

# Code of Student Conduct



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## **PREAMBLE**

It is the vision of Stanly County Schools to partner with families and communities to support students in achieving career and college readiness through innovative instruction to inspire lifelong learners and engaged citizens. Before this vision can be achieved, three (3) conditions must prevail. Students must be in school; teachers must be able to carry out their plans; and the classroom atmosphere must be such that learning can take place. It is anticipated that every student will enter the Stanly County Schools each year with the intent and determination to take advantage of the educational opportunities in the schools. The administration and school staff are dedicated to assisting students in this endeavor.

**Each school principal has the authority to modify the discipline recommended in this *Code of Student Conduct* for an offense when the facts and circumstances justify an alternative.** Circumstances and degrees of involvement could lessen a serious offense or make a minor offense more serious. Any student who has violated one or more sections of the *Code of Student Conduct* may be subject to more severe disciplinary action than recommended in the *Code of Student Conduct*. The student must understand that his/her rights and responsibilities carry equal weight - each cannot exist without the other.

With regard to all of the offenses referenced under *Prohibited Behaviors*, when the discipline is long-term suspension or expulsion, the decisions of school administrators may be appealed by a procedure set forth by the Stanly County Board of Education. Policies related to long-term suspension, or expulsion can be found on the SCS webpage. Specific policies include but are not limited to the following:

[Policy 4353 Long-Term Suspension, 365-Day Suspension, Expulsion](#)  
[Policy 4362 Requests for Readmission of Students Suspended for 365 Days or Expelled](#)  
[Policy 4370 Student Discipline Hearing Procedures](#)

It is the responsibility of employees and students to be knowledgeable of the *Code of Student Conduct* and to follow the procedures contained therein.

In assigning appropriate disciplinary consequences under this Code of Student Conduct, students with disabilities will be given all rights as provided by the IDEA and Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. Procedures on implementing requirements for students with disabilities are found in [Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities](#) handbook. Please contact the District's Director of Exceptional Children's Programs for additional information or clarification.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Alternative Setting - part-time or full-time programs providing direct or computer-based instruction that allow a student to progress in one or more academic courses. Alternative education services include programs established by the local board of education in conformity with [G.S. 115C-105.47A](#) and board policy [3470/4305 Alternative Learning Programs/Schools](#).

Bullying - unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

Classrooms - locations where designated learning experiences take place and where school officials have supervisory responsibility.

Consequences - results of one's actions. Consequences for violations of the Student Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to, conferences with parents, confiscation of property which disrupts the learning environment, lunch detention, isolation, restitution, in-school suspension, suspension from school activities and events, suspension of bus privileges, before and after school detention, out-of-school suspension and expulsion.

Day or Days - school days excluding teacher workdays, holidays, vacation days and weekends. Most commonly referred to in length of time assigned to in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension.

Duties of Teachers - [North Carolina General Statute 115C-307](#) "To maintain Order and Discipline - It shall be the duty of all teachers, including student teachers, substitute teachers, voluntary teachers, and teacher assistants when given authority over some part of the school program by principal or supervising teacher to maintain good order and discipline in their respective schools."

Expulsion - the indefinite exclusion of a student from school enrollment for disciplinary reasons. Expulsion may include exclusion from participation and/or attendance at school-related activities and other consequences provided by law.

Firearm - any gun, rifle, pistol, or other firearm of any kind. This includes (A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device. Firearms are not considered to be BB guns, stun guns, air rifles, or air pistols for this purpose.

In-School Suspension (ISS)- The in-school suspension program is an alternative to students being suspended out-of-school. The purpose of ISS is to improve behavior without removing the student from the school environment. ISS is assigned at the discretion of the principal/designee.

Long-Term Suspension (LTS) - the exclusion of more than 10 days of a student from school attendance for disciplinary purposes from the school to which the student was assigned at the time of the disciplinary action. If the offense leading to the LTS occurs before the final quarter of the school year, the exclusion shall be no longer than the remainder of the school year in which the offense was committed. If the offense leading to the LTS occurs during the final quarter of the school year, the exclusion may include a period up to the remainder of the school year in which the offense was committed and the first semester of the following school year.

Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) - the removal of the student from school, school activities and school grounds for any designated period of time of 10 days or less.

Parent - includes a parent, legal guardian, legal custodian or other caregiver adult who is acting in the place of a parent and is entitled to enroll the student in school under Article 25.

Powers and Duties of Principals - [North Carolina General Statute 115C-288](#) "The principal shall have authority to exercise discipline over the pupils of the school under policies adopted by the local board of education in accordance with G.S. 115C-390.1 through G.S. 115C-390.12. The principal may use reasonable force pursuant to G.S. 115C-390.3 and may suspend students pursuant to G.S. 115C-390.5. The principal shall assign duties to teachers with regard to the general well-being and the medical care of students under G.S. 115C-307 and Article 26A of this Chapter."

Principal - includes the school principal and the principal's designee.

Reasonable Suspicion - reasonable belief that a person has, is, or is about to engage in behavior prohibited by the Student Code of Conduct. The criteria of this standard is less than the standard of probable cause.

Reportable Offense - [North Carolina General Statute 115C-288](#) In response to the increased concern related to violence in schools and the provision of a safe, orderly school environment for all students, the General Assembly, during the 1993 session, enacted legislation which requires a school principal to report certain acts to a law enforcement agency immediately upon learning of the act. ("Immediately" for purposes of this section will be defined as the first available moment after order has been restored and necessary first aid or medical needs have been provided. In the event that order, first aid, or medical assistance is not at issue, notification should occur upon learning of the offense in question.) Failure to report under this section is a Class 3 Misdemeanor. Proper administration of the reporting requirement will include:

- Documentation of all cases reported to law enforcement.
- Notification of the Superintendent/designee immediately following notification of law enforcement.
- Notification of the parent or guardian, by telephone and in writing, that the offense has been reported to law enforcement.
- Designation of an employee in each school to assume responsibility for reporting in the principal's absence. The name of that employee will be provided to the Superintendent/designee.
- An understanding that the possible legal or criminal consequences of the reporting to law enforcement is not to be considered.
- An understanding that there is no age limitation for the victim or perpetrator of the act required to be reported.
- An understanding that the reporting requirement does not replace the obligation to apply the conditions of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

*Note:* Principal discretion to alter school-imposed discipline based on circumstances is supported by law and by the conditions outlined in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

**The following offenses (but not limited to) that occur on school grounds are to be reported to a law enforcement agency:**

1. Assault resulting in serious personal injury
2. Assault involving the use of a weapon
3. Assault on school officials, employees and volunteers
4. Making Bomb Threats or Engaging in Bomb Hoaxes
5. Burning of a school building
6. Homicide
7. Kidnapping
8. Unlawful Possession, purchase, sales or consumption of an alcoholic beverage
9. Possession of controlled substance in violation of the law
10. Possession of a firearm
11. Possession of a weapon
12. Rape
13. Robbery with a dangerous weapon
14. Sexual assault not involving rape or sex offense
15. Sexual offense
16. Indecent liberties with a minor

Reporting of these offenses is required by law with no allowance for determination of severity or potential impact permitted. Principals must report to law enforcement any criminal offenses that occur on school property of which they have personal knowledge or actual notice.

Restitution - to make right, to replace or to restore property to its original condition. The replacement of or payment for any property taken, damaged or destroyed.

Self-Defense - the act by a non-aggressor victim using reasonable force to avoid being hit in order to free oneself 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 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.

Student- any person enrolled or attending any of the schools within Stanly County Schools.

Teacher - the licensed professional with responsibility for the education, health and well-being of students under his/her direction.

Teacher Assistant - the paraprofessional who supports and assists the classroom teachers in performing their instructional duties.

School Resource Officer - law enforcement officer assigned to a Stanly County Schools campus to help ensure the safety of students and staff.

### **DISCIPLINE MEASURES**

The Stanly County Schools Board of Education recognizes that the most effective discipline is preventive and not punitive in nature. However, there are times when corrective actions become necessary. Such actions should be reasonable and aimed at the improvement of behavior. Corporal punishment may not be used in Stanly County Schools.

The following disciplinary measures are available to those authorized to discipline students. This list is not intended to restrict in any way the authority of teachers and principals to discipline students in a manner consistent with Board policies. Nothing stated herein shall inhibit school staff from taking whatever action may be necessary in a case of an attack on his person or in his own self-defense. Nothing stated herein shall prevent the use of force by law enforcement officers in the exercise of their law enforcement duties.

The following disciplinary measures are consequences for violation of the Student Code of Conduct and may include, but may not be limited to, the listed consequences. Parents should be informed of any disciplinary measures taken as a result of violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

- Conference with Parents - Teachers, counselors or administrators will make every effort to communicate any infraction of the Student Code of Conduct with parents and will request a conference when appropriate. Parents are encouraged to set up an appointment with any teacher, counselor or administrator to discuss their child's progress or problems.
- Confiscation - Any student's property that disrupts the learning environment will be removed from that student's possession. In the case of non-threatening property, the parent may reclaim the property when attending a conference with a school official. Any property that may cause a threat to any person or school property may be turned over to law enforcement officials.
- Restitution - The replacement of or payment for any property taken, damaged or destroyed.
- Detention - Any teacher or principal may detain a student before, during or after regular school hours for violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Parents will be notified in advance when transportation may be impacted by the detention.
- Saturday School - Any student may be assigned Saturday School as a means of discipline or in an effort to make up absences as assigned by the principal or designee.
- Isolation or Removal from the Classroom - Any student may be removed from regular class activities for any portion of a school day as long as he/she is placed under the supervision of an

adult. This shall not be considered a short-term suspension and shall not come under the rules and procedures governing suspensions.

- Suspension from Co-curricular Activities/Loss of Privileges - A student may be suspended from participating in any or all co-curricular activities, including athletics and graduation exercises, for violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Principals, teachers and/or their designees may withdraw specific school privileges from students who exhibit inappropriate behaviors.
- In-School Suspension (ISS) - In-school suspension is provided as an alternative environment for certain infractions of the Student Code of Conduct. The student is counted as present and is required to complete assignments developed by his/her classroom teachers. Credit is given for work completed in ISS.
- Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) - A student may be suspended from school for violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Students assigned to OSS will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities nor be on any Stanly County Schools property during the period of out-of-school suspension. Short-term suspension is for 10 days or less. Long-term suspension is for more than 10 days, 365-day suspension is used for specific circumstances defined by state law. Students shall be informed of local school rules that, if broken, may result in short-term and long-term suspensions and expulsions. Principal or designee will make written or verbal contact with a parent/guardian or other approved contact in the event of a suspension.
- Expulsion - Permanent prohibition/exclusion from the school system requires the recommendation of the principal and superintendent and Board action.
- Court Referral/Involvement of Law Enforcement - School administrators have the right to call law enforcement officers to the schools to handle any student misconduct or violation which is believed to be in violation of a state or federal law, or to assist school officials in the exercise of their lawful authority to maintain order in the school. In cases of violations of the North Carolina General Statutes such as a drug offense, an assault, weapons possession, or other violations of the statute, law enforcement will be contacted and the student may be taken to court. This may include a referral to **Stanly County Teen Court**. Teen Court is a "peer court" for first time misdemeanor offenders (misdemeanor offenses include but are not limited to assault, fighting, possession of alcohol or other drugs). The program is conducted by volunteer teens who are trained in courtroom protocol, judicial process and the responsibilities of the various court personnel. The teen volunteers, along with a volunteer adult judge and adult volunteer coaches, conduct court hearings for various misdemeanor criminal cases. Defendants receive a sentence from a jury of their peers that must be completed within a certain time period. Those who successfully complete the program have their cases dismissed.
- Removal from School Provided Transportation - Students exhibiting inappropriate behavior may be prohibited from riding a bus, or other school-provided transportation for any period of time.
- Referral to a School-Based Assistance Team - Students who exhibit chronic and persistent discipline problems may be referred to this team for development of strategies to address the problem.
- Referral to an Alternative Program - Students may be referred to educational services provided by the school system in a setting other than the student's school assignment.
- Student Restraint, Seclusion and Isolation are defined in the Annual Public Notices section of this document.
- Community Service - The principal and student may agree to the student performing specified community service for a certain number of hours in special cases. Such community service may include, but is not limited to, service for the school or for a charitable organization. If the community service is not completed, the principal may invoke other disciplinary matters appropriate for the original violation.
- Threat Assessment - Stanly County Schools has adopted policies that state that students, teachers, and other school personnel shall not be subjected to assaultive or threatening behavior from students. Any student who threatens, assaults, batters, or abuses another student shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion

from school, notification of law enforcement personnel, and/or further legal action. Conduct and/or actions prohibited under this policy include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal or written statements or gestures by students indicating intent to harm themselves, others, or property (including creating a “hit list”).
- Physical attack by students so as to intentionally inflict harm to themselves, others, or property. The act of threatening force or violence to another person.
- Making or being involved in making a threat that a bomb or chemical, biological, or nuclear weapon has been placed in or is about to explode in a school building, or school grounds, on a school bus, at a bus stop or at any school-sponsored activity.

When students are believed to have made a threat or acted to harm themselves, others, or property, the school or District shall take appropriate steps to investigate the alleged incident and take appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action. Procedures for investigating and responding to potential threats of harm may include, but are limited to:

1. Removing the student from the classroom setting and/or the District's transportation system pending further disciplinary action that may occur.
2. Investigating the alleged incident by the principal or designee.
3. Conducting a formal threat assessment which may include the student being interviewed by the school psychologist, school counselor, other qualified school personnel, and/or District personnel as needed. In the event that a formal threat assessment is conducted, the principal shall notify the parents concerning the threat assessment. Proper law enforcement agencies shall be notified which may result in further investigation.



## PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS

Students must comply with the Code of Conduct in the following circumstances:

- While in any school building or on any school premises before, during or after school hours;
- While on any bus or other vehicle as part of any school activity;
- While at any school bus stop;
- During any school-sponsored activity or extracurricular activity;
- When subject to the authority of school employees; and
- At any place or time when the student's behavior has or is reasonably expected to have a direct and immediate impact on the orderly and efficient operation of the schools or the safety of individuals in the school environment.

A student who has been suspended by a school principal shall not be eligible to enroll in any school in the school district during the suspension period. Expelled students are permanently barred from attending any school in the Stanly County School System, unless and until the expulsion is withdrawn by the Board.

When a school official learns or suspects that any student has violated any Board or school policy, rule or regulation that may also be a criminal violation of the laws of the United States or the State of North Carolina, the official shall immediately report such violation to the proper law enforcement agency. **However, school disciplinary proceedings shall proceed independently from the criminal investigation and prosecution.**

### School Rules and Regulations

Principals are authorized to publicize individual school rules and regulations, including disciplinary penalties for violating individual school rules, for matters and misconduct not covered by the following sections.

#### Abusive Language or Actions

(032 UB: Inappropriate Language/Disrespect; 061 UB: Disrespect of Faculty/Staff)

Students will not use abusive, profane, obscene or insulting words, signs, gestures, and other acts toward or about any school employee, adult on campus or other student. This provision includes but is not limited to written assignments and/or electronic technology where a connection to the school exists. The administration will also consider whether the conduct being investigated was also an act of bullying. (See Bullying/Harassment.)

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Up to 3 days suspension.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Up to 5 days suspension.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Up to 10 days suspension.

#### Alcohol and Other Drugs

[\(Policy 4325 Drugs and Alcohol\)](#) [\(Policy 6125 Administering Medicines to Students\)](#)



Discipline for under the influence and/or possession or use on school property:

1st Offense: 10 day suspension, AOD referral and an opportunity to return to school once the AOD assessment is completed.

2nd Offense: 10 day suspension, AOD referral and recommendation for long-term suspension.

Discipline for sharing/selling/distributing:

1st Offense: 10 day suspension, AOD referral and recommendation for long-term suspension.

**(D) Illegal Drugs, Counterfeit or Synthetic Drugs, Huffing** (including the misuse of inhalants), and/or **Drug Paraphernalia** (including but not limited to rolling papers, bongos, pipes and scales) and **Misuse of chemical/material (organic or otherwise) that causes or is purported to cause a hallucinogenic/mind altering effect or might bring about a state of exhilaration, euphoria or of otherwise altering student's mood or behavior.**

Discipline for under the influence and/or possession or use on school property:

1st Offense 10 day suspension, AOD referral and an opportunity to return to school once the AOD assessment is completed.

2nd Offense 10 day suspension, AOD referral and recommendation for long-term suspension.

Discipline for sharing/selling/distributing:

1st Offense: 10 day suspension, AOD referral and recommendation for long-term suspension.

**(E) Consequences of a Positive Alcohol/Drug Test or Violation of the Student Athletic Commitment Contract**

If the student is participating in athletics, the student shall be ineligible to participate in athletic activities for 365 calendar days. However, if the student agrees to be assessed and enrolls in and successfully completes a substance abuse education and/or intervention program recommended by the superintendent, the student shall regain eligibility to participate in athletics (documentation of completion must be presented and filed appropriately).

**First Offense:** In the event a student tests positive for alcohol or drugs or is found to be using alcohol or drugs in violation of the Student Athletic Commitment Contract, the student will be suspended from all athletic participation for a period of four weeks (28 calendar days) from the date of notification. However, if the student agrees to be assessed and enrolls in and successfully completes a substance abuse education and/or intervention program recommended by the superintendent, the student shall regain eligibility to participate in athletics on the 29<sup>th</sup> day. (Documentation of completion must be presented and filed appropriately).

**Second Offense:** In the event a student tests positive for alcohol or drugs or is found to be using alcohol or drugs in violation of the Student Athletic Commitment Contract for a second time, the student will be suspended from all athletic participation for a period of twelve weeks (84 calendar days) from the date of notification. However, if the student agrees to be assessed and enrolls in and successfully completes a substance abuse education and/or intervention program recommended by the superintendent, the student shall regain eligibility to participate in athletics on the 85<sup>th</sup> day. (Documentation of completion must be presented and filed appropriately).

**Third Offense:** In the event a student tests positive for alcohol or drugs or is found to be using alcohol or drugs in violation of the Student Athletic Commitment Contract for a third time, the student will be ineligible for athletic participation in all Stanly County Schools for the remainder of his/her high school career.

If a student refuses to participate in the alcohol/drug test when selected at random, the student shall be ineligible to participate in athletics for 365 calendar days from the date of refusal. **Grievances filed under this section SHALL NOT act to stay any suspension from athletics.**

Offenses are cumulative over the course of a student's high school career. Consequences are served during the regular 180 day school year and will carry over from one school year to the next school year.

Reference [Policy 3621/4326 Student Drug Testing](#) for additional information.

### **Arson/Use of Fire**

**(018 UB: Unlawfully Setting a Fire; 053 RO: Burning of a School Building)**

Students shall not 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. Property damage to the school system will require restitution by the parents of the perpetrator.

Discipline: The principal has the authority to determine a suitable punishment for violations, including short-term suspensions and recommendations for long-term suspensions. A referral to law enforcement will be made.

### **Assaults/Threats/Bomb Threat**

**(Policy 4331 Assaults and Threats) (Policy 4333 Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety)**

**(001 PD: Assault Resulting in a Serious Injury; 002 PD: Assault Involving the Use of a Weapon; 003 RO: Assault on School Personnel Not Resulting in a Serious Injury; 004 PD: Homicide; 019 UB: Communicating Threats; 021 UB: Affray; 024 UB: Fighting; 027 UB: Aggressive Behavior; 043 RO: Making Bomb Threats or Engaging in Bomb Hoaxes; 044 UB: Assault on Student; 045 UB: Assault - Other; 071 UB: Assault on Non- Student w/o Weapon & Not Resulting in Serious Injury; 072 UB: Assault on Student w/o Weapon & Not Resulting in Serious Injury; 090 UB: Violent Assault Not Resulting in Serious Injury; 105 UB: Threat of Physical Attack with a Firearm; 106 UB Threat of Physical Attack with a Weapon; 107 UB: Threat of physical Attack without a Weapon)**

The board will not tolerate assaults or threats from any student. Any student engaging in such behavior will be removed from the classroom or school environment for as long as is necessary to provide a safe and orderly environment for learning.

Prohibited behavior includes:

#### **(A) Assault**

Students are prohibited from assaulting, physically injuring, attempting to injure, or intentionally behaving in such a way as could reasonably cause injury to any other person. Assault includes engaging in a fight.

#### **(B) Threatening Acts**

Students are prohibited from directing toward any other person any language that threatens force, violence or disruption, or any sign or act that constitutes a threat of force, violence, or disruption.

#### **(C) Bomb Threat/Terrorist Threats**

Students are prohibited from making a terrorist threat or perpetrating a terrorist hoax by:

- threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school system event, regardless of whether the student intends to or has the means to carry out the threat;
- making a report, knowing or having reason to know the report is false, that an act of mass violence is going to occur on school property or at a school system event;
- making a report, knowing or having reason to know the report is false, that a device, substance, or material designed to cause harmful or life-threatening injury to another person is located on school system property or at a school system event; or
- concealing, placing, disseminating, or displaying on school system property or at a school system event any device, substance, or material, so as to cause a reasonable person to believe the same to be a weapon of mass destruction or to be intended to cause harmful or life-threatening illness or injury to another person.

Discipline: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense Up to 5 days suspension  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense Up to 10 days suspension  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense Principal may request long-term suspension and may recommend expulsion if permitted under law.

At any level, for a flagrant violation, the principal has the discretion to increase the length of short term suspension or recommend long-term suspension.

#### **(D): School Employees, Faculty, or Administration**

Students shall not direct toward any school site, school employee, or official any signs or actions which constitute a threat of force or violence or any acts of force or violence whether on or off school grounds or whether during or after school hours. No student shall make a threat that disrupts any part of the school day. No student shall build a fake profile or Website or post real or doctored images of an employee.

Discipline: Violation of this rule may result in criminal charges; in addition, school disciplinary action may include long-term suspension, 365-day suspension, or expulsion if permitted under the law.

#### **Additional Consequences**

A student who is long-term suspended or reassigned to alternative education services as a result of assaulting or injuring a teacher shall not return to that teacher's classroom without the teacher's consent. A student who is convicted under [G.S.14-458.2](#) of cyberbullying a school employee will be transferred to another school. If there is no other appropriate school within the system, the student will be transferred to a different class or assigned to a teacher who was not involved as a victim of the cyberbullying. The superintendent may modify the required transfer of an individual student on a case-by-case basis and shall provide a written statement of this modification in the student's record.

<b>Attendance</b>
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(030 UB: Truancy; 059 UB: Being in an Unauthorized Area; 064 UB: Excessive Tardiness; 066 UB: Leaving Class without Permission; 067 UB: Leaving School without Permission 074 UB: Cutting Class; 075 UB: Skipping School; 078 UB: Late to Class)

Students will not leave the assigned area/school grounds without permission and/or commit other attendance violations (i.e. skipping class and truancy). Students must attend school and every class every day unless there is a lawful absence. Once at school students will remain on campus and in areas designated by school officials at all times. Violations of this section include being in an unauthorized location within the school.

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Notification to parents/guardians; record as an unexcused absence; and additional detention time may be assigned at the discretion of the administration. Possible home visit and administrative conference.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Detention as assigned by administration may include silent lunch, ISS, etc up to 3 days of detention and referral to a school social worker. Possible home visit.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Detention or suspension as assigned by the administration not to excess 2 days of out-of-school suspension.

Circumstances surrounding the leaving of school, etc. may lead to suspension.

<b>Bullying/Harassment</b>
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**(Policy 4329/7311 Bullying and Harassing Behavior Prohibited)**

(025 UB: Harassment - Verbal; 026 UB: Hazing; 038 UB: Harassment - Sexual; 052 UB: Bullying; 080 UB: Discrimination; 094 UB: Cyberbullying; 101 UB: Harassment - Racial; 102 UB: Harassment - Disability; 109 UB: Harassment - Sexual Orientation; 110 UB: Harassment - Religious Affiliation)

Bullying is a form of harassment. Under North Carolina Law, bullying is “any pattern of gestures or written, electronic, or verbal communications, or any physical act or any threatening communication, that takes place on school property.” This includes (1) in any school building or on any school premises before, during or after school hours; (2) on any bus or other vehicle as part of any school activity; (3) at any bus stop; (4) during any school-sponsored activity or extracurricular activity; (5) at any time or place when the student, employee, or other person is subject to the authority of school personnel; or (6) at any time or place when the bullying has a direct and immediate effect on maintaining order and discipline in the schools.

A student who believes that he/she has suffered harassment/bullying or witnessed such behavior shall report the matter to any school employee. That employee, in turn, will immediately report the matter to the school principal.

Conduct that is considered bullying or harassing behavior includes:

- Bullying is deliberate conduct intended to harm another person or group of persons. It is characterized by repeated unwanted aggressive behavior that typically involves a real or perceived imbalance of power, such as a difference in physical size, strength, social standing, intellectual ability, or authority. It may consist of either physical, verbal, or nonverbal behavior. Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that is carried out using electronic communication media, such as words, action, or conduct conveyed through email, instant messages, text messages, tweets, blogs, photo or video sharing, chat rooms, or websites, and may exist in the absence of a power imbalance typical of other forms of bullying.
- Harassing behavior is conduct that is intimidating, hostile, or abusive, or is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature. Harassing behavior may violate this policy even if no harm is intended to the target and no power imbalance is evident.
- Bullying or harassing behavior includes conduct that is, or reasonably appears to be, motivated by actual or perceived differentiating personal characteristics, or by a person’s association with someone who has or is perceived to have a differentiating personal characteristic. Differentiating personal characteristics include, but are not limited to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, socioeconomic status, academic status, gender identity, physical appearance, sexual orientation, or mental, physical, developmental, or sensory disability. Bullying and harassing behavior can violate this policy regardless of a student’s motivation.

- Other behaviors that may constitute bullying or harassing behavior under this policy are deliberate, unwelcome touching that has sexual connotations or is of a sexual nature, pressure for sexual activity, offensive sexual flirtations, advances or propositions, verbal remarks about an individual’s body, sexually degrading words used toward an individual or to describe an individual, or the display of sexually suggestive drawings, objects, pictures, or written materials.
- These examples are not exhaustive but are intended to illustrate the wide range of behavior that may constitute bullying and harassing behavior.
- Conduct such as the following is not considered bullying or harassing behavior: legitimate pedagogical techniques, the exercise of legitimate authority, and academic or work performance monitoring and evaluation.
- Examples of behavior that may constitute bullying or harassing behavior are repeated acts of disrespect, intimidation, or threats, such as verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, epithets, derogatory or lewd comments, spreading rumors, extortion of money or possessions, implied or stated threats, assault, offensive touching, physical interference with normal work or movement, visual insults, such as derogatory posters or cartoons, and sharing intimate photos or video of a person or sharing photos or videos that may subject a person to ridicule or insult. (***The SCS Title IX Coordinator shall be notified immediately prior to any action being taken***)

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Up to 5 days suspension.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Up to 10 days suspension.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Principal may request long-term suspension.

At any level, for a flagrant violation, the principal has the discretion to recommend long-term suspension.

<b>Bus Conduct</b>
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(037 UB: Bus Misbehavior)

Stanly County Schools (SCS) Transportation Services endeavors to provide safe and on time transportation for all students. As such, students must partner with bus drivers to ensure a safe and comfortable ride while on the bus and at the bus stop. Students shall comply with all appropriate rules in the *Code of Student Conduct* while waiting for, riding, boarding, or leaving the bus or other school-owned vehicle. Also, [NCGS 115C-240](#) states that SCS is “under no duty to supply transportation to any pupil...enrolled in any school”. Simply stated, **transportation is a privilege, not a right, and that privilege may be denied at any time.** All non-students are prohibited from entering the school bus except by approval of the principal. The principal has the authority to determine a suitable punishment for violations, including a short- or long-term suspension from the bus (or school).

(See next two pages for details)



## Bus Behavior Expectations & Safety Requirements for All Students

*Students are expected to observe the following rules for safety and courtesy on the bus. Parents are responsible for the supervision and safety of students from home until they board the bus, and from the bus stop to home.*

### Bus/Transportation Rules and Expectations

1. At the Bus Stop	2. When the Bus Arrives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exercise safe pedestrian practices while on the way to the waiting area for the bus stop.</li> <li>● Arrive at the waiting area for the bus stop (10) minutes before bus pickup.</li> <li>● Wait in a quiet and orderly manner.</li> <li>● Stay on your side of the roadway controlled by the bus warning lights.</li> <li>● Be aware, cautious, and respectful of traffic.</li> <li>● Wait in a safe place, clear of traffic, and away from where the bus stops.</li> <li>● Respect private property.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remain at the waiting area until the bus comes to a complete stop.</li> <li>● Check traffic from all directions, and then check again.</li> <li>● Before walking from the waiting area to the entrance of the bus, be certain that the bus warning lights are activated and that all traffic in all directions has stopped.</li> <li>● When safe to board, do so promptly.</li> <li>● When boarding, be aware of and avoid the “danger zone,” the ten foot area immediately surrounding the stopped school bus. Be sure that you can see the bus driver’s eyes when in the vicinity of the school bus.</li> <li>● If crossing a street controlled by bus warning lights, cross promptly after checking appropriate hand signals by the bus driver and that traffic in all directions has stopped. Cross in front of the bus only.</li> <li>● Upon entering the bus proceed directly to an available or assigned seat.</li> </ul>
3. On the bus	4. Exiting the Bus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow instructions of bus personnel.</li> <li>● Be respectful of all people, including all bus personnel.</li> <li>● Use language appropriate for the school setting.</li> <li>● Keep the bus neat and clean.</li> <li>● Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus.</li> <li>● Talk quietly and politely.</li> <li>● Sit in the assigned seat, if one has been assigned by bus or school site personnel.</li> <li>● Stay in your seat. Keep aisles and exits clear.</li> <li>● Carry-on items are limited to those that can be held in your lap. No hazardous materials, nuisance items, or animals are permitted on the bus.</li> <li>● Be respectful of the rights and safety of others.</li> <li>● Refrain from extending head, arms, or objects out of the bus windows.</li> <li>● Follow cell phone usage procedures as outlined by administration.</li> <li>● Remember that school rules apply to the school bus. For example, use of possession of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs is not allowed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.</li> <li>● Exit the bus and the bus stop area in an orderly manner.</li> <li>● Exit at your assigned bus stop.</li> <li>● Check traffic from all directions, and then check again.</li> <li>● Before exiting the bus, be certain that all traffic in all directions has stopped.</li> <li>● When safe to exit, do so promptly.</li> <li>● Be aware of and avoid the “danger zone”, the ten foot area immediately surrounding the stopped school bus. Be sure that you can see the bus driver’s eyes while in the vicinity of the school bus.</li> <li>● If crossing a street controlled by bus warning lights, cross promptly after checking appropriate hand signals by the bus driver and that traffic in all directions has stopped. Cross in front of the bus only.</li> <li>● Exercise safe pedestrian practices while on the way from the bus stop to your home.</li> </ul>



## Transportation Consequences

Any bus conduct not specifically listed here is covered by the SCS Code of Student Conduct. Excessive and dangerous behaviors will automatically be referred to the school administration and **may include bus and school consequences up to and including suspension from school and the bus.**

Level I Violations	Disciplinary Action
1st Referral of Level I Violation	Parent contact by Bus Coordinator and document as minor in Ed. Handbook.
2nd Referral of Level I Violation	Parent contact by Bus Coordinator, document as minor in Ed. Handbook, assigned seat on the bus for one (1) week.
3rd Referral of Level I Violation	Office referral, Parent contact; bus riding suspended for up to two (2) days. Subsequent violations will be treated as Level II violations.

### Examples of Level I Violations include:

- Disruptive Behavior
- Standing/moving while in motion
- Horseplaying
- Failure to follow proper riding protocol (entering, exiting, sitting in assigned seat, etc.)
- Throwing objects
- Loud talking, yelling, or music
- Tampering & or damage of property
- Eating & Drinking
- Insubordination
- Disrespect
- Inappropriate language

Level II Violations	Disciplinary Action
1st Referral of Level II Violation	Office referral, Parent contact; bus riding suspended for up to five (5) days.
2nd Referral of Level II Violation	Office referral, Parent contact; bus riding suspended for up to ten (10) days.
3rd Referral of Level II Violation	Office referral, Parent contact; bus riding suspended for up to the remainder of the school year.

### Examples of Level II Violations include:

- Verbal Abuse towards driver
- Theft
- Property Damage
- Fighting & Physical Aggression
- Possession and or use of tobacco products
- Interruption of safety operation

Young children must have a responsible guardian at home to receive them off the bus. After three times of no one being home, transportation privileges may be suspended. Administrators are NOT limited to the consequences herein and may choose additional behavioral strategies consistent with SCS Code of Conduct.

### Disruptive Behavior

#### [Policy 4315 Disruptive Behavior](#)

(022 UB: Disorderly Conduct; 029 UB False Fire Alarm; 042 UB Disruptive Behavior)

Students are prohibited from disrupting teaching, the orderly conduct of school activities, or any other lawful function of the school or school system. This includes urging any other student to engage in such conduct which unreasonably impairs or disrupts the educational process.

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Up to 3 days suspension or as determined by the principal/designee.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Up to 5 days suspension.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Up to a 10 days suspension and possible removal of student from class or suspension as deemed necessary and determined by the principal.

### Dress Code Guidelines

#### [Policy 4316 Student Dress Code](#)

(031 UB: Dress Code Violation)

A student will maintain personal attire that promotes safety, health and acceptable standards of social conduct, and is not disruptive to the educational environment. This includes student clothing that materially and substantially disrupts classes or school activities, including but not limited to gang-related articles of clothing. School principals or designees may add more specific guidelines about dress for their schools in the school's student handbook and/or parent or guardian newsletters. Please see [Policy 4316 Student Dress Code](#).

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Before receiving disciplinary consequences, a student who is not in compliance with this policy or a school dress code will be given a reasonable period of time to make adjustments so that he or she will be in compliance. Notification to parents/guardians.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Detention as assigned by administration may include silent lunch, ISS, etc. May include up to 3 days of detention.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Detention or suspension as assigned by the administration.

### Electronic Devices

#### [Policy 4318 Use of Wireless Communication Devices](#)

(040 UB: Inappropriate Items on School Property; 060 Cell Phone Use)

Students are permitted to possess electronic devices on school property as long as the devices **are not activated, used, displayed, or visible during the instructional day** or as otherwise directed by school rules or school personnel. Wireless communication devices include, but are not limited to,

cellular phones, electronic devices with internet capability, paging devices, two-way radios, and similar devices.

Use of cellular phones and other wireless communication devices are prohibited on school buses when noise from such devices interferes with the safe operation of the buses.

Unauthorized audio or visual recordings or transmission of audio or images of other students or employees is prohibited.

Stanly County Schools is not responsible for the theft, loss or damage of a cellular phone or other personal wireless communication device.

For a severe violation, the principal may recommend a more severe consequence.

Discipline	1st Offense	Confiscation of electronic device and return to parent/guardian with administrative conference
	2nd Offense	Up to 5 days suspension. Confiscation of device to be returned only to parent/guardian with an administrative conference.
	3rd Offense	Up to 10 days suspension. Confiscation of device to be returned only to parent/guardian with an administrative conference.

### Gang Related Activity

#### (Policy 4328 Gang-Related Activity)

(079 UB: Gang Activity)

Students shall not participate in “gang-related activity”. Examples include but are not limited to the following::

- Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or other items with the intent to convey membership or affiliation in a gang;
- Communicating either verbally or non-verbally (gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings, etc.) with the intent to convey membership or affiliation in a gang;
- Tagging, or otherwise defacing school or personal property with symbols or slogans intended to convey membership or affiliation in a gang (see [Policy 4330, Theft, Trespass, and Damage to Property](#));
- Requiring payment of protection or insurance or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person related to gang activity (see [Policy 4331, Assaults and Threats](#));
- Inciting others to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity (see [Policy 4331, Assaults and Threats](#));
- Soliciting others for gang membership; and
- Committing any other illegal act or other violation of school system policies in connection with gang-related activity.

Discipline:	1st Offense:	Up to 3 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school; referral to law enforcement
	2nd Offense:	Up to 5 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school; referral to law enforcement
	3rd Offense:	Up to 10 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school; referral to law enforcement

Parent resources for additional gang information can be found [here](#).

### Insubordination

(033 UB: Insubordination; 061 UB Disrespect of Faculty/Staff)

Students will obey the lawful direction of any authorized staff member while in school, participating in a school activity, or on school property. All students are expected to behave in a respectful manner. This includes but is not limited to, complying with the direction or instruction of a staff member, not walking away from a staff member while being spoken to and speaking to a staff member in an inappropriate manner. Staff members include but are not limited to principals, assistant principals, teachers, substitute teachers, student teachers, teacher assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria personnel, custodians and all other school personnel who are authorized to give such directions.

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Up to 3 days suspension or penalty as determined by Principal/designee.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Up to 5 days suspension.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Up to 10 days suspension.

### MISCONDUCT NOT COVERED

(016 PD: Kidnapping; 034 UB: Gambling; 058 UB: Other School Defined Offense; 063 UB: Excessive Display of Affection; 065 UB: No Immunization; 069 UB: Other; 077 UB: Physical Exam; 114 UB: Inappropriate Behavior)

Student misconduct not covered by the following sections shall be dealt with by the principal or his designee as appropriate.

### Misrepresentation

(028 UB: Honor Code Violation; 035 UB: Falsification of Information; 046 UB: Possession of Counterfeit Items; 047 UB: Use of Counterfeit Items)

A student will not lie or cheat.

#### **1(A) Altering Report Cards or Notes**

Tampering with report cards, official passes, notes or other school documents in any manner, including changing grades or forging names to excuses.

#### **1(B) False Information**

Making false statements, written or oral, to anyone in authority.

#### **1(C) Cheating**

Violating rules of honesty, such as plagiarism, copying another student's test, assignment, etc.

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Conference; principal determination & notification to parents/guardian
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Up to 3 days suspension
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Up to 5 days suspension

**Nuisance Items**

**(040 UB: Inappropriate Items on School Property)**

Students shall not possess or use nuisance items including but not limited to laser pointers, cigarette lighters, striking matches, empty shells, or other like items on school property or at a school sponsored or school related activity that is off school property. Also included in this section are items that cause a class disturbance. All nuisance items will be immediately confiscated and returned to the parent when appropriate. Any nuisance item that results in property damage to the school system will require restitution by the parents of the perpetrator. The district is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to any nuisance items brought on school property.

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Confiscation of item(s) and administrative conference with parent/guardian.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Up to 3 days suspension. Confiscation of item(s) and administrative conference with parent/guardian.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Up to 5 days suspension. Confiscation of item(s) and administrative conference with parent/guardian

**Persistently Dangerous Students**

**(092 UB; Repeat Offender in addition to other possible codes)**

Students, over the age of 14, will not engage in behavior that constitutes a clear threat to the safety of other students or employees as defined in North Carolina Law. Examples of conduct which would fall under this rule include, but are not limited to, multiple rule violations for assault, the sale or distribution of illegal drugs, gang related activities, possession of weapons and inappropriate sexual behavior. A single severe behavior may fall under this category. This also includes students who are registered sex offenders (who will be constantly supervised, if allowed to attend any educational program).

Violation of this section may result in long-term suspension, 365-day suspension, or expulsion dependent upon the severity of the offense.

**Property Damage/Vandalism**

**(Policy 4330 Theft, Trespass, and Damage to Property)**

**(039 Property Damage)**

Students will not vandalize, damage or attempt to damage property owned by the school system, school staff or other students. Property damage to the school system will require restitution by the student and/or parent.

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Up to 3 days suspension and payment of damages.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Up to 5 days suspension, and payment of damages.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Up to 10 days suspension and payment of damages.

## Sexual Behavior

### (1725/4035/7236 Title IX Sexual Harassment - Prohibited Conduct and Reporting Process)

(012 PD: Rape; 013 PD: Sexual Offense; 015 PD: Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor; 068 UB: Mutual Sexual Contact Between Two Students; 014 PD: Sexual Assault Not Involving Rape or Sexual Offense; 038: Sexual Harassment - Sexual; 115 UB: Indecent Exposure; 122 PD: SexualActivity/Pretext Medical Treatment)

Students will not engage in any sexual activity or possess sexually graphic or violent materials on school property as defined by local policy (see above).

#### **(A) Indecent Exposure**

Students will not intentionally show sexual organs in public while on school property or at a school event.

Discipline:     1st Offense:   Up to 5 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school  
                  2nd Offense:   Up to 10 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school  
                  3rd Offense:   Principal may recommend long-term suspension

#### **(B) Consensual Sexual Activity**

Students will not willingly engage in sexual activity on school property or during a school functions.

Discipline:     1st Offense:   Up to 5 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school  
                  2nd Offense:   Up to 10 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school  
                  3rd Offense:   Principal may recommend long-term suspension

#### **(C) Sexual Harassment**

Students will not engage in sexually harrassing behavior which includes but is not limited to the following conduct committed against another student, a staff member or any adult in the school:

- An employee of the school system conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the school system on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
- Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the school system's education program or activities. This determination requires consideration of all the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, the ages and disability statuses of the harasser and the victim and the number of individuals involved and their authority;
- Sexual assault including rape, statutory rape, fondling, and incest;
- Dating violence;
- Domestic violence; or
- Stalking.

**The SCS Title IX Coordinator and law enforcement shall be notified immediately prior to any action being taken.**

Discipline: 1st Offense: Up to 5 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school  
2nd Offense: Up to 10 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school  
3rd Offense: Principal may recommend long-term suspension

**(D) Sexual Assault/Battery**

Unlawful sexual intercourse or attempted sexual intercourse by force, threat, or fear.

Discipline: Report to law enforcement. 10 days suspension with request for long-term suspension and/or expulsion if allowed by law.

**(E) Possession of Pornographic**

Profane and/or Violent Material: Students will not possess any pornographic, profane, sexually explicit or graphically violent materials, including but not limited to pictures, magazines, drawings, digital downloads, DVDs, CDs, email or text or images and sexually explicit or graphically violent materials (including documents or instructions concerning the creations and/or use of a weapon).

Discipline: 1st Offense: Up to 3 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school  
2nd Offense: Up to 5 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school  
3rd Offense: Up to 10 days suspension and conference with parent/guardian before student can return to school Principal may recommend long-term suspension

Please note per [Policy 4260 Student Sex Offenders](#): A student who is enrolled in the school system and is a registered sex offender subject to [Policy 5022 Registered Sex Offenders](#), is expressly prohibited from (1) knowingly being present on any property owned or operated by the school system, including school buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds, parking lots, buses, and other property, and (2) attending school-sponsored or school-related activities, except to the extent the student is permitted to be on school property to receive educational services.

**Telecommunications Acceptable Use**

[\(Policy 3225/4312/7320 Technology Responsible Use\)](#)

(091 UB: Misuse of School Technology)

Students will not use school issued technology or resources in an irresponsible, unsafe manner. This applies regardless of whether such use occurs on or off school system property, and it applies to all school system technological resources, including but not limited to computer networks and connections, the resources, tools, and learning environments made available by or on the networks, and all devices that connect to those networks.

Willful misuse may result in loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or criminal prosecution under applicable state and federal law.

Discipline: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense Up to 3 days suspension  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense Up to 5 days suspension

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense Up to 10 days suspension.

### Theft or Extortion

**(Policy 4330 Theft, Trespass, and Damage to Property)**

(023 UB: Extortion; 036 UB: Theft; 093 UB: Robbery Without a Weapon)

Students will not steal the property of the school, school employees, students or any other person and/or knowingly be in possession of stolen property.

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Up to 3 days suspension.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Up to 5 days suspension.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Up to 10 days suspension.

### Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes

**(Policy 4320 Tobacco Products - Students)**

(041 UB: Possession of Tobacco; 070 UB: Use of Tobacco)

Students will not possess, use, sell or distribute tobacco products on school property or any school related activity. *For rolling papers, see drug paraphernalia.* Tobacco products include but are not limited to any product that contains or that is made or derived from tobacco, including all lighted and smokeless tobacco products, as well as electronic cigarettes, vaporizers.

Electronic devices and vapes will be tested for THC. If positive results, see Alcohol and Other Drugs. Devices will be confiscated and released to law enforcement.

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	3 days of ISS, completion of required tobacco education class, loss of extra curricular activities until tobacco education class is completed.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 days of out-of-school suspension, parent conference with Administration and School Nurse.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	5 days out-of-school suspension, refer to School Nurse for additional tobacco education, and parent conference.

No student in grades K-12 may sell, share, or trade vapes, tobacco products, and/or paraphernalia. This behavior is considered distribution of tobacco products and may result in additional suspension time.

Discipline: For all incidents, the following will apply:

- Sharing vape with nicotine or other similar substances: 3-5 days OSS and mandatory tobacco education.
- Selling vape with nicotine or other similar substances: 5-10 days OSS and mandatory tobacco education.
- Selling vapes that contain other substances: Refer to Alcohol and Other Drugs.



## Trespassing

### (Policy 4330 Theft, Trespass, and Damage to Property)

(059 UB Being in Unauthorized Area)

A student will not enter school property or a school facility without proper authorization. This rule includes entering any school property or school facility during a period of suspension. A student will be considered a trespasser and may be criminally prosecuted.

All non-students must immediately upon arriving at the school report to the office of the principal to have permission to be on school premises.

Discipline: The principal has the authority to determine a suitable punishment for violations, including short-term suspensions and recommendations for long-term suspensions. A referral to law enforcement will be made.

## Weapons

### (Policy 4333 Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety)

(008 RO: Possession of a Weapon - Excluding Firearm, Explosive; 009 RO: Possession of Firearm or Powerful Explosive; 010 PD: Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon; 103 PD: Robbery with a Firearm or Explosive Device; 104 PD: Physical Attack with a Firearm or Explosive Device)

#### **(A) Firearms**

Students will not bring, possess (regardless of the manner received or the length of time possessed) or use a firearm on a school campus or at a school event wherever held as defined by North Carolina General Statutes § 14- 269.2b. All firearms and explosives will be confiscated immediately and turned over to law enforcement.

A firearm includes but is not limited to a starter pistol, gun, rifle, pistol, shotgun, frame, receiver, firearm muffler or silencer (loaded or unloaded) or a destructive device. A destructive device includes but is not limited to an explosive, incendiary, poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket with a propellant charge of more than 4 ounces, a missile with a charge of more than ¼ ounce, mine or similar device.

**There is no age limit for the act to be reported to the proper law enforcement agency.**

Discipline: **Report to a law enforcement agency.**  
Suspension: One calendar year (365 days). The student may be expelled if allowable under the law. Illegal items will be confiscated and turned over to law enforcement.

#### **(B) Other Weapons**

Students shall not possess, handle, use or transmit, whether openly or concealed, any weapon, or any instrument that reasonably looks like a weapon (including toys) or could be used as a weapon and any object thrown from a bus. All weapons will be confiscated immediately and turned over to law enforcement.

Weapons include but are not limited to the following: any knife (switchblade, Bowie, pocket, box cutter, etc.), BB gun, air rifle, air pistol, paintball gun, blow gun, stun gun or other electric shock weapon (i.e. taser); ice pick; defensive sprays, dirk, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, blackjack,

metallic knuckles, razors, razor blades, compound bow or other archery equipment; live ammunition (shotgun shells, bullets, etc.), fireworks; and any sharp pointed or edged instrument or any other object that can reasonably be considered a weapon.

**There is no age limit for the act to be reported to the proper law enforcement agency.**

Discipline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Report to a law enforcement agency, up to 10 days suspension. Illegal items will be confiscated and turned over to law enforcement.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Report to a law enforcement agency, long-term suspension may be recommended or expulsion if permitted under the law. Illegal items will be confiscated and turned over to law enforcement.

For a severe violation, the principal may recommend long-term suspension for the first offense.

## STANLY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Policies governing the operation of Stanly County Schools which include all policies related to expected student behavior and consequences for violating these policies can be found under the "District" tab of the SCS website located at [www.stanlycountyschools.org](http://www.stanlycountyschools.org).

**2022-2023 Stanly County Schools Code of Conduct** *(Under Resources>Parent Tab on SCS website)*

**The following annual notifications are located in the SCS Student & Parent Handbook** *(Under Resources>Parent Tab on SCS website)*

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)	Non-discrimination
IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities)	McKinney-Vento Assistance
Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment	Student Health (NCGS 115C-375.4, 115C-47(51))
NC Safe Surrender	Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
Use of Pesticides (NCGS 115C-47(47))	Student Restraint/Seclusion/Isolation
Parent Information for Title I Schools	Free or Reduced School Lunch
Student Discipline Policies	Student/Parent Complaint and Grievance Procedures
Equal Access to Facilities	Information Regarding Advanced Courses
School Bullying/Cyber Bullying Policies	Student Testing Information
School Annual Report Card Grade	Student Wellness Policy
School Health Education Program	Local Education Agency Report Card
Title IX Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex	

### Student Signature (Grades 6 – 12)

The signature below indicates that I, as a student of Stanly County Schools, have received access to the *Code of Student Conduct* link to be shared with my parent(s) or guardian. I agree to follow this code of conduct.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Parent Signature (Grades K-12)

The signature below indicates that I as a parent/guardian of a student in the Stanly County Schools have received access to the *Code of Student Conduct* link and to the annual notifications.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

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\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED Name of Student

