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Student Discipline Policy

The Governing Board of Westside Atlanta Charter School ("Board") adopts the following policy which shall be effective on that date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

The Student Discipline Policy shall be distributed electronically or, for students/parents/guardians that request or require it. Directions for accessing the Student Discipline Policy will be available in the Family Handbook provided to each student each school year and/or upon enrollment of each new student.

The Student Discipline Policy is aligned to the Atlanta Public Schools Student Code of Conduct. The Atlanta Public Schools Student Code of Conduct can be found [here](#).

Student discipline will be confidential and conducted in accordance with the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education and Westside Atlanta Charter School recognizes restorative practices as a shift from punitive and punishment-oriented student consequences to those that provide opportunities for all people affected by a student's action to engage in dialogue and measures seeking to restore the classroom, school community, and interpersonal relationships. By implementing restorative practices, we work to ensure that students are not suspended for subjective offenses and can spend more time in their classrooms, thereby leading to increased student achievement. Restorative practices provide proactive systems, emphasize reintegration, and promote positive classroom environments. This system is a direct reflection of our core values and fostering each student's academic, social-emotional, physical, and character growth.

SECTION 1. Purpose

SECTION 1.1. Westside's discipline policy sets out the rules of student behavior applicable to all students and the procedures for imposing discipline on students who violate these rules. In general, discipline is designed to correct a student's misconduct and to encourage the student to be a responsible citizen of the school community. Disciplinary actions will be in proportion to the severity of the unacceptable behavior, its impact on the school environment, the student's age and grade level, the student's previous discipline history, and other relevant factors.

The disciplinary process may include due consideration of student support services that may be available through Westside, the school system, other public entities, or community organizations. Westside prefers to reassign disruptive students to alternative educational settings rather than to suspend or expel such students from school.

Parental notification and parental involvement are essential to any effort to modify a student's inappropriate behavior. The intent of this policy will only be effective if parents and guardians, teachers and school administrators work together to improve student behavior and enhance academic performance.

SECTION 2. Investigation Process

When a violation of school rules is reported or suspected, the principal or designee will determine whether an investigation is warranted and, if so, will instruct appropriate personnel to conduct an investigation. The investigation should include interviews with the accused student, victim(s), identified witnesses, teacher(s), staff members, and others who might have relevant information. Written statements should be obtained from all individuals who are interviewed. Any physical and documentary evidence should be collected and preserved. School staff should be utilized for their expertise as determined by the circumstances of the matter. At an appropriate time during or after the investigation, the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified. However, if the incident involves an injury or similar situation, appropriate medical attention should be provided, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) should be notified immediately.

In accordance with APS administrative regulation JCDAF-R(1), the Executive Director and/or Principal(s) may search a student if there is reasonable suspicion the student is in possession of an item that is illegal or against school rules.

SECTION 3. Definitions of Disciplinary Methods

Disciplinary action will be related, but not limited, to the seriousness of the offense, the student's age and grade level, the frequency of misbehavior, the student's attitude, whether the student was acting in self-defense, the effect of the misconduct on the school environment, intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct, and requirements of law. As such, disciplinary responses may differ on a case by case basis. The list of minor, moderate, and serious infractions can be found in the chart below-

Except as otherwise provided herein, the following disciplinary provisions apply to offenses that students commit while on school property, school sanctioned events, or while using school technology resources at any time.

3.1 In-School Suspension

The removal of a student from regular classes and assignment to an in-school suspension setting. The student's teachers send class assignments to in-school suspension. The student may not attend or participate in extracurricular activities while assigned to in-school suspension.

A teacher may request that a student who has been assigned to in-school suspension be allowed to attend his/her class. The granting of this request is limited to cases where it is extremely important that a class not be missed or where a class cannot be made up at a later date. The Executive Director/Principal has the final decision.

3.2. Out-of-School Suspension

3.2.1. Short-term suspension means the removal of a student from school (or school bus) for one to ten school days. The Executive Director/Principal may impose a suspension of one to three school days. A formal hearing officer (defined below) may impose an out-of-school suspension of up to ten school days. Schoolwork missed during one to three day suspensions may be made up when the student returns to school. For suspensions of four to ten school days, parent(s)/guardian(s) may request schoolwork and pick up the schoolwork during school hours.

3.2.2. Long-term suspension means the removal of a student from school (or school bus) for more than ten school days but not beyond the current school semester. Only the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee (defined below) or the Westside Atlanta Charter School Board may impose long-term suspension.

A student on long-term suspension who has not been referred to an alternative school may not receive homework, make up work, or take semester exams unless allowed to do so by the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee or the Westside Atlanta Charter School Board. A student on long-term suspension is not allowed on school property and may not participate in any school activities or school functions.

In some cases (limited to one per student per academic year), the Executive Director/Principal may temporarily postpone a student's suspension if the offense was committed at a critical time in the academic calendar (i.e., immediately before final exams). This does not apply to offenses that are violations of state or federal law or that involve weapons, violence or drugs.

3.3. Expulsion

The removal of a student from school (or school bus) for a specified period of time beyond the current semester. Only the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee or the Westside Atlanta Charter School Board may impose expulsion.

A student who has been expelled may attend any school within the district but may apply for readmission after six (6) months.

3.4. Alternative School

A student who is removed from his/her local school for more than ten (10) school days may be allowed to attend an alternative school for instruction, academic support, and counseling. Alternative school enables a student to take academic classes that allow the student to keep up with the course credit requirements toward graduation. The student may not return to his/her school or any other school or attend any extracurricular activities while attending an alternative school pursuant to a long-term suspension or expulsion.

3.5. Probation

Probation” means that a student is placed on a trial period during which the student is expected to maintain good behavior. A student found guilty of certain offenses may be placed on probation by a local school administrator, a local formal hearing officer, the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee, the Disciplinary Action Review Committee, or the Board of Education. Violation of a local school or school system rule while on probation may result in further disciplinary action, including a possible referral to the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee.

3.6. Restrictions on School Activities

Students who are suspended or expelled will not be allowed to participate in any school-sponsored activities, if these occur during the period of suspension or expulsion. A parent or guardian may, for good cause, petition the school principal for permission for the student to participate in school-sponsored activities. If denied permission by the/Principal, the parent or guardian may appeal to the Executive Director. If denied by the Executive Director, the parent or guardian may file a grievance with the Westside Atlanta Charter School Board. The Board’s decision shall be final.

SECTION 4. Offenses and Consequences

Offenses are categorized as minor, moderate, and serious infractions, with three levels of consequences designated for EACH category. Upon identification of a violation, the Executive Director and/or Principals exercises discretion in selecting the appropriate consequence. Note that serious infractions do not have level 1 or 2 consequences. For a detailed list of infractions and their corresponding levels, refer to the Atlanta Public School’s Code of Conduct, available [here](#).

4.1.

Bullying/Hazing

Bullying/hazing is linked to many negative outcomes including impacts on mental health, substance use, and suicide, and in some instances can play a contributing role in school violence. Westside Atlanta Charter School will make every effort to create safe school environments by preventing and addressing bullying.

A student violates this policy if the student repeatedly threatens, intimidates, harasses, makes physical contact with or subjects another student to any other form of physical or emotional hurt, including hazing associated with membership in extracurricular organizations (sports teams, band, etc.). Violations of this offense code include:

- Verbal assaults such as unwanted teasing or name-calling;
- Threats, taunts and intimidation through words and/or gestures;
- Direct physical contact such as hitting or shoving;
- Physical violence and/or attacks;
- Destruction of school or personal property;

Any form of electronic bullying or cyberbullying using school equipment, school networks, or e-mail systems or committed at school; Theft of money and/or personal possessions for the purpose of bullying, harassing, or intimidating; Harassment or intimidation motivated by any actual or perceived characteristic including race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, physical attributes, socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability or disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic;

- Public humiliation;
- Social isolation;
- Extortion or manipulation, including incitement and/or coercion;
- Rumors or spreading of falsehoods;
- Stalking

Cyberstalking or engaging in conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at or about a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to the victim; Cyberbullying or the willful, hostile and repeated harassment and intimidation of a person through the use of digital technologies, including, but not limited to, email, blogs, social networking websites (e.g., Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Tik Tok, Facebook, etc.), chat rooms, texts, and instant messaging;

The use of cameras or camera phones to take embarrassing photographs of students or school employees and distributing them to others or posting them online;

- Sending abusive or threatening text messages or instant messages; and
- Using websites to circulate gossip and rumors to other students.

Disciplinary action after the first incident of bullying may include but is not limited to the following:

- Loss of a privilege
- Reassignment of seats in the classroom, cafeteria, or school bus
- Reassignment of classes
- Detention
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension (through appropriate due process hearing)
- Expulsion (through appropriate due process hearing)

Assignment to an alternative school (through appropriate due process hearing)

[Students in grades six through twelve found to have committed the offense of bullying for the third time in a school year shall at a minimum be assigned to an alternative school through appropriate due process by disciplinary hearing officers, panels, or tribunals (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-751.4).]

CODE AND TITLE	DEFINITION / EXAMPLES / APPLICATIONS	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
	2. ALCOHOL / DRUGS / PROHIBITED ITEMS INFRACTIONS	2.1	2.2	2.3
2C. ALCOHOL (BUYING / SELLING) SERIOUS	No student shall buy, receive, sell, or otherwise distribute or possess with intent to distribute or attempt to buy, sell, or otherwise distribute or possess with intent to distribute alcoholic beverages or the student purports to be an alcoholic beverage.	2C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	2C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2C.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long- term suspension or expulsion.
2D. ALCOHOL PARAPHERNALIA MODERATE	No student shall possess, transmit, or store any drug-related paraphernalia.	2D.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	2D.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2D.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long- term suspension or expulsion.
2E. ILLEGAL DRUGS / INHALANTS (POSSESSION / USE) SERIOUS	No student shall possess, consume, transmit, or store inhalants, and/or illegal drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, marijuana oils, synthetic Cannabinoids, THC (including, but not limited to hemp-derived THC products) or any substance listed under the Georgia Controlled Substances Act or any substance believed by the student to be an illegal drug. Legal intoxication is not required for violation of this Code. APPLICATION: <i>Inhalants may include vaporizer devices or portions of devices, e-cigarettes, and e-liquids.</i>		2E.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2E.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long- term suspension or expulsion.

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2F. ILLEGAL DRUGS / INHALANTS (BUYING / SELLING) SERIOUS	No student shall buy, receive, sell, or otherwise distribute or possess with intent to distribute or attempt to buy, sell, or otherwise distribute or possess with intent to distribute, illegal drugs, inhalants, narcotics, hallucinogens, amphetamines, barbiturates, or marijuana, marijuana oil, THC (including, but not limited to hemp-derived THC products) or any other substance listed under the Georgia Controlled Substances Act, or any substance falsely identified as such, or illegal drug, narcotics, hallucinogens, amphetamines, barbiturates, or marijuana, or any other substance listed under the Georgia Controlled Substances Act. APPLICATION: <i>Inhalants may include vaporizer devices or portions of devices, e-cigarettes, and e-liquids</i>		2G.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2G.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
2G. PARAPHERNALIA / COUNTERFEIT DRUGS, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA MODERATE	No student shall possess, transmit, or store any drug-related paraphernalia or counterfeit drugs, or alcohol paraphernalia (including scales, pipes, non-vaporizer smoking devices, empty bottles, flasks, shot glasses).		2H.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Lunch Detention Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	3H.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
2H. MEDICATION OTC (OVER THE COUNTER / POSSESSION) MINOR	A student is prohibited from possessing with intent to distribute any over-the-counter medication, which may include supplements, CBD products, synthetic drugs, and/or nicotine replacement products, that is not in compliance with Policy JGCD.	2I.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	2I.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Lunch Detention Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	
2I. MEDICATION OTC (OVER THE COUNTER / SELLING OR DISTRIBUTION) SERIOUS	A student is prohibited from buying, receiving, selling, distributing, or possessing with intent to distribute any over-the-counter medication, which may include supplements, CBD products, and/or nicotine replacement products, that is not in compliance with Policy JGCD. There is no requirement that there be an exchange of money, goods, and/or services to find a violation of this rule.		2J.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Lunch Detention Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2J.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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2J. MEDICATION (PRESCRIPTION / POSSESSION) SERIOUS	A student is prohibited from possessing any prescription medication, whether or not it is prescribed to the student, that is not in compliance with Policy JGCD.		2K.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Lunch Detention Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2K.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
2K. MEDICATION (PRESCRIPTION / SELLING / DISTRIBUTION) SERIOUS	A student is prohibited from buying, receiving, selling, distributing, or possessing with intent to distribute any prescription medication that is not in compliance with Policy JGCD. There is no requirement that there be an exchange of money, goods, and/or services to find a violation of this rule			2L.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
2L. STIMULANTS: POSSESSION OR USE MODERATE	A student shall not consume nor possess diet pills, caffeine pills, or other stimulants on school property. APPLICATION: NOTE: <i>If the stimulant is a controlled substance under the Georgia Controlled Substances Act, the student shall be found to have violated the Illegal Drugs/Inhalants Rule (2F) and shall be disciplined according to that Section.</i>	2M.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	2M.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2M.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
2M. STIMULANTS / SELLING OR DISTRIBUTION SERIOUS	No student shall buy, receive, sell, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute diet pills, caffeine pills, or other stimulants on school property. There is no requirement that there be an exchange of money, goods, and/or services to find a violation of this rule. APPLICATION: NOTE: <i>If the stimulant is a controlled substance under the Georgia Controlled Substances Act, the student shall be found to have violated the Alcohol/Illegal Drugs/ Inhalants Rule (2B and/or 2F) and shall be disciplined according to that Section.</i>	2N.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	2N.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2N.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	2. ALCOHOL / DRUGS / PROHIBITED ITEMS	2.1	2.2	2.3
2N. TOBACCO MINOR	No student shall possess, use, distribute, or sell tobacco products. There is no requirement that there be an exchange of money, goods, and/or services to find a violation of this rule.	2O.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	2O.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	2O.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	3. ATTENDANCE INFRACTIONS	3.1	3.2	3.3
3A. LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS MODERATE	Students shall not leave school grounds during the course of the regularly scheduled school day without the permission of a parent/guardian and the principal or designee. APPLICATION: <i>Skipping (3B) should be used if student did not attend class but remained in the building. See Repeated Offenses (7E) if student commits multiple offenses.</i>	3A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	3A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	
3B. SKIPPING MINOR	No student shall miss a class or activity for which they are enrolled.	3B.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference		
3C. TARDY MINOR	No student shall be tardy for a class in which they are enrolled.	3C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	3C.2 S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	

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3D. TRESPASSING MINOR	Students may not enter into or remain on/in a public school property without authorization or lawful purpose. This includes students serving long-term suspension, expulsion, who enter onto any District property other than their assigned school.		3D.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	3D.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
3E. UNAUTHORIZED AREA MINOR	Students may not enter into, or remain in an unauthorized area of school property which may include school roofs, teacher lounges, classrooms to which the student is not assigned, and custodial areas.	3E.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	3E.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	3E.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
3F. UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY MODERATE	No student may allow unauthorized person(s) into a school building or school-sponsored event without authorization. Students who knowingly allow a person in a building with the intent to cause harm or disruption will face increased discipline. APPLICATION: Level 3 Discipline is appropriate where student knowingly allows entry with the intent to cause harm or disruption. Authorized person(s) include current District employees/staff with valid ID, law enforcement officials in uniform or with ID, and first responders in uniform or with ID (police, fire-fighters, paramedics).	3F.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	3F.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	3F.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	4. BULLYING / HARASSMENT INFRACTIONS	4.1	4.2	4.3
4A. BULLYING MODERATE SERIOUS	A willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person when accompanied by 1. an apparent present ability to do so, or; 2. intentionally exhibiting a display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm, or; 3. any intentional written, verbal or physical act, which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate that: • Causes substantial physical harm or bodily harm capable of being perceived by a person other than the victim; or • Has the effect of substantially interfering with the victim student's education; • Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or • Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. APPLICATION: <i>For Grades 6-12, Within 1 School Year:</i> <i>First Offense: Discipline Levels 1-3</i> <i>Second Offense: Discipline Levels 2-3</i> <i>Third Offense: Mandatory 10 days OSS with a Hearing Referral and request for assignment to HANBA for a minimum of one semester or the balance of the school year (whichever is longer).</i>	4A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	4A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	4A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
4B. CYBERBULLYING MODERATE SERIOUS	Bullying applies to acts which occur on school property or through school technology resources, and also applies to acts which occur through the use of electronic communication, whether or not that communication originated on school property or with school technology resources, if the electronic communication: 1. is directed specifically at students or school personnel, 2. is maliciously intended for the purpose of threatening the safety of those specified or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school, and 3. creates a reasonable fear of harm to the students' or school personnel's person or property or has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose. Electronic communication includes any transfer of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, data or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo electronic or photo optical system.	4B.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	4B.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	4B.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
4C. HARASSMENT SERIOUS	No student shall engage in harassment, intimidation, or abuse or toward any other student(s), APS employees/staff, or others. Harassment includes behavior that creates an unpleasant or hostile situation by uninvited and unwelcome verbal or physical conduct. Harassing behaviors may include: • Committing any act of bigotry or antisemitism directed toward another person's race, ethnic heritage, national origin, religion, age, sex, gender or disability • Racial, sexual, antisemitic, or ethnic slurs • Derogatory comments, insults, and jokes • Physical harassment, such as offensive touching, and visual harassment, such as racially, sexually, or ethnically offensive posters, graffiti, drawings, clothing, or gestures • Harassing behaviors based on actual or perceived race, creed, color, ethnic heritage, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or a physical characteristic (For purposes of this rule, "Antisemitism" is defined pursuant to Georgia House Bill 30) APPLICATION: <i>Disability/Race/Color/National Origin/Religion/Sexual Orientation. For purposes of this rule, "Antisemitism" is defined pursuant to Georgia House Bill 30.</i>	4C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	4C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	4C.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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4D. OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE (TOWARDS ANOTHER STUDENT) MINOR	No student shall use any type of profane, vulgar, obscene or ethnically and culturally offensive language (written or oral) and actions.	4D.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	4D.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	4D.3 S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
4E. OFFENSIVE MATERIAL MINOR MODERATE	No student shall possess, share, or distribute profane, vulgar, pornographic, obscene, threatening or ethnically offensive materials in any format. This includes materials that advocate illegal or dangerous acts, may cause disruption to the Atlanta Public Schools, contains knowingly false or defamatory information, or is otherwise harmful to minors as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act. Behaviors that implicate Title IX regulations (as implemented) will be managed as discussed in www.atlantapublicschools.us/titleix Materials deemed to be in violation of the Children's Internet Protection Act must be reported to school police.	4E.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	4E.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	4E.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
4F. STALKING SERIOUS	Following, contacting, or placing another person under surveillance without consent for the purpose of harassing and intimidating, which includes behavior that would cause a reasonable person to: (a) fear for their safety or the safety of others; or (b) suffer substantial emotional distress. Behaviors that implicate Title IX, as implemented, may be addressed through the District's Title IX Grievance Policy found at: www.atlantapublicschools.us/titleix APPLICATION: Contact the District's Title IX Coordinator. Behaviors that implicate Title IX (as implemented) will be handled pursuant to the District's Title IX grievance policy.	4F.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	4F.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	4F.3 S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
4G. TEASING / TAUNTING MINOR	Engaging in gestures, physical acts, verbal acts, writing, or other communication that that has the actual or intended consequence of angering, provoking, challenging, disturbing, offending, bothering, irritating, and/or annoying another person.	4G.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	4G.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	

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	4. BULLYING / HARASSMENT INFRACTIONS	4.1	4.2	4.3
4H. VIOLATION OF NO-CONTACT AGREEMENT SERIOUS	No student who is subject to a no contact agreement shall violate the terms of that agreement either through direct or indirect contact, communications, or other acts which are prohibited pursuant to the terms of the agreement. A student's refusal to sign a no contact agreement shall not be a defense to a violation of this Rule. APPLICATION: <i>Behaviors that implicate Title IX (as implemented) will be handled pursuant to the District's Title IX Grievance Policy.</i>	4H.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	4H.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	4H.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	5. BUS RELATED INFRACTIONS	5.1	5.2	5.3
5A. BUS ELECTRONIC DISTRACTIONS / CELL PHONE MODERATE	Students shall not record video or audio during school transportation, or use any electronic device that is distracting to the bus operator or may interfere with the bus communication equipment. No electronic devices may be operated without the use of headphones or ear buds. "Electronic device" includes: cell phones; electronic tablets; computers; pagers; audible radios, tape or compact disc players without headphones; any device capable of playing amplified music, or any other electronic device in a manner that might interfere with the school bus communications equipment or the school bus driver's operation of the school bus.. APPLICATION: <i>In addition to any discipline assigned, violation of this rule may result in a bus behavior contract or a period of suspension from bus riding. Violation of this rule make further result in loss of privilege for student to possess a personal electronic device on school property for up to one calendar year</i>	5A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	5A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	
5B. BUS EMERGENCY EXIT MODERATE	Emergency doors and windows are to be used only at the direction of the driver. Students are not permitted to open, attempt to open, or tamper with Emergency Exits. APPLICATION: <i>In addition to any discipline assigned, violation of this rule may result in a bus behavior contract or a period of suspension from bus riding. Violation of this rule make further result in loss of privilege for student to possess a personal electronic device on school property for up to one calendar year</i>	5B.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	5B.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	5B.3 S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
5C. BUS SAFETY HAZARD SERIOUS	Students are prohibited from engaging in activities which compromise the safe operation of a school bus, whether or not that student is on the bus. Prohibited activities include fights, assaults, and/or batteries on the bus, bus stop, or a bus loading zone; placing body parts outside bus windows or doors; hanging items outside bus windows/doors; failure to remain seated while the bus is in motion; moving around the bus while the bus is in motion; and throwing or projecting any item within or out of the bus. If the student projects an item that makes contact with another person, property, or vehicle, the student will face increased discipline consequences. Additionally, students shall be prohibited from using mirrors, lasers, flash cameras, or any other lights or reflective devises in a manner that might interfere with the school bus driver's operation of the school bus. APPLICATION: <i>In addition to any discipline assigned, violation of this rule may result in a bus behavior contract or a period of suspension from bus riding.</i> <i>Any violation of this rule while a bus is in motion will result in Tier 3 consequences.</i>	5C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	5C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	5C.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	5. BUS RELATED INFRACTIONS	5.1	5.2	5.3
5D. BUS UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OR EXIT MODERATE	Students may not ride a bus or disembark a bus at a bus stop other than that assigned for their residence APPLICATION: <i>In addition to any discipline assigned, violation of this rule may result in a bus behavior contract or a period of suspension from bus riding.</i>	5D.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	5D.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	5D.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	6. DISHONESTY INFRACTIONS	6.1	6.2	6.3
6A. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY MINOR	Receiving or providing unauthorized assistance (to include plagiarizing, copying, use of artificial intelligence, or fabricating data) on classroom projects, assignments, exams, or state or national examinations.	6A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	6A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	6A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
6B. TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE (NEW) SERIOUS	No student shall destroy, alter, conceal, or disguise any physical evidence that the student knows or should have known is evidence of a rule violation or potential rule violation of this Code of Conduct.	6B.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	6B.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	6B.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
6C. FALSE CALL TO EMERGENCY SERVICES OR CAUSE A FALSE FIRE ALARM SERIOUS	No student shall knowingly make or cause a false call to emergency services or take any action to cause a false alarm. Emergency services may include Fire & Rescue, 911, Police.	6C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	6C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	6C.3 S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	6. DISHONESTY INFRACTIONS	6.1	6.2	6.3
6D. FALSE REPORT MODERATE	No student shall knowingly make false reports, falsify records, forge signatures, falsify statements whether orally or in writing; or falsely accuse another individual of wrong actions, a criminal act, any violation of this Code of Conduct, or inappropriate conduct.	6D.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	6D.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	6D.3 S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	7. DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INFRACTIONS	7.1	7.2	7.3
7A. HORSEPLAY MINOR	No student shall engage in horseplay, rough play or boisterous activities.	7A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	7A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	7A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
7B. GAMBLING MINOR	No student shall gamble or solicit others to gamble or participate in any type of gambling activity that involves the wagering or betting of services, money, or other items. Gambling includes betting on any game or event, shooting dice, matching, card games, or any other games for money and/or things of value.	7B.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	7B.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	
7C. INSUBORDINATION MINOR	Refusal to follow school staff member instructions, including failure of a student to properly identify themselves when asked by a school employee. APPLICATION: <i>Discipline Level 2 appropriate for two or more infractions of this code within a two-week period (consecutively).</i>	7C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	7C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	

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	7. DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INFRACTIONS	7.1	7.2	7.3
7D. PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION MINOR	No student shall be engaged in amorous kissing, touching, other inappropriate displays of affection.	7D.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference		
7E. REPEATED OFFENSES MODERATE	Repeated discipline offenses disrupt the learning environment. Students shall not exhibit behavior resulting in assignment of disciplinary interventions on a recurrent basis. The underlying rule violations leading to a violation of this rule must have resulted in discipline interventions. Offenses resulting in assignment of long-term suspension or expulsion from school are not eligible for consideration as a repeat offense. The repeated rule violations do not need to be the same or similar in nature. PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE GUIDANCE: 3-6 Level 1 Offenses in one semester = Level 1 7 Level 1 Offenses in one Semester = Level 2 Offense 5 Level 2 Offenses in one Semester = Level 3	7E.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	7E.2 S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	7E.3 S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
7F. TERRORISTIC THREAT/S SERIOUS	No student shall threaten to commit any crime of violence, to release any hazardous substance, or to burn or damage property with the purpose of terrorizing another or of causing the evacuation of a building, or otherwise causing disruption or in disregard of the risk of causing such disruption.		7F.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	7F.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
7G. SELLING / DISTRIBUTING UNAUTHORIZED ITEM(S) MODERATE	No student shall buy, receive, sell, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute any item that does, or has the potential to, disrupt the classroom environment or orderly operation of the school. Once detected, an unauthorized item will be confiscated and returned only to the parent/guardian. APS assumes no liability for any lost or damaged unauthorized item. There is no requirement that there be an exchange of money, goods, or services to find a violation of this rule.		7G.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	7G.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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		7.1	7.2	7.3
7H. CLASS / SCHOOL DISRUPTION SERIOUS	No student shall, in any manner, by the use of violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, or any other conduct, intentionally cause the disruption of any lawful mission, process or function of the school, or engage in any such conduct for the purpose of causing the disruption or obstruction of any such lawful mission, process or function.	7H.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	7H.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	7H.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
7I. UNAUTHORIZED ITEM MINOR	Students may not bring to school or be in possession of any item that does, or has the potential to, disrupt the classroom environment or orderly operation of the school. APPLICATION: <i>This code does not apply to items described in codes 12, 12.b and 12.c.</i>	7I.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	7I.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	7I.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
7J. UNAUTHORIZED SCHOOL WALKOUT MODERATE	Prior to the organization of or participation in any "walk out", protest, or other similar group leaving of school grounds, classes, or school activities during the regularly scheduled school day, students must provide advanced notification (at least 3 school days) to the building and/or District administration so that the District can put appropriate measures in place to ensure safety of participants. Students must contact the building principal or Associate Superintendent's office to schedule a protest, walk out or similar. School officials have the authority to provide time, place, and manner of protest. Students who do not comply will receive Level 2 consequence. This applies to both Elementary and Secondary.	7J.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	7J.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	

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	8. GANG RELATED INFRACTIONS	8.1	8.2	8.3
8A. GANG, DISPLAYING GANG AFFILIATION MODERATE	A student shall not hold himself or herself out as a member of a gang, which may include verbal identification of gang affiliation, displaying gang identified tattoos or other gang related paraphernalia, or participating in creating or displaying gang-related graffiti. APPLICATION: A "gang" is defined as any group of three or more people with a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, tattoos, graffiti, attire, or other distinguishing characteristics which engage in criminal gang activity.	8A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	8A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	8A.3 S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
8B. GANG: ENGAGING IN GANG ACTIVITY SERIOUS	A student shall not commit, attempt to commit, solicit, encourage or advise others to commit or attempt to commit any violation of this Code of Conduct in furtherance of a gang or gang activity. APPLICATION: A "gang" is defined as any group of three or more people with a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, tattoos, graffiti, attire, or other distinguishing characteristics which engage in criminal gang activity.	8B.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	8B.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	8B.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
8C. GANG: RECRUITING / SOLICITING SERIOUS	No student shall recruit others for or solicit membership for themselves or others in any gang or gang-related organization. APPLICATION: A "gang" is defined as any group of three or more people with a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, tattoos, graffiti, attire, or other distinguishing characteristics which engage in criminal gang activity.	8C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	8C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	8C.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	9. ACTS AGAINST OTHERS INFRACTIONS	9.1	9.2	9.3
9A. ASSAULT SERIOUS	Attempting to cause physical injury, threaten bodily harm, or commit an act which places a person in reasonable apprehension of immediately receiving physical injury.	9A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	9A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	9A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	9. ACTS AGAINST OTHERS INFRACTIONS	9.1	9.2	9.3
9B. ASSAULT OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEE SERIOUS	No student shall attempt to cause physical injury, threaten bodily harm, or commit an act which places a school employee in reasonable apprehension of receiving physical injury. MANDATORY DISCIPLINE HEARING. APPLICATION: <i>Mandatory Discipline Hearing unless the hearing is waived by the victim/employee and the victim/employee signs the waiver form.</i>		9B.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	9E.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
9C. BATTERY SERIOUS	Intentionally make physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with another, unless such physical contact was in self-defense as provided by O.C.G.A. § 16-3-21. If the Battery results in physical injury to the victim, the student may face increased discipline consequences.		9C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	9F.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
9D. BATTERY OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES SERIOUS	Intentionally make physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with a school employee, unless such physical contact was in self-defense as provided by O.C.G.A. § 16-3-21. MANDATORY DISCIPLINE HEARING. APPLICATION: <i>Battery of School Employee requires a mandatory discipline hearing unless such hearing is waived by the victim Employee</i>			9D.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
9E. BATTERY OF AN EMPLOYEE CAUSING PHYSICAL HARM SERIOUS	Students shall not intentionally make physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with a school employee, which results in physical harm to that school employee unless such physical contact or physical harm was in self-defense as provided by § O.C.G.A. 16-3-21. Physical harm may include significant injuries such as swelling, bleeding, concussions, broken bones, sprains, etc. or where medical attention was sought for a significant injury. Where physical harm is not present, students may be charged and disciplined in accordance with Rule 9D. Where a student is charged with 9E and the injury/harm is not proven at a discipline hearing, the Hearing Officer may find the student in violation of Rule 9D provided all necessary elements of Rule 9D are proven. MANDATORY DISCIPLINE REFERRAL. APPLICATION: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISCIPLINE: • 1-10 days OSS, with a hearing referral for long-term suspension and/or expulsion. • If expelled, upon recommendation of the hearing officer, an elementary school student may be readmitted to a traditional school for grades 9-12. If there is not an alternative education program for students in elementary school, then the student may be permitted to reenroll in the elementary school as permitted by the hearing officer. (O.C.G.A. § 20-2- 751.6). MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLINE: • 10 days OSS with a hearing referral and a minimum recommendation for Permanent Expulsion • The hearing officer may allow an expelled student to attend the alternative education program under strict academic, attendance and behavior requirements <i>Upon recommendation of the hearing officer, a middle school student may be readmitted to a traditional school for grades 9-12. (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-751.6).</i>			9E.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	9. ACTS AGAINST OTHERS INFRACTIONS	9.1	9.2	9.3
9F. CONSENSUAL BODILY HARM, HAZING, INITIATION, BODILY MODIFICATIONS SERIOUS	Participation in consensual physical hazing, initiation activities, or bodily modifications (e.g. tattooing, branding, piercing, ingestion of drugs/alcohol/chemicals). For instances where a student did not or could not provide consent, other rule violations will be used as applicable.	9F.1 E 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	9F.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	9F.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
9G. FIGHTING MODERATE	Mutually participate in or initiating a physical altercation (Fight) unless such physical contacts or physical harms were in self- defense as provided by O.C.G.A. § 16-3- 21. APPLICATION: <i>Physical contact which causes injury will result in a Level 3 disciplinary response being imposed.</i>	9G.1 E 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	9G.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	9G.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
9H. FIGHTING: GROUP SERIOUS	Three or more individuals mutually engaging in, participating in, or initiating a physical altercation (Fight) unless such physical contacts or physical harms were in self- defense as provided by O.C.G.A. § 16-3- 21. APPLICATION: <i>Physical contact which causes injury will result in a Level 3 disciplinary response being imposed.</i>		9H.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	9H.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	10. OFF-CAMPUS INFRACTIONS	10.1	10.2	10.3
10A. OFF CAMPUS OFFENSE SERIOUS	Any off-campus conduct which could result in the student being criminally charged with a FELONY (if committed by an adult), or felonious conduct for which a student has been arrested, criminally charged/ indicted, adjudicated to have committed, or convicted; AND conduct which makes the student's continued presence at school a potential danger to persons or property at the school or which disrupts the educational process. APPLICATION: <i>Contact the Discipline Office, Safety and Security and the Associate Superintendent. Students may only be withdrawn after receiving approval from the Coordinator of Student Discipline.</i>			10A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	11. PROPERTY RELATED INFRACTIONS	11.1	11.2	11.3
11A. ARSON SERIOUS	No student shall intentionally damage or attempt to damage any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device.		11A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	11A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
11B. BURGLARY SERIOUS	Unlawful or unauthorized forceful entry into a school building or vehicle (with or without intent to commit theft or a felony therein).		11B.2 E 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	11B.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
11C. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SERIOUS	Attempt to, threaten to, or damage, destroy, vandalize, or steal property or school property whether through physical means or while using technology resources on or off school grounds (The local school police officer must be notified of such incidents.) For purposes of this rule, electronic files, data, and/or technology materials are considered property APPLICATION: <i>Level 3 Discipline and placement up to one year in an alternative setting may be appropriate where severe injury is caused.</i>	11C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	11C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	11C.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
11D. RECEIPT OF STOLEN PROPERTY NEW MODERATE SERIOUS	No student shall receive, dispose of, or retain/maintain property which the student knows or should have known was stolen. For purposes of this rule, electronic files, data, and/or technology materials are considered property.	11D.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	11D.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	11D.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	11. PROPERTY RELATED INFRACTIONS	11.1	11.2	11.3
11E. ROBBERY SERIOUS	No student shall take or attempt to take the property of another by use of force, weapon, or any device having the appearance of a weapon. Use of force may result in additional charges of Battery or Assault. If the student uses, attempts to use, or possess a weapon/look-alike weapon or dangerous instrument in the commission of a Robbery, increased discipline consequences may apply.		11E.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	11E.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
11F. THEFT SERIOUS	No student shall steal or attempt to steal property belonging to another person or entity.	11F.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	11F.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	11F.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	12. SCHOOL DRESS CODE INFRACTIONS	12.1	12.2	12.3
12A. SCHOOL DRESS CODE MINOR	All school dress codes must be in compliance with Policy JCDB. Unless a school uniform has been designated or otherwise specified, a student is expected to adhere to the following minimum school dress code requirements: 1. Clothing, hairstyles, and jewelry must not cause a disruption or constitute a health or safety hazard. 2. Clothing, must be of appropriate length and fit. Extremely tight clothing, sagging shorts or trousers, or baggy, oversized clothing is not permitted. 3. Clothing and/or jewelry must not contain words or symbols that are gang-related, offensive, insulting, embarrassing, sexually suggestive, obscene, or promote illegal behavior. 4. Clothing and/or jewelry must not contain any advertisement or display of words or symbols associated with alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco. 5. Caps, hats, head wraps, bandanas, hoods, or other head coverings must not be worn in the school building during the school day unless there is a special activity where they are deemed appropriate by the school principal. 6. Appropriate shoes, those that fit and allow for safe movement throughout the school, must be worn at all times at school and school sponsored activities. 7. In accordance with the recommendations of public health officials, the wearing of personal protective equipment (i.e., face coverings, masks, etc.) by students may be required as part of the student dress code	12A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference		

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	13. SEXUAL OFFENSES	13.1	13.2	13.3
13A. INDECENT EXPOSURE (SELF-OTHERS) MODERATE	No student shall expose their intimate body parts in public or expose the undergarments/ intimate body parts of others. Intimate body parts include the primary genital area, anus, groin, inner thighs, or buttocks of a male or female and the breasts of a female. Behaviors that implicate Title IX regulations (as implemented) will be managed as discussed in www.atlantapublicschools.us/titleix APPLICATION: Level 3 Discipline must be applied for Exposure of Others.		13A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	13A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
13B. SEXUAL ACTIVITY SERIOUS	No student shall consent to and participate in any form of sexual activity with another student. Behaviors that implicate Title IX regulations (as implemented) will be managed as discussed in www.atlantapublicschools.us/titleix		13B.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	13B.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
13C. SEXUAL BATTERY SERIOUS	Oral, anal, or vaginal penetration against the person's will or where the victim did not or is incapable of giving consent; touching of private body parts of another person either through human contact or using an object forcibly or against the person's will or where the victim did not or is incapable of giving consent. Behaviors that implicate Title IX regulations (as implemented) will be managed as discussed in www.atlantapublicschools.us/titleix APPLICATION: Contact the Discipline Office, Safety and Security and the Associate Superintendent. Level 3 Discipline and Hearing Referral must be sought for more than two offenses involving inappropriate touching within one school year. Unless the incident is being handled pursuant to the Title IX Grievance Process, Level 3 Discipline and Hearing Referral mandatory at the first offense involving penetration and in some additional circumstances.		13C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	13C.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
13D. SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT SERIOUS	Unwelcome sexual advances, lewd gestures or verbal conduct, or communications of a sexual nature; requests for sexual favors; gender-based harassment that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment. Behaviors that implicate Title IX regulations (as implemented) will be managed as discussed in http://www.atlantapublicschools.us www.atlantapublicschools.us/titleix APPLICATION: Contact the Discipline Office, Safety and Security and the Associate Superintendent. Level 3 Discipline and Hearing Referral must be sought for multiple offenses within one semester. Level 3 Discipline may be applicable at the first offense in some circumstances. Examples of Sexual Harassment may include, but are not limited to, the following: Verbal harassment or abuse; Pressure for sexual activity; Unwelcome or inappropriate sexually-motivated or intentional touching of intimate body parts; Offensive or unwelcome sexual advances or propositions; Graphic or degrading verbal comments about an individual or their physical attributes; Conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service on participation in unwelcome sexual conduct. Display of sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cards, or letters; Lewd or suggestive comments or gestures; Off-color language or jokes of a sexual nature; Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's employment or educational status; Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's employment or student's educational status; Sexual violence, a physical act of aggression that includes a sexual act or purpose		13D.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	13D.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	13. SEXUAL OFFENSE	13.1	13.2	13.3
13E. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT / INVASION OF PRIVACY MODERATE SERIOUS	No student shall commit any act of verbal, written, gesture-oriented, physical sexual misconduct, or invasion of privacy. Invasion of privacy may include the following: Intentionally entering an occupied restroom stall, peeking into a stall or urinal, peeking into showers or changing area, or any other behavior which attempts to invade the privacy of others, whether for sexual gratification or as a joke/prank. Behaviors that implicate Title IX regulations (as implemented) will be managed as discussed in www.atlantapublicschools.us/titleix APPLICATION: <i>Contact the Discipline Office, Safety and Security and the Associate Superintendent. Unless the incident is being handled pursuant to the Title IX Grievance Process, Level 3 Discipline and Hearing Referral must be sought for multiple offenses within one semester. Level 3 Discipline may be applicable at the first offense in some circumstances.</i>	12E.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	13E.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	13E.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
13F. SEXUAL MOLESTATION SERIOUS	Sexual molestation is defined as a student doing any immoral or indecent act to or in the presence of another person, without that person's consent, with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the student or the other person. This includes a student forcing another person to make physical contact with the student's intimate body parts, as defined in this Section. No student shall commit any act of sexual molestation or the attempts thereof on school property, school buses, or at school-sponsored events. Behaviors that implicate Title IX regulations (as implemented) will be managed as discussed in www.atlantapublicschools.us/titleix APPLICATION: <i>Contact the Discipline Office, Safety and Security and the Associate Superintendent.</i>			13F.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	14. TECHNOLOGY INFRACTIONS	14.1	14.2	14.3
14A. AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDING MINOR	Students shall not use audio or visual recording devices without the permission of a school administrator. This includes using recording devices to video, photograph, or record misbehaviors or to violate the privacy of others. Any violation will result in the device being confiscated and will also result in the student's loss of the privilege of possessing a mobile telephone or PED on school property for one calendar year. The device will only be released to the parent or guardian, who must come to the school in person for retrieval. APPLICATION: <i>Behaviors that implicate Title IX (as implemented) will be handled pursuant to the District's Title IX Grievance policy.</i>	14A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	14A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	14A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
14B. PIRACY MODERATE	Students will not download, access, possess, or copy computer programs, software or other technology provided by APS for personal use. Downloading, accessing, possessing, and/or copying unauthorized files is strictly prohibited.	14B.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	14B.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	14B.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

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	14. TECHNOLOGY INFRACTIONS	14.1	14.2	14.3
14C. TECHNOLOGY/ COMPUTER MISUSE SERIOUS	Students shall not purposely look for security problems (using tools including, but not limited to network sniffers, proxies, scripts, password guesser/detection) to attempt to disrupt school technology resources, engage in any activity that monopolizes or compromises school technology resources or gain or attempt to gain unauthorized access to the District's computer data, network, or systems for any purpose including phishing, hacking, and/or spamming activities. Using unauthorized web browsers (not installed on the device by APS) and/or using a Virtual Private Network is also prohibited. Behaviors that violate this rule include tampering with or damaging the District system; sharing, modifying, or altering District log-in information; accessing, copying, or modifying another user's files without authorization. ***Multiple and/or prior infractions could lead to increased consequences ***Behaviors that implicate Title IX regulations (as implemented) will be handled pursuant to the District's Title IX policy.	14C.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	14C.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	14C.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	15. CATEGORY I WEAPONS	15.1	15.2	15.3
15A. CATEGORY I WEAPONS SERIOUS	A student shall not possess, handle, transmit, or cause to be transmitted; use or threaten to use; sell, attempt to sell, or conspire to sell any loaded or unloaded FIREARM or a dangerous weapon, either concealed or open to view, on school property. A FIREARM includes a (LOADED or UNLOADED) handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge. A dangerous weapon includes any weapon commonly known as a "rocket launcher," "bazooka," or "recoilless rifle" which fires explosive or nonexplosive rockets designed to injure or kill personnel or destroy heavy armor, or similar weapon used for such purpose. The term shall also mean a weapon commonly known as a "mortar" which fires high explosives from a metallic cylinder, and which is commonly used by the armed forces as an antipersonnel weapon or similar weapon used for such purpose. The term shall also mean a weapon commonly known as a "hand grenade" or other similar weapon which is designed to explode and injure personnel or similar weapon used for such purpose. APPLICATION: <i>Mandatory Report to Law Enforcement, Area Superintendent, and Mandatory Report to the Office of Student Discipline.</i> <i>The minimum discipline for any student possessing an unloaded firearm or dangerous weapon on school property or where the District otherwise has jurisdiction to discipline is ten (10) days</i>			15A.3 E/S 15A.3 Handgun (Unloaded) 15A.3.B Handgun (Loaded) 15A.3.2 Rifle/Shotgun (Unloaded) 15A.3.2.B Rifle/Shotgun (Loaded) 15A.3.3 Other Firearm (Unloaded) 15A.3.3.B Other Firearm (Loaded) 10 Days OSS with mandatory referral to a student discipline hearing with mandatory recommendation of expulsion for not less than one calendar year Loaded weapons will result in permanent expulsion.

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	16. CATEGORY II WEAPONS	15.1	15.2	15.3
16A CATEGORY II WEAPONS SERIOUS	A student shall not possess, handle, transmit, or cause to be transmitted; use or threaten to use; sell, attempt to sell, or conspire to sell a pellet gun, paint pellet gun, or BB gun, antique firearm, pepper spray, non-lethal air gun, stun gun, taser, or any similar weapon that does not meet the definition of a Category I weapon; any Bowie, Dirk, machete, switchblade knife, ballistics knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches; any razor blade (e.g., straight, regular, retractable, etc.); box cutter; any bludgeon (e.g. billy club, PR-24, nightstick, spring stick, blackjack, club); any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; "look-alike" bomb; any "martial arts" device or flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely (e.g., nunchakus, nunchuck, nun chahka, shuriken, or fighting chain, etc.); any disc of whatever configuration with at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled (e.g., Chinese star, oriental dart, throwing star, etc.); miscellaneous devices such as swords, sword/knife canes, ice picks, chains, bow and arrows, knuckles made of metal, thermoplastic, wood or other similar material, objects placed on fingers, in hands, or on fists or knuckles to provide a "loaded fist," etc., or any tool or instrument which the school administration could reasonably conclude as being used as a weapon or intended by the student to be used as a weapon. In addition to the above, Category II weapons include any item defined as a weapon or hazardous object as defined by O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1 and 20-2-751, except for firearms and dangerous weapons (See Category I). APPLICATION: <i>Mandatory Report to law enforcement, Area Superintendent, and mandatory Report to Office of Student Discipline. Intent should be considered when determining the level of discipline</i>		16A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	16 A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.
	17. CATEGORY III WEAPONS	15.1	15.2	15.3
17A. CATEGORY III WEAPONS SERIOUS	A student shall not possess, handle, transmit, or cause to be transmitted; use or threaten to use; sell, attempt to sell, or conspire to sell any KNIFE having a blade of less than two inches, any "look- alike" firearm, toy guns, or plastic disposable razor or slingshot. Additional Dangerous Instruments prohibited under this rule include ammunition, BBs, paint pellets, fireworks (other than "snap its", "poppers", or "pop-its" which may be addressed as a disruptive behavior), matches, lighters, stink bombs, smoke bombs, pepper spray, mace or similar instruments /items. These instruments/items are disruptive to the function of the school and may pose a safety risk. APPLICATION: <i>Mandatory Report to law enforcement. Elevated discipline if dangerous instrument/ incendiary device is discharged.</i>	17A.1 E/S 1-3 Days Detention Written Warning T/S/A/P Conference Counselor Referral Restorative Conference	17A.2 E/S 1-5 Days ISS OR 1-3 Days OSS Removal of Privileges Restorative Conference Check-in/Check-out Behavior Contract	17A.3 E/S 4-10 Days OSS Possible referral to a student disciplinary hearing where the student may face long-term suspension or expulsion.

