

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

May 12, 2026

### **SUBJECT:**

Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct – Second Reading

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Code of Student Conduct is reviewed and updated annually. As part of this process, a Discipline Steering Committee consisting of community members, parents, educational leaders, teachers, board members, and administrators from all three grade levels reviews the Code of Student Conduct. It considers recommended additions, deletions, and revisions from school administrators.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The attached drafts of the Code of Conduct reflect the changes suggested by the Discipline Steering Committee to the School Board, submitted for a second reading on May 12, 2026.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve on second reading the proposed Code of Student Conduct for each level as presented by the administration.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Copies of all levels of the proposed Code of Student Conduct for 2026-2027

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# AIKEN COUNTY

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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CODE OF CONDUCT

**May 12, 2026**

**2nd Reading**

# Code of Conduct Elementary

## Revision

**Add Threat - Code 027 to both Level II and Level III Infractions**

### **Level II Consequences**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense      ISS (1-3)/OSS (1-5)

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense      OSS (1-10)

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense      OSS (1-10)/LE/RE

### **Level III Consequences**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense      OSS (1-10)/LE/RE

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense      LE/RE

# All Levels Revisions

## Added the following Codes and Definitions:

### **Stealing - Code 285:**

To take the property of another without right or permission with the intent not to return the property.

### **Harassment - Code 012:**

Harassment refers to intimidation or abusive behavior towards a student in the form of verbal acts, non-verbal behavior, graphic, written statements, or conduct that is physically threatening, harmful, or humiliating.

### **Use Intervention Program:**

A free resource in partnership with The Aiken Center. Students and parents learn about the dangers of vaping, drug use, and the use of mind-altering substances. May be used as an intervention for first-time offenders.

# All Levels Revisions

## Added the following Codes and Definitions:

### **Bullying - Code 652: (Revised to match State Statute SC 59-63-120)**

(1) “Harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means a gesture, an electronic communication, or written, verbal, physical, or sexual act that is reasonably perceived to have the effect of:

(a) Harming a student physically or emotionally or damaging a student’s property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of personal harm or property damage; or

(b) Insulting or demeaning a student or group of students causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.

(2) “School” means in a classroom, on school premises, on a school bus or other school-related vehicle, at an official school bus stop, at a school-sponsored activity or event whether or not it is held on school premises, or at another program or function where the school is responsible for the child.

# All Levels Revisions

**Additional items added to all levels:**

**Mind-altering Substances:**

The addition of CBD Oils was added to the definition of Intoxicating Substances.

**Unauthorized use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):**

The unauthorized use of AI was added to the definition of cheating.

**Added AI Eyeglasses:**

This was an additional item added to the list of electronic devices.

# All Levels Revisions

**Additional item added to all levels:**

**Headbands:**

Returned to inappropriate attire.

# All Levels Revisions

**Additional items removed from all levels:**

**Contact Parent (CP):**

Removed from the abbreviations table.

**Level I Infraction - Disrespect:**

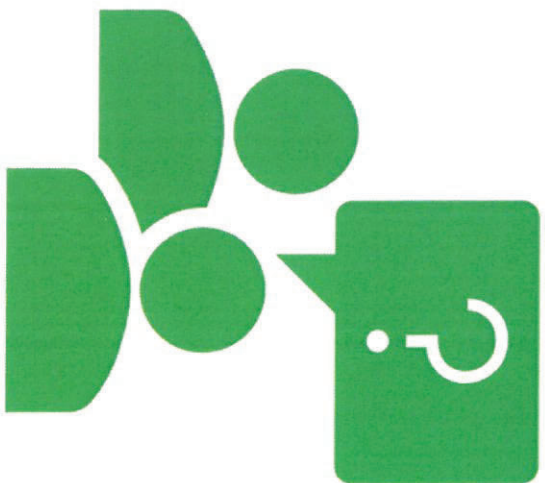
Removed from all levels.

**Options:**

**Inappropriate Language - Code 016**

**Inappropriate Behavior - Code 017**

**Refusal to Obey/Defiant - Code 270**



# Questions and Comments