

Student Code of Conduct

It is the policy of the Okefenokee RESA Board of Control 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 Rules. Each code of conduct shall include the following, at a minimum:

1. Standards of student behavior during school hours, at school related functions, on school buses and at school bus stops 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. Behavior support processes 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, 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 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 of the receipt of the code of conduct and promptly

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return the acknowledgment to the school. The student code of conduct shall be available in the school office and each classroom.

TEACHER REPORTING REQUIREMENT

It is the policy of the Board of Control that the Executive Director shall fully support the authority of principals and teachers to remove a student from the classroom pursuant to Georgia law as cited in 20-2-738 and 20-2-751.5(d).

A teacher shall have the authority, consistent with board policy, to manage his or her classroom, discipline students, and refer a student to the principals or his 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 students 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 his designee. The principal and teacher shall thereafter follow the procedures set forth in Georgia law, specifically O.C.G.A. § 20-2-737-738.

The Executive Director and/or his designee shall develop procedures as necessary for implementation of this policy and applicable state laws.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Note: The State of Georgia has moved the Georgia Code. This new environment no longer allows us to link directly to the Georgia Code. For example enter 20-02-0211 in the search window and the Georgia Code will appear.

State Reference	Description
O.C.G.A 03-03-021.1	<u>Possession of alcoholic beverages on grounds of public school</u>
O.C.G.A 16-11-0037	<u>Terroristic threats and acts; penalties</u>
O.C.G.A 16-11-0037.1	<u>Dissemination of information relating to terroristic acts</u>
O.C.G.A 16-12-0100.1	<u>Electronically furnishing obscene material to minors</u>
O.C.G.A 16-12-0100.2	<u>Computer or electronic pornography and child exploitation prevention</u>
O.C.G.A 16-12-0170	<u>Definitions (tobacco related)</u>
O.C.G.A 20-02-0735	<u>Adoption of policies by LBOEs to improve student learning environment</u>
O.C.G.A 20-02-0736	<u>Student codes of conduct; distribution</u>
O.C.G.A 20-02-0737	<u>Reports by teacher of violations of student code of conduct; parental notice</u>
O.C.G.A 20-02-0738	<u>Authority of teacher to remove student from classroom; procedures</u>
O.C.G.A 20-02-0751	<u>Definitions. Dangerous weapon, firearm, hazardous object, expulsion, suspension</u>

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O.C.G.A 20-02-0751.5	<u>Required provisions for student code of conduct</u>
O.C.G.A 20-02-0751.7	<u>Student reporting of inappropriate behavior by teacher/staff</u>
O.C.G.A 20-02-1126	<u>Written policies and procedures for operation of school buses; receipt of code of conduct by students; acknowledgement by parent or guardians</u>
Rule 160-4-8-.15	<u>Student Discipline</u>
Federal Reference	Description
20 USC 7151	<u>Gun-Free Schools Act</u>

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