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Overview

Tier 3 - 5 Rules
(Extremely
serious offenses)

In Summary

- Refrain from aggressive physical/verbal action(s)
 - Fighting.
 - Threatening/intimidating behavior.
 - Assaulting student or adult.
 - Inciting to riot/chaos.

The above behaviors are considered Tier II, Tier III or Tier IV infractions

- Possession of a weapon or other dangerous object is prohibited.
- Distribution of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs is prohibited.

The above behaviors are considered Tier III, Tier IV or Tier V infractions

- Possession of a firearm or destructive device is prohibited.

The above behavior is considered a Tier IV or Tier V infraction



Rule 11 UNSAFE ACTION (Citizenship/Caring):

A. Harm's Way: A student shall not commit any action that has the potential to cause danger or physical harm to himself or to others, to include but not limited to: exiting a moving school bus, exiting a school bus by way of the emergency exit absent an emergency, attempting to elude school officials by running through a parking lot or any traffic area, climbing on the roof of buildings, being in construction areas, boiler rooms, attics or elevator shafts, or any action that has the potential for physical harm to self or others. This rule will apply only when the unsafe behavior does not meet the standards of any other violation.

B. Self-Medication: A student should not have in his/her possession any over-the-counter medication or prescription medication without meeting conditions prescribed by the Board. Simple possession of such items that are not in accordance with Board standards may result in consequences outlined in Rule 3. Distribution and/or consumption of such medication may result in an immediate Tier III consequence. In some instances, violations of Rule 11 may be a Tier II infraction. Violation of this rule may also be treated as a violation of Rule 28.

Rule 12 VEHICLE USE (Responsibility/Citizenship):

A. Reckless Vehicle Use: A student will not operate any motorized or self-propelled vehicle on school grounds in a manner that is a threat to health and/or safety, or a disruption to the educational process. Driving to school is a privilege, which may be limited or revoked at any time by the school principal.

B. Vehicle Parking on Campus: A student will not leave an automobile on school premises without appropriate authorization and a visible parking permit. Unauthorized vehicles may be towed. In addition to the vehicle being towed, this may be a Tier I or II infraction.

Rule 13 GAMBLING (Responsibility): A student will not play games of skill or chance for money or property. In some instances, violations of Rule 13 may be a Tier II infraction.

Rule 14 VANDALISM (Responsibility/Respect/Citizenship): A student will not willfully, with or without malice, participate with others to damage or destroy property of another, including property belonging to the school or district, staff, students or other adults on campus or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property. A student or parent/guardian will be held financially responsible, as allowed by law, for willful or malicious destruction of property. In some instances, violations of Rule 14 may be a Tier II infraction.

- Rule 15** **USE OF FIRE (Responsibility/Respect/Citizenship):** A student will neither set fire nor attempt to set fire to anything on school property or participate with others to damage or destroy school property through the use of fire. This includes striking matches, flicking cigarette lighters or using any instrument capable of producing fire on school property or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity that is on or off school property. (This violation does not include any smoking violations. For smoking violations refer to Rule 28D.) In some instances, such as the use of a lighter during a smoking violation, a Rule 15 violation may result in a Tier II infraction.
- Rule 16** **THEFT (Responsibility/Respect/Citizenship):** A student will not steal or possess stolen property, or participate with others to do so. Stolen property includes any object that is possessed without the permission of the owner. In some instances, violations of Rule 16 may be a Tier II infraction.
- Rule 17** **BREAKING AND ENTERING (Responsibility/Respect/Citizenship):** A student will not break into any district property. This will include any unauthorized entry into school property with or without destruction to the property.
- Rule 18** **BURGLARY (Responsibility/Respect/Citizenship):** A student will not unlawfully enter any district property with the intent of committing a felony, to steal and/or take and carry away the property of another, or to attempt to commit the taking of property.
- Rule 19** **ROBBERY (Responsibility/Respect/Citizenship):** A student will not take or attempt to take another person's property by force or violence.
- Rule 20** **EXTORTION (Responsibility/Respect/Citizenship):** A student will not take, threaten or attempt to take the property (including but not limited to money) of others through intimidation.
- Rule 21** **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE COMPUTER (Honesty):** A student shall refrain from inappropriate use of school system computers or from using the CMS electronic communications and wireless connection network without proper authority. This includes unauthorized use of sign-on codes and the school telephone system, communication of threats or implied threats, and unauthorized attempts to contact any CMS computer site from any computer station. This rule also encompasses any activity or distribution of information from home or school computers that would constitute a violation of a rule under the *Code of Student Conduct* or a violation of law, such as, but not limited to, bullying or harassment on social media or other sites if the conduct has or may have a direct and immediate impact on the orderly and efficient operation of the schools or the safety of individuals in the school environment. Publication of information on the Internet is considered distribution regardless of the location of the computer where the offending content was published. (Minor violations of unauthorized use of the computer, including accessing home email accounts from a school computer, may be a Tier I or II infraction.)

- Rule 22** **PORNOGRAPHIC, PROFANE AND/OR VIOLENT MATERIAL (Respect/Citizenship):** A student shall refrain from having any pornographic or profane material in his/her possession, including but not limited to pictures, magazines, CDs, DVDs, electronic text or images and sexually explicit or graphically violent materials (including but not limited to documents or instructions concerning the creation of and/or the use of weapons). (This may also be a Tier I, II or III infraction.)
- Rule 23** **COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY (Honesty):** A student shall not distribute, produce or use counterfeit currency on school property or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property.
- Rule 24** **FALSE ALARM (Responsibility):** In the absence of an emergency, a student shall not call 911, signal or set off an automatic signal indicating the presence of an emergency.
- Rule 25** **BOMB THREAT (Responsibility):** A student shall not make any report or notification, knowing or having reason to know the report is false (verbal or written), indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus or at any school activity.
- Rule 27** **SEXUAL BEHAVIOR (Respect/Caring):** A student shall not engage in any sexual behavior on school property or at a school-sponsored activity.
- A. Offensive Touching:** A student shall not engage in unwanted touching of an offensive or sexual nature. (This may also be a Tier I, II or III infraction.)
- B. Sexual Harassment:** A student shall not engage in unwanted verbal or physical (e.g. gesturing) conduct of a sexual nature which may reasonably be regarded as intimidating, hostile or offensive. This includes the communication of (by digital or other means) or the intentional display of sexually explicit material. (This may also be a Tier II or III infraction.)
- C. Indecent Exposure:** A student shall not intentionally expose private body parts, including but not limited to the display of the buttocks (mooning). (This may also be a Tier I, II or III infraction.)
- D. Consensual Sexual Activity:** A student shall not engage in consensual sexual activity. (For elementary students, this may be a Tier I, II or III infraction.) "Consensual" means all parties are willing participants in the activity.
- E. Sexual Battery:** A student shall not attempt to engage in sexual activity with another person by force, threat or fear.

Rule 26

AGGRESSIVE PHYSICAL/VERBAL ACTION (Responsibility/Caring/Justice and Fairness): A student shall not exhibit any form of aggressive physical or verbal action against another student, staff member or any other adult at school. Minor incidents of hitting, biting, spitting, shoving, kicking or throwing objects at a student or adult may be a Tier I or II infraction.

A. Verbal Confrontation/Provocation: A student shall not approach another person in a confrontational, provocative or bullying manner.¹ This will include attempts to intimidate or instigate another person to fight or commit other acts of physical aggression. (This may also be a Tier I or II infraction.)

B. Fighting: The exchange of mutual aggressive physical contact between students, with or without injury, is prohibited. (The first violation of this rule shall be a Tier II infraction and will result in a suspension of no more than five days so long as it does not involve a weapon or result in injury or cause a significant disruption to the educational environment. An incident that occurs in high density areas of the campus, such as the cafeteria, mall, hallway during class changes, parking lot, auditorium, restroom, bus, or gym is presumed to have caused a significant disruption and is not eligible for this lesser penalty. Subsequent violations (cumulative from grades 6-12) or those that cause injury or a disruption, shall be a Tier III infraction.) A student who is physically attacked may act in self defense without consequence. **Self defense** is defined as the act by a nonaggressor victim using reasonable force to avoid being hit in order to enable oneself to get free from the attacker and notify school authorities. It is not self defense to participate in the fight. Students who exceed reasonable force in protecting themselves will be disciplined for violating this rule even though another person provoked the fight. Administrators will have the discretion to recognize the need for self defense on an incident-by-incident basis.

C. Threatening/Intimidating: A student shall not threaten to strike, attack or harm any person, or cause another person to become fearful by intimidation, through any medium, including threats made in person, through another person at the request of the perpetrator, on the telephone, in writing, through the use of gang paraphernalia, or by any digital communication (cyberbullying) that pose a safety risk to the school environment. The tier will be determined by the level of risk presented by the threat, whether the threat could have reasonably been carried out and whether the threatened person was made fearful. This rule violation may be a Tier I, II or III infraction.

D. Assault on a Student: A student shall not physically attack another student. See self defense as defined above. **Multiple Assaults:** A student shall not act in concert to physically attack another student.

E. Assault on a Staff Member: A student shall not physically attack a staff member or adult. See self defense as defined above. **Multiple Assaults:** A student shall not act in concert to physically attack a staff member or other adult.

F. Inciting to Riot/Chaos: A student shall not engage in behavior of a violent or aggressive nature in a highly volatile area that could result in a riot, widespread chaos or aggressive actions (verbal and/or physical) by students witnessing or involved in the incident. (This may also be a Tier II infraction.)

G. Refusing to Disperse: A student who witnesses an incident under this rule shall disperse at the request of staff members. (This may also be a Tier II or III infraction.)

H. Participation in a Civil Demonstration: A student shall not disrupt the school day by participating in a civil demonstration, including leaving campus without permission. (This may also be a Tier I or II infraction.)

- Rule 28 ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS (Responsibility/Citizenship):** A student shall not use, purchase, sell, distribute, be under the influence of or possess any kind of tobacco, alcoholic beverage, controlled substance (as defined by state law) or illegal or counterfeit substance. Subsequent violations of any part of this rule are cumulative from grades 6–12.
- A. ALCOHOL:** A student shall not possess, use, distribute or be under the influence of alcohol on school property or at a school function. The first violation of this rule will be a Tier I or II infraction with an immediate referral to the Positive Options Program (“POP”). All subsequent violations (cumulative from grades 6-12) will be a Tier III infraction.
- B. MARIJUANA:** A student shall not possess, use or be under the influence of marijuana, or possess associated drug paraphernalia on school property or at a school function. The first violation of this rule will be a Tier I or II infraction with an immediate referral to the Positive Options Program (“POP”). All subsequent violations (cumulative from grades 6-12) will be a Tier III infraction. “Marijuana” is defined to also include synthetic cannabinoids. Possession of large amounts or of more than one individually wrapped package of marijuana will be deemed to be a violation of Rule 28C2.
- C. DRUGS/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, COUNTERFEIT DRUGS AND PARAPHERNALIA:**
- 1. Use, Influence or Possession of Drugs/Paraphernalia:** For drugs other than marijuana, a student shall not use or be under the influence of illegal or controlled substances or possess illegal, counterfeit or controlled substances (including prescription drugs without a doctor’s order filed with the school) or drug paraphernalia on school property or at a school function. Disciplinary responses shall include a referral to POP.
 - 2. Sale/Distribution (Attempt or Actual):** A student shall not distribute, sell, attempt to sell, or possess with intent to sell any illegal, counterfeit or controlled substance. Possession of a large amount of or more than one individually wrapped package of a controlled or illegal substance will be considered evidence that the student intended to sell or distribute the product.
- D. TOBACCO:** A student shall not use, sell, distribute or possess any kind of tobacco product or associated paraphernalia (including electronic cigarettes containing tobacco products) on school property or at a school function. The first violation of this rule shall be a Tier I infraction. Subsequent violations will be Tier II or III infractions. Possession of rolling papers is treated as a violation of Rule 28B.

Rule 29 WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS OBJECTS (Responsibility/Caring): A student will not possess, handle, transport or use any weapon, object that can be reasonably considered a weapon, dangerous object or substance that could cause harm or irritation to another individual on school property or at any school function. All items will be confiscated and will not be returned except with the mutual agreement of school and law enforcement. This rule does not apply to school supplies (e.g., pencil, laser pointer) unless used as a weapon. Note: any object thrown from a school bus will be treated as a weapon.

Special Note: See the Safe Harbor Provision on page 6.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- A. Toy knife or look-a-like knife
- B. Weapon not capable of propelling a missile
- C. Knife
- D. Box cutter/razor blade
- E. Camouflaged weapon
- F. Object thrown from a bus
- G. Ammunition
- H. Fireworks
- I. Bomb (includes destructive devices such as an explosive, incendiary or poison gas, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than 4 ounces, missile with an explosive charge of more than 1/4 ounce, mine, or similar device)
- J. Air soft gun, BB gun, pellet gun
- K. Any object or substance that could cause injury including but not limited to, slingshots, ice picks, multi-fingered rings, metal knuckles, nun chucks, Bowie knives, dirks, daggers, lead canes, switchblade knives, clubs, stun guns, starter pistols, BB guns, flare guns, air rifles, air pistols, air soft pellet guns or paint ball guns, mace, fire extinguishers and/or the use of any object or any substance that will potentially cause harm, irritation or bodily injury.

- Rule 30** **GANG AND GANG-RELATED ACTIVITIES (Responsibility/Caring/Justice and Fairness):** No student shall commit any act that furthers gangs or gang-related activities. A gang is any ongoing organization, association or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, or the purposeful violation of any district policy, and having a common name or common identifying sign, colors or symbols. Conduct prohibited by this policy includes:
- A. Clothing:** Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, visible tattoos and body markings, or other items, or being in possession of literature that shows affiliation with a gang, or is evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang or that promotes gang affiliation;
 - B. Communication:** Communicating either verbally or non-verbally (gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings, etc.), to convey membership affiliation in any gang or that promotes gang affiliation;
 - C. Vandalism or Destruction of Property:** Tagging, or otherwise defacing school or personal property with gang or gang-related symbols or slogans;
 - D. Intimidation/Threats:** Requiring payment for protection, money or insurance, or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person related to gang activity;
 - E. Coercion:** Inciting other students to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity;
 - F. Solicitation:** Soliciting others for gang membership;
 - G. Conspiracy:** Conspiring to commit any violation of this policy or committing or conspiring to commit any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies that relates to gang activity.
- Rule 31** **FIREARMS (loaded or unloaded) (Responsibility/Caring):** A student shall not possess, handle or transport any handgun, rifle, starter gun, shotgun or any other weapon which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by action of an explosion, including camouflaged guns or any firearm muffler or silencer. Violation of this rule is a Tier IV or V infraction. Students violating this rule are subject to a 365-day mandatory suspension.

- Rule 32** **PERSISTENTLY DANGEROUS STUDENTS (Responsibility/Caring/Justice and Fairness):** Students who are 16 years of age or older shall not frequently engage in conduct that is in violation of other code of conduct rules and is a danger to others in the school environment. Targeted conduct for this rule shall involve multiple events over an extended period of time, including previous school years. Examples of misconduct under this rule shall be limited to multiple rule violations for assault, the sale or distribution of illegal drugs, gang-related activities, the possession of weapons and inappropriate sexual behavior.
- Rule 33** **REFUSAL TO ALLOW SEARCH (Responsibility and Honesty):** School administration has the right to conduct a search of a student or his/her possessions that is reasonable in scope if the administration has a reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of a weapon, illegal substance or other items prohibited by or used in violation of law or the *Code of Student Conduct*.
- A. Search of an Individual and/or his/her Possessions:** A student must cooperate with and may not obstruct or interfere with a reasonable and authorized search of the student and/or his/her possessions based on reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of a weapon, illegal substance or other items prohibited by or used in violation of law or the *Code of Student Conduct*.
 - B. Search of Student Lockers and Desks:** Lockers and desks are the property of the District and are assigned to the student with the understanding that he/she is responsible for all property placed in the locker or the desk. Lockers and desks shall be used only for storage of those items that are reasonably necessary for the student's school activities such as books, gym clothes, coats, school assignments, etc. A student must cooperate with and shall not obstruct or interfere with an authorized search of his/her locker or desk.
 - C. Search of a Vehicle:** A student must cooperate with and may not obstruct or interfere with reasonable search of the student's vehicle and its contents when it is present on school property or at a school activity. These searches will be based on reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of a weapon, illegal substance or other items prohibited by or used in violation of law or the *Code of Student Conduct*. A violation of this rule may result in the student losing his/her parking privilege, in addition to other applicable discipline.

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Tier III - Designed to provide interventions for students who commit more serious infractions of the *Code of Student Conduct* and/or have repeat offenses.

Potential Administrative Responses (*This list contains options that may be used by the administration in addressing student conduct. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list.*)

- Appropriate response from Tier I and/or Tier II
- Out-of-school suspension or option to attend an Alternative to Suspension Center for one to 35 days. A student may also be recommended for a disciplinary reassignment to the Right Choices Program or to Turning Point Academy. This option is also available for Tier IV rule violations in lieu of or during long-term suspension.
- Suspension from bus (for bus-related offenses)
- Warning of referral to Tier IV (referral to Tier IV will be made for repeated offenses)

Tier IV - An intervention for students who commit serious offenses and whose conduct seriously threatens the safety of students, staff or visitors or threatens to substantially disrupt the educational environment. An option at Tier IV would include long-term suspension and/or assignment to Turning Point Academy for the remainder of the academic year (in certain situations the assignment may be permanent). Additionally, by law, students may be **suspended** from school for up to 365 days for bringing a firearm or destructive device onto school property.

Tier V - An indefinite **expulsion** from school and all school properties by the Board of Education for a student (age 14 or older) whose continued presence constitutes a clear threat to other persons or is subject to the Jessica Lunsford Act. An expelled student may petition the Board for readmission after 180 days from the date he/she was expelled. If granted, the student may be placed at Turning Point Academy with a re-entry plan developed by CMS personnel. Tier V is also a possible consequence for student conduct described in Tier IV.

Out-of-school suspension for each tier:

Tier I	0 days (unless repeated violations)
Tier II	1 to 10 days (Short-term suspension)
Tier III	11 to 30 days (Long-term suspension)
Tier IV	up to 365 days (Long-term or mandatory 365-day suspension)
Tier V	expulsion

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

2012–2013

Student Rights, Responsibilities and Character Development Handbook

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Student and Parent Acknowledgement and Pledge

The *Code of Student Conduct* has been developed to help your child receive quality instruction in an orderly educational environment. The school needs your cooperation in this effort. Therefore, please (1) review and discuss the *Code of Student Conduct* with your child and (2) sign and return this sheet to your child's school. Should you have any questions when reviewing the *Code of Student Conduct*, please contact your child's school principal. You may access an electronic copy of the handbook on the CMS website: www.cms.k12.nc.us. You may also access a paper copy at your child's school or at any Charlotte Mecklenburg library branch.

NOTE: FAILURE TO RETURN THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE WILL NOT RELIEVE A STUDENT OR THE PARENT/GUARDIAN FROM BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING OR COMPLYING WITH THE RULES CONTAINED WITHIN THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.

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Bell Schedules

Bell Schedule

August 26-September 9, 2013

Bell Schedule August 26-September 9, 2013			Monday August 26, 2013 (A) 7:15-8:15 Homeroom 8:21-9:16 1 st Period 9:22-10:19 2 nd Period 10:25-12:42 3 rd Period 12:48- 2:15 4 th Period	Tuesday August 27, 2013 (B) 7:15-7:45 Homeroom <i>(12th grade assembly)</i> 7:51-9:02 1 st Period 9:08-10:19 2 nd Period 10:25-12:42 3 rd Period 12:48- 2:15 4 th Period
Wednesday August 28, 2013 (A) 7:15-7:45 Homeroom <i>(11th grade assembly)</i> 7:51-9:02 1 st Period 9:08-10:19 2 nd Period 10:25-12:42 3 rd Period 12:48- 2:15 4 th Period	Thursday August 29, 2012 (B) 7:15-7:45 Homeroom <i>(10th grade assembly)</i> 7:51-9:02 1 st Period 9:08-10:19 2 nd Period 10:25-12:42 3 rd Period 12:48- 2:15 4 th Period	Friday August 30, 2012 (A) 7:15-7:45 Homeroom <i>(9th grade assembly)</i> 7:51-9:02 1 st Period 9:08-10:19 2 nd Period 10:25-12:42 3 rd Period 12:48- 2:15 4 th Period	Monday September 2, 2012 Labor Day Holiday	Tuesday September 3, 2012 (B) 7:15-7:30 Homeroom 7:36-8:57 1 st Period 9:03-10:24 2 nd Period 10:30-12:44 3 rd Period 12:50- 2:15 4 th Period
Wednesday September 4, 2012 (A) 7:15-7:30 Homeroom 7:36-8:57 1 st Period 9:03-10:24 2 nd Period 10:30-12:44 3 rd Period 12:50- 2:15 4 th Period	Thursday September 5, 2012 (B) 7:15-7:30 Homeroom 7:36-8:57 1 st Period 9:03-10:24 2 nd Period 10:30-12:44 3 rd Period 12:50- 2:15 4 th Period	Friday September 8, 2012 (A) 7:15-7:30 Homeroom 7:36-8:57 1 st Period 9:03-10:24 2 nd Period 10:30-12:44 3 rd Period 12:50- 2:15 4 th Period	Monday September 9, 2012 (B) 7:15-7:30 Homeroom 7:36-8:57 1 st Period 9:03-10:24 2 nd Period 10:30-12:44 3 rd Period 12:50- 2:15 4 th Period	Tuesday September 10, 2012 (A) <i>Regular Schedule</i> 7:15-8:44 1 st Period 8:50-10:19 2 nd Period 10:25-12:42 3 rd Period 12:48- 2:15 4 th Period

An announcement will be made each day to escort students to the auditorium for grade level assemblies. Homeroom times may be adjusted.



**WEST MECKLENBURG
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2013-2014 BELL SCHEDULE**

**MORNING BELL 7:05
WARNING BELL 7:13
TARDY BELL 7:15**



REGULAR SCHEDULE		HOMEROOM SCHEDULE (Regular)		LUNCH SCHEDULE	
1 st Period	7:15 – 8:44	Homeroom	7:15 – 7:30	A	200, 300, 500, & 600 Buildings
2 nd Period	8:50 – 10:19	1 st Period	7:36 – 8:57	B	Rooms 100-113 & 133-138
3 rd Period	10:25 – 12:42	2 nd Period	9:03 – 10:24	<i>All students must exit down the corridor closest to room 110</i>	
A Lunch	10:31 – 10:54	3 rd Period	10:30 – 12:44	C	800 Building
B Lunch	10:58 – 11:22	A Lunch	10:34 – 10:58	D	Rooms 114-130 & 400 Building
C Lunch	11:25 – 11:48	B Lunch	11:01 – 11:25	<i>114-121 must exit the corridor closest to Student Services. 123-132 must exit the door leading to the 200 breezeway.</i>	
D Lunch	11:52 – 12:15	C Lunch	11:28 – 11:52	E	900, Mobiles & Gym
E Lunch	12:18 – 12:42	D Lunch	11:55 – 12:17		
4 th Period	12:48 – 2:15	E Lunch	12:19 – 12:44		
		4 th Period	12:50 – 2:15		