

Elementary School Discipline Policy

(Excerpt from Student Handbook)

DISCIPLINE OF HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

Discipline policies will be the same for handicapped and non-handicapped students unless the policy infringes upon a handicapped student's right to a free, appropriate education. Students will be assured protection against discrimination if the disciplinary infraction is related to a primary handicapping condition.

RECORDED DISCIPLINE ACTION

In addition to legally prohibited behavior, students will be disciplined for the following misconduct. Male and female students will be treated equally in discipline matters. (This is not meant to be an all-inclusive list.)

- ❖ Excessive tardiness (defined as more than two (2) unexcused tardies).
- ❖ Unauthorized presence in unassigned areas on the school grounds.
- ❖ Insubordination – refusal to comply with the request of school personnel or gross disrespect to school personnel.
- ❖ Profanity or vulgarity.
- ❖ Disruption of educational process – behavior, action or mode of dress or expression that causes any interruption of teaching and learning.
- ❖ Gambling of any type.
- ❖ Unauthorized entering into another person's locker, property or school building.
- ❖ Throwing objects on campus, in classrooms, or at school sponsored events, except as authorized.
- ❖ Bringing unauthorized visitors onto the campus.
- ❖ Failure to complete assignments, detention, or other punitive assignments.
- ❖ Any other action or expression detrimental to Charleston Public Schools that endangers the health, safety, or welfare of students and school personnel.
- ❖ Leaving campus without checking out through the office.
- ❖ Using or having possession of tobacco products.
- ❖ Any student involvement in an immoral or illicit act.
- ❖ Behavioral problems are not necessarily limited to the above listed items. A behavior that results in the disruption of school will be dealt with accordingly.

Students should be aware that discipline records are accumulated over the period of time a student attends Charleston Public Schools. Penalties are progressive and become more severe as violations are documented. All students are encouraged to conduct themselves to the best of their ability. In the event of misbehavior or failure to follow the guidelines of the Student Handbook and Discipline Policy, a student may expect one of the following forms of discipline as decided by the Principal:

- (a) Talk with the Principal
- (b) Time Out
- (c) Conference with parents
- (d) Corporal punishment
- (e) Suspension from school
- (f) Expulsion from school

All of the above forms of discipline will become a written record. This is for those students who will have discipline action because of their conduct.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Violation of school rules and policies will result in disciplinary action. When this action is not specifically stated for the offense, the disciplinary action may result in:

1. Conference with teacher and principal
2. Noon detention
3. Conference with parents
4. In-School Suspension (ISS)
5. Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)

*when student behavior poses a physical risk to himself or herself or to others

*when student behavior causes a serious disruption that cannot be addressed through other means

*when student behavior is the act of bringing a firearm on school campus

6. Corporal punishment
7. Expulsion

Disciplinary severity will be determined by the teacher or principal based on severity and frequency of the offense. In accordance with Act 472, a student cannot enroll in another school until a suspension or expulsion has expired.

The District shall incorporate the District's implementation of positive behavioral supports in accordance with Policy 4.60 in the application of student discipline.