

It is the policy of the Fannin County Board of Education that each school within this school district shall develop and implement age appropriate student codes of conduct designed to improve the student learning environment and which will comply with State law and State Board of Education Rule 160-4-8-.15. Each Code of Conduct shall include the following:

1. Standards for student behavior designed to create the expectation that students will behave themselves in such a way so as to facilitate a learning environment for themselves and other students. The standards should be designed also to encourage students to respect each other and school district employees, to motivate students to obey student behavior policies adopted by this Board and to obey student behavior rules established at each school within this school district;
2. Student support process designed to consider, as appropriate in light of the severity of the behavioral problem, support services available at each school, the school system and other public entities or community organizations which may assist students to address behavioral problems;
3. Progressive discipline processes designed to create the expectation that the degree of discipline imposed by each school will be in proportion to the severity of the behavior of a particular student, the previous discipline history of the student and other relevant factors, such as placement in special education programs, while ensuring that each student receives the due process mandated by federal and state law;
4. Parental involvement processes designed to enable parents, guardians, teachers and school administrators to work together to improve and enhance student behavior and academic performance. The process should enable parents, guardians and school employees to communicate freely their concerns about student behaviors, which detract from the learning environment.
5. All other specific requirements as set forth in any existing State Board of Education Rule or in Georgia law.

Each student code of conduct shall include the following specific provisions prescribing and governing student conduct and safety rules on all school buses and at any bus stop:

Students shall be prohibited from acts of physical violence as defined by Code Section 20-2-751.6, Bullying, as defined by subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-751.4, physical assault or battery of other persons on the school bus, verbal assault of other persons on the school bus, disrespectful conduct toward the school bus driver or other persons on the school bus and other unruly behavior;

Students shall be prohibited from using electronic devices during the operation of a school bus, including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, audible radios, tape or compact disc players without headphones, or any other electrical device in a manner that might interfere with the school bus communication equipment or the school bus driver's operation of the school bus; and

Students shall be prohibited from using mirrors, lasers, flash cameras, or any other light or reflective devices in a manner that might interfere with the school bus driver's operation of the school bus.

Each school shall involve parents in developing and updating student Codes of Conduct. Each Code shall require disciplinary action for each infraction of the Code. All student Codes of Conduct shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

The student Code of Conduct shall be distributed to each student and the student's parents or guardians during the first week of school and upon enrollment of each new student. The parents shall be requested to sign an acknowledgment to the school. The student Code of Conduct shall be available in the school office and each classroom.

Each school's Code of Conduct can be applied to any off-campus behavior that endangers students or disrupts the educational process.

#### TEACHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the Superintendent and principals shall fully support the authority of teachers to remove a student from the classroom.

A teacher shall have the authority to manage his or her classroom, discipline students, and refer a student to the principal or designee to maintain discipline in the classroom. Any teacher who has knowledge that a student has exhibited behavior which violates the student code of conduct and repeatedly or substantially interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the student in his/her class or with the ability of such student's classmates to learn shall file a report of such behavior with the principal or designee. The principal and teacher shall thereafter follow the procedures established in Georgia law, specifically O.C.G.A. §§ 20-2-737-738.

The Superintendent and/or designee shall ensure that procedures are disseminated as necessary for implementation of this policy and applicable state laws.