

Boone County Schools



Student Code of Conduct

2018-2019

Student Code of Conduct applies:

- During the regular school day.
- During any extra-curricular activity or trip.
- While a student is in transit to or from school or to or from an extra-curricular activity.

Code of Conduct

- All students enrolled in West Virginia public schools shall behave in a manner that promotes a school environment that is nurturing, orderly, safe, and conducive to learning and personal-social development.
- Students will help create an atmosphere free from bullying, intimidation, and harassment.

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- Students will demonstrate honesty and trustworthiness.
- Students will treat others with respect, deal peacefully with anger, use good manners, and be considerate of the feelings of others.
- Students will demonstrate responsibility, use self-control, and be self-disciplined.

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- Students will demonstrate fairness, play by the rules, and will not take advantage of others.
- Students will demonstrate compassion and caring.
- Students will demonstrate good citizenship by obeying laws and rules, respecting authority, and by cooperating with others.

Level I Offenses

- Academic dishonesty (cheating or plagiarism)
- Cell phone violation
- Deceit
- Disruptive or disrespectful behavior
- Failure to serve detention
- Failure to serve study hall
- Falsifying identity (forgery or fraud)
- Inappropriate dress
- Inappropriate display of affection
- Inappropriate language

Level I Offenses

- Inciting or instigating disruptive behavior
- Littering
- No hall pass
- Parking violation
- Possession of inappropriate personal property
- Skipping class
- Sleeping in class
- Tardiness to class
- Tardiness to school

Level I Disciplinary Options

- Teacher-student conference
- Administrator-student conference
- Counseling referrals
- Confiscation of inappropriate items
- Revocation of privileges
- Restitution/restoration of property
- Lunch detention
- Denial of class and/or extra-curricular participation

Level I Disciplinary Options

- Immediate exclusion by teacher from the classroom
- In-school-suspension
- Out-of-school suspension (maximum 3 days)

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

- Students cannot use their cell phones and electronic devices during instructional time, including trips to the bathroom; they can use their cell phones and electronic devices during breakfast and lunch and between classes. All cell phones and electronic devices (MP3 players, cell phones, tablets, portable video game systems, radios, beepers, etc.) must be turned off and put away during class.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

- 1st Offense: 1 day of detention, cell phone taken to office, and parents notified to pick up cell phone

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

- 2nd Offense: 1 day of in-school suspension, cell phone taken to office, parents notified to pick up cell phone, and no cell phone at school for 1 week*
- * If student brings cell phone to school during that time, he or she will serve 3 days of out-of-school suspension for insubordination and will have his or her cell phone privileges revoked for the rest of the school year.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

- 3rd Offense: 1 day of out-of-school suspension, cell phone taken to office, parents notified to pick up cell phone, and no cell phone at school for 1 month*
- * If student brings cell phone to school during that time, he or she will serve 3 days of out-of-school suspension for insubordination and will have his or her cell phone privileges revoked for the rest of the school year.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

- All Other Offenses: 3 days of out-of-school suspension, cell phone taken to office, parents notified to pick up cell phone, and no cell phone at school for 1 semester
- * If student brings cell phone to school during that time, he or she will serve 3 days of out-of-school suspension for insubordination and will have his or her cell phone privileges revoked for the rest of the school year.

Dress Code Policy

- ✓ No clothing with holes or cutouts that show skin above the mid-thigh will be permitted.
- ✓ No baggy clothing where undergarments are exposed.
- ✓ No clothing that exposes the mid-part of the body.
- ✓ The length of shorts, dresses, or skirts must extend to the mid-thigh.
- ✓ No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or halter tops.

Dress Code Policy

- ✓ No hats or sunglasses inside the building.
- ✓ No clothing, tattoos, or accessories depicting vulgarity or violence.
- ✓ No clothing or accessories that contain depictions of or make references to sex, alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
- ✓ No spike jewelry is acceptable; pierced body ornaments other than studs are restricted to the ears.

Level II Offenses

- Abusive language directed toward a staff member or student
- Disrespect toward a staff member
- Excessive days of detention
- Excessive days of in-school suspension
- Gang-related activity
- Gambling

Level II Offenses

- Habitual violation of school rules
- Insubordination
- Leaving the school without permission or being in off-limit areas
- Physical fight without injury
- Possession of an imitation weapon
- Possession of a knife not meeting dangerous weapon definition (blade 3 ½ inches or less)

Level II Offenses

- Profane language/obscene gesture/indecent act toward a school employee or student
- Technology misuse (see Acceptable Use Policy)

Level II Disciplinary Options

- Any Level I options
- Out-of-school suspension (maximum 5 days)
- The principal may file an incorrigible petition with the prosecuting attorney.
- The principal may recommend placement in an alternative education program.
- The principal may recommend expulsion.

Level III Offenses

- Battery against a student — defined by the courts as “unwanted touching.”
- Bullying/harassment/intimidation
- Defacing school property/vandalism
- False fire alarm
- Hazing
- Imitation drugs (possession, use, or sale)
- Improper use of vehicle

Level III Offenses

- Inhalant abuse
- Larceny (theft)
- Sexual misconduct
- Threat of injury/violent behavior
- Tobacco/electronic cigarettes/vapor pens
(possession, use, or sale)
- Trespassing

Level III Bullying and Harassment

- Harassment/bullying/intimidation is defined as any “repetitive” intentional gesture or any intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act, communication, transmission, or threat.
- Examples include:
 - physical violence and/or attacks
 - threats, taunts, and intimidation through words or gestures

Level III Bullying and Harassment

- Examples include:
 - extortion, damage, and stealing of money and/or possessions
 - exclusion from a peer group
 - spreading rumors
 - using camera phones to take embarrassing photographs of students and posting them online or distributing them

Level III Bullying and Harassment

- Examples include:
 - Using a website to circulate gossip and rumors to other students that cause a disruption of the school environment.
 - Excluding others from an online group by falsely reporting them for inappropriate language to internet service providers.
 - Any sexual harassment, racial harassment, religious harassment, and ethnic harassment

Level III Bullying and Harassment

- Scott High School has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying and harassment.
- If this happens to you, report it to a teacher, counselor, or principal immediately!

Level III Disciplinary Options

- Any Level I or II option
- Out-of-school suspension (maximum 10 days)
- The principal may file an incorrigible petition with the prosecuting attorney.
- The principal may recommend placement in an alternative education program.
- The principal may recommend expulsion.

Level IV Offenses

- Battery against a school employee
- Felony (arson, malicious wounding, unlawful wounding, bomb threat, sexual assault, etc.)
- Illegal substance-related behaviors (possession, use, or sale of alcohol, over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs, marijuana, and narcotics)
- Possession and/or use of a dangerous weapon

Level IV Disciplinary Procedures

- Immediate referral to law enforcement
- Mandatory out-of-school suspension
- Mandatory expulsion recommendation:
 - Sale of narcotic drug
 - Possession of a deadly weapon
 - Battery of a school employee

Medication Policy

- If medication is to be administered at school, the medication must be transported to school by the parent and checked in at the office. This includes both prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- Medication must be in the factory container (no baggies).

Medication Policy

- Medication must have a written letter from the doctor stating how and when it is to be administered.
- No medication is to be in a student's possession; this is a Level IV offense!

Highlights of the West Virginia Safe Schools Act

- A teacher or bus driver may exclude any student from a classroom or bus who:
 - Is guilty of disorderly conduct
 - Interferes with an orderly educational process
 - Threatens, abuses, intimidates, or attempts to intimidate a school employee or student
 - Willfully disobeys a school employee

Bus Rules and Regulations

- 4.2. Responsibilities of students.
Students shall:
- 4.2.1. Walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- 4.2.2. Wait on the bus at the designated stop in an orderly manner.
- 4.2.3. Board the bus in an orderly manner.
- 4.2.4. Follow the school bus operator's/aide's instructions at all times.

Bus Rules and Regulations

- Students shall:
- 4.2.5. Comply with Policy 4373.
- 4.2.6. Be responsible for vandalism that occurs on a seat in which they ride.
- 4.2.7. Change seats only with permission of the school bus operator when the bus is not in motion.
- 4.2.8. Avoid unnecessary conversation with the school bus operator.

Bus Rules and Regulations

- Students shall:
- 4.2.9. Keep heads and arms inside bus windows at all times.
- 4.2.10. Report any open exit or released hatch to the school bus operator immediately.
- 4.2.11. Provide enrollment information to the school bus operator.

Bus Rules and Regulations

- Students shall not:
- 4.2.12. Eat, drink, or place objects in their mouth that may cause a choking hazard while on the bus except for medically necessary foods or medications according to Policy 2422.7.
- 4.2.13. Ride in stepwell or forward of front row seats.

Bus Rules and Regulations

- Students shall not:
- 4.2.14. Stand at any time while the bus is in motion.
- 4.2.15. Throw, or pass, any object of any nature into or from the bus through a door or window.
- 4.2.16. Use profane or obscene language or gestures.

Bus Rules and Regulations

- Students shall not:
- 4.2.17. Open emergency exits, except during emergencies, unless directed by the school bus operator.
- 4.2.18. Wear headphones or any type of earpiece that may prevent hearing a warning signal or horn while loading or unloading from the bus.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

- Students in ISS have to write character education packets. They have to complete their packets by the end of eighth period or they get another day of ISS.
- If they have multiple days of ISS, they have to write multiple packets (a different one each day). They also have to answer all questions in the packets regardless of which offense it is for them.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

- Students in ISS have to complete their packets at the expense of their class assignments, which become homework.
- Students in ISS who do not follow the rules and procedures and who do not remain silent and on task will receive demerits. Excessive demerits will result in extra days.

Study Hall

- Students who are failing two or more classes will report to mandatory study hall during their non-eating lunch periods until they no longer are failing any classes.
- If students do not bring assignments to complete, they will complete disciplinary packets during study hall.
- Failure to report to study hall will result in one day of in-school suspension.

Study Hall

- Lunch A study hall teachers: Mrs. Darnell (Room 201), Mrs. Farmer (Room 222), Mrs. Passero (Room 206), Mrs. Runyan (Room 208), and Ms. Thompson (Room 114).
- Lunch B study hall teachers: Mr. Kuhn (Room 207), Mrs. McClure (Room 204), Mr. Riffle (Room 119, Ms. Strange (Room 227), and Mrs. Vance (Room 225).

Study Hall

- New grading scale for 2018-2019
- Students who receive study hall three times in a nine-week grading period will be placed in the full-lunch study hall with Mr. Boyd until they no longer are failing any classes.
- Students who receive study hall four or more times in a nine-week grading period will be placed in the full-lunch study hall with Mr. Boyd for the rest of the semester.

Study Hall

- Students who are assigned to Mr. Boyd's study hall will report to Room 124, where they will eat their lunches and complete their class assignments and/or disciplinary packets for the entire hour.

Attendance Policy

- Students with 10 or more unexcused absences (or 10 or more days of out-of-school suspension) are not eligible to participate in or attend any extra-curricular activities or events, including athletics, band, dances, prom, etc. They also will have an incorrigible petition filed against them.
- You cannot be absent, sign in, or sign out on game days or you will not play in that game.

Attendance Policy

- 10 or more unexcused absences or 10 or more OSS days = cannot participate in sports
- 10 or more unexcused absences or 10 or more OSS days = cannot attend prom
- 10 or more unexcused absences = truancy petition and probation
- 15 or more unexcused absences or 10 consecutive OSS days or unexcused absences = no driver's license or learner's permit

Attendance Policy

- Students must have fewer than 15 unexcused absences when they apply for an instructional permit or a license to drive a motor vehicle. Students who have 15 or more unexcused absences cannot get an enrollment form to apply for an instructional permit or license to drive a motor vehicle until they complete a full semester of school with zero unexcused absences.

Attendance Policy

- The attendance director must report students who fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress and/or attendance to the Division of Motor Vehicles, which then will notify the students that their instructional permits or licenses are suspended.

Attendance Policy

- Students must turn in their excuses to the office within three school days of returning from their absences. Those excuses will not be accepted after three days, and those absences will not be adjusted in WVEIS. Therefore, any attendance-based consequences will stand.

Sign-Out Policy

- Make sure you have your parents or guardians complete the Emergency Contact Form. Only the people who are on the form will be permitted to sign you out. There will be no exceptions!

Run-Hide-Fight

- RUN: Escape/evacuate if possible
- If there is considerable distance between you and the gunfire/armed person, quickly move away from the sound of the gunfire/armed person. If the gunfire/armed person is in your building and it is safe to do so, run out of the building and move far away until you are in a secure place to hide.
- Leave your belongings behind.

Run-Hide-Fight

- Keep your hands visible to law enforcement.
- Take others with you, but do not stay behind because others will not go.
- Call 911 when it is safe to do so. Do not assume someone else has reported the incident. The information you can give police may be critical (i.e., number and location of shooter, identification or physical description, number and type of weapons).

Run-Hide-Fight

- HIDE: In locked areas/out of site
- If the shooter is in close proximity and you cannot evacuate safely, hide in an area out of the armed person's view.
- Choose a hiding place with thicker walls and fewer windows if possible.
- Lock doors and barricade with furniture if possible.
- Silence phones and turn off other electronics.

Run-Hide-Fight

- Close windows, shades, and blinds, and avoid being seen from outside of the room if possible.
- If you are outdoors and cannot run safely, find a place to hide that will provide protection from gunfire, such as a brick wall, large trees, or buildings.
- Remain in place until you receive an all-clear signal.

Run-Hide-Fight

- FIGHT: Take action to disrupt or incapacitate the shooter
- As a last resort, fight. If you cannot evacuate or hide safely and only when your life is in imminent danger, take action.
- Attempt to incapacitate or disrupt the actions of the shooter.
- Act with physical aggression toward the shooter.

Run-Hide-Fight

- Use items in your area, such as fire extinguishers or chairs.
- Throw items at the shooter if possible.
- Call 911 when it is safe to do so.

Run-Hide-Fight

- How to react when law enforcement arrives:
- Remain calm and follow officers' instructions.
- Put down any items in your hands.
- Immediately raise hands and keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid pointing, screaming, and/or yelling.
- Do not stop and ask officers for help when evacuating; just go in the direction from which officers are entering the premises.

Breakfast and Lunch

- All students get a free breakfast and lunch.
- Breakfast will be eaten in the cafeteria, but not in the hallways or the gym.
- Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria or outside on days the weather permits, but not in the hallways or gym! If trash is not disposed outside, that privilege may be revoked!
- Students are not allowed in the mini-gym during breakfast and lunch.

Breakfast and Lunch

- Please eat breakfast and lunch even if you give the meal to another student. The more meals we serve, the more money we receive from the federal government.

Breakfast and Lunch

- See graph below

School Year	Enrollment	Breakfast	Lunch
2014-2015	711 students	48.17 percent	35.28 percent
		60,109 meals	44,022 meals
2015-2016	688 students	49.13 percent	46.19 percent
		59,800 meals	56,222 meals
2016-2017	686 students	45.19 percent	52.94 percent
		49,914 meals	58,479 meals
2017-2018	706 students	42.8 percent	43.64 percent
		50,459 meals	51,455 meals

Other Important Items

- See the discipline rubric for all discipline consequences.
- A prom contract must be on file for each student who wants to attend the prom. Complete one even if you are not sure you want to attend.

Questions?

