify proper authorities, may recommend expulsion or placement in Alternative School
26. Possession of drug paraphernalia	Refer to Principal who may suspend up to 5 days, notify proper authorities, recommend placement in Alternative School
27. Improper Exposure	Refer to Principal who may suspend up to 5 days and/or recommend expulsion or placement in Alternative School

LEVEL 3: CRIMINAL CONDUCT

Criminal Conduct is defined as those activities engaged in by student(s) which result in violence to oneself or another person or property which pose a direct and serious threat to the safety of oneself 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 local school board. The provisions of this regulation apply not only to with-in school activities, but also to student conduct on school bus transportation vehicles, and other school sponsored activities.

BREACH OF CONDUCT

PUNISHMENT (1ST, 2ND, 3RD Offense)

1. Assault and battery	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, and notify authorities
2. Extortion	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, and notify authorities
3. Bomb threat	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, and notify authorities
4. Possession, use or transfer of dangerous weapons	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, and notify authorities
5. Use or display of a weapon in threatening manner	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, and notify authorities
6. Sexual offense (including indecent exposure)	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, and notify authorities
7. Major vandalism (more than \$100)	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, restitution, notify authorities
8. Major theft (more than \$100 or sale of stolen property)	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, restitution, and notify proper authorities
9. Possession of or receiving stolen goods (more than \$100)	Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, restitution, and notify authorities

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| 10. Possessing or igniting fireworks or explosive devices (smoke bombs, stink bombs, etc.) | Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, restitution, and notify proper authorities |
| 11. Arson (starting fires on school property, in school building, or on school buses) | Suspend up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, restitution, and notify proper authorities |
| 12. Furnishing, selling, or possessing, use, or under the influence of controlled substances (drugs, narcotics, alcohol, etc.) or any unauthorized substance | Suspend for 10 days and recommend expulsion, and notify proper authorities |
| 13. Pulling Fire Alarm | OSS up to 10 days, recommend expulsion, notify proper authorities |

NOTE: With each breach of conduct at this level, the proper authorities may be notified.

POLICY GOVERNING SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

A student may be suspended or expelled for committing any crime, gross immorality, gross misbehavior, persistent disobedience, or for violating the written rules and regulations established by Boiling Springs Intermediate School or the Board of Trustees of Spartanburg School District Two. A student may also be suspended or expelled when his/her presence is detrimental to the best interest of the school. Parents of suspended students or expelled students shall have the right to appeal to the school principal and/or the school district office. The expelled student shall have the right to petition for re-admission for the succeeding school year.

THIS HANDBOOK IS PROVIDED SO THAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS CAN BE INFORMED OF AND UNDERSTAND SCHOOL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS. THIS HANDBOOK SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY READ BY ALL SCHOOL CITIZENS. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF SEX, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, HANDICAP, OR VETERAN STATUS IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL OR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS IN COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATIONAL AMENDMENTS OF 1972 AND SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.

ACT 373 OF 1994 ALLOWS PRINCIPALS OR THEIR DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT REASONABLE SEARCHES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OF LOCKERS, DESKS, VEHICLES, AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS WITH OR WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE. THEY MAY ALSO SEARCH BOTH THE PERSON AND THE PROPERTY OF PERSONS ENTERING SCHOOL PROPERTY.
