
Preface

The development, implementation, and enforcement of the student conduct policy is intended to ensure a safe, non-disruptive environment for effective teaching and learning in the Appomattox County Public Schools. The purpose of this publication is to provide students, parents, guardians, school personnel, and the public with a concise and comprehensive description of the minimum expectations and responsibilities of all students enrolled in the public schools of Appomattox County. It defines appropriate student conduct and states courses of action which will be utilized in working with behavior problems during school hours or at any school sponsored activity. Emphasis is placed upon the right of all responsible students to accept the challenge to learn.

In order to ensure that all students attending Appomattox County Schools receive the full benefits of their education, the role of the home and parents is strongly emphasized. Cooperation between the home and school will reduce misunderstandings and indifference which can undermine the educational process.

This Code of Student Conduct specifically outlines major categories of behavior and states subsequent consequences which may occur as a result of misconduct. It is stressed that the descriptions include minimum expectations. In enforcing this Code, students and their property may be searched if there is a reasonable suspicion that there is a violation of a law or school rule.

This Code of Student Conduct and Acceptable Computer System Use Policy is based on laws, policies and regulations of the federal and state as well as local school board policies. Parents and students who would like more detailed information should refer to the Appomattox County Public School Policy Manual. Copies of the manual are kept in the office and library of each school, and the Appomattox County School Board Office. All policies are subject to change without notice based on the enactment of laws by the General Assembly and adoption of policy by the Appomattox County School Board. Policy manual is available on school web site at <http://www.appomattox.schoolfusion.us/>.

Section 22.1-279.3 sets forth parental responsibility and involvement requirements “in order that education may be conducted in an atmosphere free of disruption and threat to persons or property, and supportive of individual rights.”

For the purpose of the Code of Student Conduct:

The student’s school year is defined as July 1 through June 30.

The student’s school day is defined as 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. However, the school may take disciplinary action for incidents that occur at other times/locations, including but not limited to the following:

- School bus stop
- School bus/vehicle transportation
- Extra-curricular activities
- Walking to or from school
- School-supervised activity
- School-related function
- Any act on school grounds before or after the school day
- And for any acts that occur on or off school property and/or outside of the regular school hours that are likely to lead to or cause material disruption in school.