

Barnwell School District #45 Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct will be applied to school and school-related activities. School administration reserves the right to modify any consequence of a rule violation when the change is deemed appropriate and necessary. The principal or designee may reduce the penalty(ies) where there is a finding of mitigating circumstances.

Violation	Consequences		
<u>Level I</u>	<u>Offenses 1-2</u>	<u>Offenses 3-5</u>	<u>Offenses 6+</u>
*Improper show of affection	1 day of ISS	2 days of ISS	1 or more days of OSS (1,3,5,10 days by offense)
*Inappropriate language			
*In unauthorized area			
*Minor classroom disruption			
*Excessive tardies (3 or more)	1 day of lunch ISS		
*Dress code violation	1 day of ISS or change of clothes		
<u>Level II</u>	<u>Offenses 1-3</u>	<u>Offenses 4+</u>	
*Cutting class	1 day of ISS	1 or more days of OSS (1,3,5,10 days by offense)	
*Cheating			
*Lying			
*Failure to comply	2 days of ISS	1 or more days of OSS (1,3,5,10 days by offense)	
*Disruptive behavior			
*Possession of pornographic/obscene material			
*Failure to check in or out of school Properly			
*Improper use of technology			
*Parking violation			
*Skipping all day of school			
*Misrepresentation of work/product(s)	Penalty may include a 0 on the work and/or product(s)		
<u>Level II – A</u>			
*Possession and/or use of electronic device (including cell phones) other than those authorized and allowed by school personnel.	1 st Offense – Phone is confiscated until one day ISS is served or \$25.00 fine paid. Also cell phone contract to be signed. 2 nd Offense –Phone confiscated and returned at end of school year. (Failure to relinquish cell phone or electronic device to school personnel will result in 3-5 day OSS.)		

Level III

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| *Possession of tobacco product | 1 st Offense - 1 day OSS |
| *Possession of fireworks/lighters, vapor/
Electronic cigarettes or similar products | 2 nd Offense - 3 days OSS |
| | 3 rd Offense - 5 days OSS |
| | 4 th Offense - 10 days of OSS |

Level IV

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| *Verbal altercation | 1 st Offense - 3 days OSS |
| *Hitting, kicking, pushing | 2 nd Offense - 5 days OSS |
| *Communicating threats pertaining to
Fighting | 3 rd Offense - 10 days OSS and Principal may request
expulsion |
| *Theft or unauthorized possession of another's
property (penalty will include restitution) | |
| *Property destruction (penalty will include
restitution) | |
| *Verbal and/or physical harassment of student
including bullying(bullying is indicated by a
demonstrated pattern of behavior) , sexual
harassment and making fun of another person's
sexual orientation | On first offense sensitivity training/counseling
required |
| *Disrespectful behavior directed at school
personnel | |
| *Possession of pocket knife (not considered a
weapon) | |
| *Possessing or distributing literature or
illustrations which significantly disrupt the
educational process or which are obscene,
pornographic or unlawful | |
| *Immoral, indecent, lewd or disrespectful behavior
of an overly sexual nature in the school setting | |
| *Playing abusive or dangerous tricks, or otherwise
subjecting a student or personnel to personal
indignity | |
| *Intentional disruption of school climate
(setting of fire alarm, etc.) | |

Level V

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| *Fighting | Student will receive 10 days of OSS |
| *Intimidation, lewd and/or dangerous
tricks, personal indignity | The Principal may also request expulsion. |
| *Verbal and/or physical harassment of
teacher | |
| *Communicating threats of bodily harm
beyond fighting | |

Level V-A

*Bomb threat

Any student who communicates a bomb threat, communicates a threat that endangers the lives of students and/or staff, or perpetrates a hoax shall receive a 10 day suspension. A mental health assessment will be required before an alternative placement is considered. Law enforcement will be contacted and charges will be filed.

The principal may also request expulsion.

Level V-B

*Possession/use of weapons, firearms and/or explosive devices (Students are prohibited from possessing, handling or transmitting any weapon, or any instrument that reasonably looks like a weapon or could be used as a weapon on any school property, including vehicles.)

10 days OSS and referral to the Hearing Officer. Suspension beyond 10 days including expulsion will be determined based upon a documented review of the student's culpability, dangerousness and the harm caused by the student.

*Possession/use of drugs and alcohol including misuse of prescription, over the counter or pseudo/synthetic drugs

Any student who brings a firearm or powerful explosive onto school property shall be suspended on a 365 day suspension unless the Superintendent recommends and the Board approves a modification.

*Drug paraphernalia

*Drug trafficking

Unauthorized or illegal drugs and alcohol are a threat to safe and orderly schools and will not be tolerated. Students are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting, selling or being under the influence of any illegal substance or any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine; or other intoxicating liquor; narcotic drugs; hallucinogenic drugs; amphetamines; barbiturates; marijuana or any other controlled substance; any chemicals or products with the intention of bringing about a state of exhilaration or euphoria or of otherwise altering the student's mood or behavior. Students also are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting or selling drug paraphernalia or counterfeit (fake) drugs.

- Discipline procedures will include parent contact and when necessary a parent conference.
- Administrative discretion can be exercised regarding violations and consequences.
- Law enforcement will be involved as warranted.
- South Carolina law regarding possession/use of weapon(s) will be applied.
- All students are expected to demonstrate integrity, civility, responsibility and self-control. This expectation is directly related to the board's educational objectives for students to learn to be responsible for and accept the consequences of their behavior and for students to respect cultural diversity and ideological differences.
- While this document is intended to provide notice to students and parents of general expectations for behavior and consequences for misconduct, it must be understood that discretion will have to be used in dealing with a wide range in age and maturity of students, and that consideration must be given to the seriousness of the infraction(s) when determining the severity of the consequences. Other inappropriate behavior not covered in this document will be dealt with by the principal and/or designee. The principal and/or designee may impose the consequences listed in the order listed for successive incidents and apply the most severe consequences listed or a lower level of consequences.
- Use of community service/work may be utilized by school personnel when dealing with Level I and II violations. Community service/work may be used in conjunction with discipline consequences or used to reduce discipline consequences at the discretion of the principal or assistant principal.

Threatening Acts

Students are prohibited from directing toward any other person any language, sign or act which threatens force, violence, or disruption, including the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of another person or persons, by force, threat of force, or violence, or by putting the victim in fear. This includes but is not limited to any behavior resulting in a felony conviction on weapons, drug, assault, or other charge that compromises the safety of other persons. The principal will determine the seriousness of the act.

Consequence Range: Detention – Expulsion

Severe violation of this policy may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.

Criminal Behavior

Criminal or other illegal behavior is prohibited. Any student the principal reasonably believes to have engaged in criminal behavior on the school premises or at school activities will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as stated in applicable Board policies and may be criminally prosecuted as well.

The principal must report immediately to law enforcement officers and the Superintendent, the following criminal behavior that occurs on school grounds, regardless of age or grade of the perpetrator or victim: assault resulting in serious personal injury; sexual assault; sexual offense; rape; kidnapping; indecent liberties with a minor; assault involving the use of a weapon; possession of a firearm in

violation of the law; possession of a weapon in violation of the law; possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law; assault on school officials, employees and/or volunteers; homicide, including murder, manslaughter and death by vehicle; robbery; or armed robbery.

School officials will cooperate fully with any criminal investigation and prosecution. Any criminal behavior that also violates school rules or Board Policy will be investigated independently from the criminal investigation and appropriate disciplinary action from the school will be taken.

School administrators have the authority to conduct reasonable searches and seize materials in accordance with Board Policy for the purpose of maintaining a safe, orderly environment and for upholding standards of conduct established by Barnwell District #45 or the school.