

Middle School

**Student Code of
Conduct/Handbook**



**Academic Year
2019-2020**

Dear OGCS Family,

Welcome to Orange Grove Charter School. Our school continues to be an outstanding model of cooperation between faculty, parents, students, and the community.

The OGCS code of conduct is presented to you so that you may become familiar with school rules and regulations. It is by no means intended to be an all encompassing document and should not be used as such. Inevitably, there will be times and conditions that warrant closer examination by the administration before a decision can be made and/or consequences given. When necessary, the OGCS administration may withhold privileges from students who have displayed inappropriate conduct in lieu of or in addition to posted consequences. As evident in the pages to follow, it is our goal to maintain a safe and nurturing environment where students have been given every opportunity to learn and be successful.

We expect you to review the OGCS Code of Conduct with your child to maximize their opportunity for a successful year. After you have read the Code of Conduct, please sign and return the last page of this document to your child's 1st period teacher. Our expectations for academic excellence and positive behavior are high and we look forward to another great year.

Best Wishes for a Successful School Year,

John H. Clendaniel, Steve Schonveld, Laney White

Absences

If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to check Google Classroom in each core class to find the work they have missed. Students have the number of days they were absent plus 1 extra day to complete and turn in work. For example, if the student missed two days of school, he/she has two days plus one to turn in missing work, in addition to any current work when they return. This includes early dismissal. For further example, if a student is absent on Monday, the work they missed would be due on Wednesday (1 day for absence plus one extra day). If a student is absent on Thursday and Friday, the work they missed is due on Thursday of the following week (2 days for their absences plus one extra day).

Academic Honesty

Any student caught cheating will have their assignment taken, they will be required to re-take an assignment, and they will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ credit for each correct answer. Cheating is defined as plagiarizing, misrepresenting their work, or using unauthorized resources.

Agendas

Agendas should be left open and on student's desks in every class. They should write the homework for each class in the appropriate box daily. Please check for behavior and notes from teachers. The behavior calendar needs to be signed weekly until instructed otherwise by homeroom teacher.

Arrival/Dismissal

Students may not enter the school before 7:45 AM. First bell rings at 7:55 AM. Late bell rings at 8:00 AM. Dismissal is 3:15 PM.

Morning care is available beginning at 7:00 AM. Use the back entrance to the cafeteria behind the school for morning care.

Extended day is available from 3:15 – 6:00 PM. Pick up your child(ren) from extended day using the entrance to the cafeteria behind the school.

Contact Allison Steffens for information about morning/extended day at the middle school:
Allison_Steffens@orangegrovecharter.com

Elementary students are not permitted in the middle school extended day program.

Athletic Eligibility

Student athletes must maintain passing grades (greater than 60) in all subjects to play in games/matches/competitions.

Balloons

Due to allergies, no balloons will be permitted in school.

Bullying

Bullying, harassment, or intimidation, like other disruptive or violent behavior, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe environment. School administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers will demonstrate appropriate behavior by treating others with civility and respect, and will refuse to tolerate bullying, harassment, or intimidation. Persons who incite others to bully or who gather groups with intent to bully shall be held as guilty of the offense as those who perform these acts.

It is prohibited for any student to bully, harass, or intimidate another person by means of any gesture or written, verbal, electronic (cyber bullying), emotional, or physical act that takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function (on or off school property), or on a school bus and that:

- Is motivated by any actual or perceived characteristic such as race, color, religion, ancestry, nationality, origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, OR a mental, physical or sensory disability OR any other distinguishing characteristic

AND

- A reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, that the act(s) will have the effect of harming a student or staff member or damaging the student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to his person or damage to his property

OR

- Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any student, group of students, staff member or group of staff members in such a way as to cause substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.

All school employees are required to report alleged violations of this regulation to the principal or designee. All other members of the school community, including students, parents, volunteers, and visitors are encouraged to report any act that may be a violation of this regulation. Reports by students may be made anonymously, but disciplinary action may not be based solely on the basis of an anonymous report and will conform to the law and OGCS policies regarding due process. OGCS will provide students with a safe means of reporting incidents of bullying, harassment, and intimidation.

The principal and/or designee is responsible for determining whether an alleged act constitutes a violation of this regulation. In doing so, the principal and/or designee shall conduct a prompt, thorough and complete investigation of the alleged incident.

OGCS prohibits reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying, harassment, or intimidation. The consequence and remedial action for a person who engages in reprisal or retaliation shall be determined by the principal or designee after consideration of the nature and circumstances of the act, in accordance with case law, federal and state statutes and regulations, and district policies and procedures. Should reprisal or retaliation take place outside the jurisdiction of OGCS, OGCS will cooperate to the fullest with law enforcement authorities.

Consequences and appropriate remedial actions for a student found to have falsely accused another as a means of bullying, harassment, or intimidation range from behavioral interventions and/or consequences up to suspension or expulsion.

Buses

Buses are an extension of the school. All rules relating to student conduct will be enforced on the buses. Cell phones are not to be out on the buses. Buses are a privilege that can be taken away. Orange Grove owns and operates their own school buses. Please refer to the routes and stops located on our website.

Car loop

Students and parents may not cross the car loop anywhere besides where a crosswalk is. Students may not cross any crosswalk without the presence of a parent. If parents are parking to pick up their child, they must park their car, get out, and walk to their child.

Cell Phones

Students may have cell phones, but they must remain off and in their backpack during school hours (including on the bus). This applies to apple watches and any other device that is connected to a smart device via Bluetooth or is connected to wifi. If the cell phone/device is seen or heard:

1st offense: it will be confiscated and a parent must come get it.

2nd offense: confiscated and parent must come get it, not before one week from when it was confiscated.

3rd offense: confiscated and returned at the end of the school year.

Change of Address

The school office must have a current address and telephone number for each child at all times. We also require the names of 2 neighbors or relatives we may contact if we are unable to reach parents in case of an emergency. Please notify the school of your new address in writing. This can be done by a note through your child's teacher or in person in the school office.

Chromebooks

Please refer to the chromebook agreement (separate document) for rules and regulations regarding use and misuse of student chromebooks. Violations of the chromebook agreement will result in:

- 1st offense – Chromebook stays at school for 1 week
- 2nd offense – Chromebook stays at school for 1 month
- 3rd offense – Chromebook stays at school for remainder of school year

Communication of Student Progress

Students will have at least one grade added in Power School per week.

Consequences

All students will have a quarterly chart in their agenda. This quarterly agenda will be broken down weekly. Students who receive warnings/discipline for behavioral offenses will move through the following consequences (per week):

- Consequences 1-2: Silent Lunch & Recess Detention (2 occurrences). The teacher supervising detention must sign each lunch detention box. If these are not served, it results in another consequence.
- Consequence 3: After-School Detention (one day will be designated for this, supervised by teacher or staff member.)
- Consequence 4: Administrative Referral

Any serious offense i.e. fighting, stealing, etc. will result in an administrative referral.

Please note, 3 tardies to one class per quarter=1 consequence. Tardies will start over at the beginning of each quarter.

Level		
1	Classroom Level Interventions and Consequences	
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT adversely affects a student's educational progress. Level One offenses which relate to problems in the classroom should be dealt with by the teacher. In cases of multiple offenses, Level Two options may be used.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (written or verbal) • Letter of apology • Loss of privileges • Teacher conference with student • Seat change • Mentoring • Complete Student Problem-Solving Worksheet • Written reflection about incident • Other teacher interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance referral for individual and/or small group intervention • Parent contact (phone, letter, conference) • Confiscation • Before or after school detention • Reinforcement of appropriate behaviors • Teacher detention • Temporary removal from class • Behavior contract
2	Appropriate When Conduct Meets Criteria For Disruptive Conduct Or When Level One Interventions/Consequences Have Become Ineffective	
	DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT significantly disturbs the positive learning environment and/or endangers the health or safety of oneself or others. Some instances of Disruptive Conduct may overlap with certain criminal offenses, justifying both administrative and legal sanctions.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/guardian notification required • Any of the interventions and consequences in Level One • Administrator/teacher/parent/student conference • Parent/guardian shared responsibility • Suspension • Administrative detention • In School Suspension • Community service assignment • School/yard/cafeteria detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative probation • Loss of participation privileges • Saturday school • Alternative programs (consistent offenders) • Conditional suspension • Restitution of property and damages • Referral to Law Enforcement • Referral to outside agency
3	Appropriate When Conduct Meets Criteria For Criminal Conduct Or When Level Two Interventions/Consequences Have Become Ineffective	
	CRIMINAL CONDUCT occurs in activities which significantly disrupt the learning environment or pose a direct and serious threat to the safety of oneself or others. These activities require administrative action and may require action by law enforcement.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/guardian notification required • Any interventions and consequences from Levels One and Two • Restricted activity • Extended suspension (with approval from the Principal) • OGECS and/or community-based alternative programs • Recommendation for expulsion 	

Levels of Offenses

*School Crime Incident Report required

Offenses/Infractions		Levels		
Code	"See also" indicates a lesser non-criminal version of the category	1	2	3
680	Alcohol Under the Influence/ Possession/ Distribution/ Consumption/ Possession with Distribution			•
780	Ammunition with harmful intent			*
779	Ammunition without harmful intent		•	
500	Arson			•
510	Aggravated assault			*
260	Bomb threat			•
530	Bribery			•
340	Bus violation		•	
190	Cheating/academic dishonesty	•	•	
	Computer misuse			
700	Criminal			•
700	Malicious modification/ misuse <i>Criminal</i>			•
220	Mischievous modification/ misuse <i>Non-Criminal</i>		•	
220	Unauthorized		•	
700	Conspiracy			•
430	Contact violation		•	
	Cutting			
170	Cutting activity		•	
160	Cutting class		•	
172	Cutting detention		•	
173	Cutting Saturday school		•	
150	Cutting school		•	
761	Destruction of property		•	
625	Dishonesty/ lying	•	•	
420	Disrespect to staff		•	
561	Disruptive conduct as determined by administration		•	
565	Disturbing class	•	•	
560	Disturbing school (<i>see also Disruptive conduct</i>)			•
280	Dress code violation	•	•	
	Drugs			
580	Under the Influence/ Possession/ Consumption			•
570	Distribution/ Possession with Distribution			*
590	Embezzlement			•
780	Explosives – possession or detonation			*
600	Extortion			•
350	False fire alarm			•
	Fireworks			
390	Possession		•	
700	Detonation			•
390	Forbidden device	•	•	
550	Forgery/ counterfeiting (<i>see also Dishonesty/ lying</i>)			•
620	Fraud (<i>see also Dishonesty/ lying</i>)			•
386	Frequent offender		•	
630	Gambling			•

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250	Gang activity			•
410	Hall pass violation	•		
523	Hits/ touched		•	
640	Homicide			*
660	Kidnapping/ abduction			*
360	Identification violation	•		
360	Chronic ID violation		•	
	<i>Intimidation (see also Threats)</i>			
650	Intimidating students			•
650	Intimidating staff			•

Offenses/Infractions		Levels		
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320	Leaving class without permission	•	•	
310	Leaving school without permission		•	
370	Littering	•		
240	Loitering (<i>see also out of area/ off limits</i>)			•
251	Lynching (assault by 2 or more persons)			•
400	Noise (excessive)	•		
700	Other: Offense (Criminal) • Other acts of criminal conduct as set forth in State and Federal Law			•
701	Other: Offense (Non-Criminal) • Other acts of non-criminal conduct , not otherwise set forth by CCSD policy • Any offense (including offenses off campus) deemed serious enough by the principal that the student's presence in the school would not be in the best interest of other students		•	
290	Obscene gesture	•	•	
200	Out of area/ off limits	•	•	
300	Parking violation		N/A	
710	Pornography			•
581	Possession of an unauthorized substance		•	
380	Probation violation		•	
	Profanity/ abusive language			
210	Toward students	•	•	
210	Toward staff		•	
720	Prostitution			•
524	Provoking a fight		•	
270	Refusal to obey	•	•	
695	Sexual harassment			•
	Sexual offenses			
610	Sexual offense (forcible)			*
690	Sexual offense (non-forcible)			•
	Simple assault			
520	On student (<i>see also Hits/ touched</i>)			•
520	On staff			•
	Stealing			
540	Burglary			•
670	Larceny/ theft			•
671	Petty stealing		•	
730	Robbery			*
770	Vehicle theft			•
740	Stolen property - possession			•

	Tardiness			
180	School or class	•		
180	Chronic		•	
330	Telephone/ cell phone violation	•	•	
522	Threatening/ Bullying/ Harassing Students		•	
230	Tobacco violation		•	
750	Trespassing			•
760	Vandalism (<i>see also Destruction of Property</i>)			•
566	Verbal altercation		•	
	Weapons (including imitation weapons)			
780	Weapons Type 0 – Other			*
781	Weapons Type 1 – Hand guns			*
782	Weapons Type 2 – Rifles/shotguns			*
783	Weapons Type 3 – Other firearms			*
784	Weapons in Car			•
785	Weapons – Fake/ Imitation			•

Dress Code

All students are required to follow Orange Grove’s dress code policy:

- Colors for appropriate tops are red, white, light blue, navy, and black.
- Colors for appropriate bottoms are khaki, navy, and black (including leggings).
- Leggings may be worn under dresses, skirts, shorts, or skorts. They must be solid color red, black, navy, white, or grey.
- The dress code consists of pants, skirts, skorts, jumpers, or shorts.
- Leggings/yoga pants may only be worn with shorts/skirts over them.
- Collared shirts that are red, white, light blue, navy, or black (plain or with OG logo only) are allowed.
- Pants must be slacks – no sweatpants will be permitted.
- Girls may wear blouses without collars.
- Any shirt provided by Orange Grove may be worn as a uniform.
- No spaghetti straps at any time.
- Length of shorts, skirts, etc. must be no shorter than six inches above the knee. Shorts and skirts must be this length or longer even with leggings underneath.
- Tops, with the exception of OG hoodies, are to be tucked in.
- West Ashley High School shirts and hoodies are permitted.
- Clothing must fit appropriately. Pants and shorts will be worn at the waist. Clothing must not be too loose or too tight as deemed by administration.
- Health laws require students to wear shoes at all times. To prevent accidents, students should avoid wearing shoes that slide off easily. Open-toed are acceptable but not recommended. All shoes must have a back or ankle strap. Flip flops, backless sandals (i.e.- Jack Rogers), bedroom shoes including slipper boots, and shoes with wheels are not permitted. Shoes with laces must be tied at all times. Athletic shoes are the most appropriate footwear for safety and comfort on campus.
- Orange Grove athletes will be in professional attire as described by coaches and administration on game days. Sleeveless, see-through, or mesh tops (basketball tank

tops, football jerseys, cheerleading tops) must be worn with an appropriate shirt underneath.

- ¼ zip pullovers are permitted in school colors.
- Anything full-zip is considered a jacket and is not to be worn in the school.

Out of dress code notices should be given by the teacher for the first and second offenses. Third offense should be sent to the office. There are two exceptions to the uniform policy:

- **Style Day:** Style Day is sponsored by a grade level or department and is usually held the first three Fridays' of each month. Students pay \$1 and can show their style provided they are dressed in a manner appropriate for school (pants worn correctly, nothing revealing or obscene).
- **Field Trips:** Students may be out of dress code only if teachers and office have approved a dress change for the trip.

The administration has the discretion to determine proper or improper dress. Students who are found to be in violation of the dress code are subject to disciplinary action.

Extra-Curricular Activities

If a student is absent from school, he/she may not participate in any extra-curricular activity (including athletic game and/or practice) or field trip that day, during or after school.

Field Trips

Field trips are a privilege. Students who do not earn the ability to go on field trips (including camps), will stay at school.

Gum

No gum in school.

Homework

Homework will be posted no later than 4:00 pm.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted for up to 1 day of school once a 0 is added to the gradebook. 10% will be taken off of the final grade. For example, if a student turns in an assignment 1 day late and earned a 90% for the work, 10% would be taken off that for a final grade of 80%. Anything after 1 day late will not be accepted and will be a zero in the gradebook.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located in the special area hallway. All items are taken to Goowill before winter break and before summer break.

Medication

School personnel will administer medications only pursuant to district policy and regulation.

No student shall carry medicine in school except for students given permission to do so to guard against a life threatening condition. Permission will be granted only after careful review by the administration in consultation with the registered professional school nurse and the student's parent/legal guardian and physician or legal prescribing party. A Health Management Plan must be completed.

Any medication found in a student's possession (except as described above) will be confiscated by school officials. At the principal's discretion, the student may be sent home, a police report made, and/or disciplinary action taken.

Music

Students may not stream music or play any downloaded music in school.

Parent/Student Portal/Power School

All parents and students will have a login and password to Parent and Student Portal, online access to your student's grades. Parents and students are encouraged to monitor their academic progress through Parent and Student Portal. There will be at least one new grade in Power School per week per subject.

Parent-Teacher Organization

The main purpose of PTO is to promote communication between parents and teachers and support the educational program. Please show your support by participating in PTO events, attending PTO meetings, and volunteering your time at the school.

2019-2020 PTO President: Amanda Fehr

Physical Education

P.E. uniforms are required at the middle school. Your child may purchase P.E. shorts in the front office for \$14. Any Orange Grove issued T-shirt is acceptable during P.E.

Restrooms

Restrooms should be used during transition (between classes) or at teacher discretion.

Rewards

Students who have a clean agenda, meaning no consequences for the quarter, will be invited to participate in a Quarterly Agenda Reward. These rewards may include: ice cream bar, cupcake bar, lunch outside, cookout, extra recess, homework pass, etc. Any additional ideas may be considered. Cub Cash is also another way students can earn privileges at school. Cub Cash will be given at teacher discretion for a variety of reasons, and students may “cash in” their Cub Cash for a variety of special privileges (homework pass, lunch outside, ice cream pass, etc.)

Searches of Persons and Property Without Probable Cause

In accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, any person entering the premises of any school shall be deemed to have consented to a reasonable search of his or her person and effects.

School principals or their designees may conduct reasonable searches on school property of lockers, desks, vehicles, and personal belongings such as purses, book bags, wallets, and satchels with or without probable cause.

Any weapons, alcohol, stolen property, contraband or controlled substances found in such search shall be seized by the school official, the appropriate police agency notified, and the student recommended for disciplinary actions. Failure to cooperate may result in a recommendation of expulsion for a student and the appropriate police agency shall be notified.

Security

All exterior doors are to remain locked. No exterior door should ever be propped open. All parents/visitors must enter through the main office and provide valid identification before entering the building or signing a student out.

Sexual Harassment

Orange Grove Charter School is committed to maintaining a learning environment for all students that provides for fair and equitable treatment, including freedom from sexual harassment.

It is prohibited for any student, male or female, to harass another student by making unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors, or engaging in other verbal, written, electronic, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual harassment includes any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate verbal, written, electronic, or physical conduct of a sexual nature that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. A student shall not sexually harass another student or any school employee, volunteer, teacher, or any other person present in school facilities or at school functions.

Examples of activities, which could constitute sexual harassment, include but are not limited to:

- Unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations or propositions
- Unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments, or sexually degrading descriptions
- Graphic comments about an individual's body or overly personal conversation
- Sexual jokes, stories, drawings, or pictures
- Spreading sexual rumors
- Inappropriate or suggestive sexual gestures
- Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way
- Cornering or blocking of normal movements with sexual intent
- Displaying sexually suggestive objects

Any student who believes that he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment by another student, teacher, administrator, adult, or agent of OGCS should file a complaint of the alleged act immediately with the school's designated complaint manager, the assistant principal or the principal. The complaint should be made in writing.

False charges of sexual harassment shall be treated as a serious offense, and those persons making false charges shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Soda

Students may not drink soda in school, unless on special occasions or deemed appropriate by the teacher.

Student Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
 - School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

Student Recognition/Awards

Awards Ceremonies take place quarterly. The following awards will be given:

- A/B Honor Roll: Any combination of A's and B's
- A Honor Roll: Average of 90 or above with no grade lower than a B
- Principal's List: All A's
- Good Citizen
- Outstanding Effort

Surveillance

NOTICE – You are under surveillance once you come on to school property and into the building.

Suspensions

Suspension is the temporary exclusion of a student from school and school activities for a period of time not to exceed ten school days for any one offense as determined by the principal or assistant principal.

Under state law, a principal or designated administrator may suspend a student for committing a crime, gross immorality, gross misbehavior, persistent disobedience, violating written rules and regulations or when the presence of the student is detrimental to the best interest of the school or disruptive to the educational process.

A student shall not be suspended without the approval of the School Principal during standardized testing periods or the last ten days of school if the suspension will make the student ineligible to receive credit for the school year unless the presence of the student constitutes an actual threat to a class or a school.

The principal or designee may suspend a student for infractions committed at school. Students suspended out of school may not be on campus for any reason.

The parent/guardian shall expect that the school administration:

1. Conducts an investigation and documents charges
2. Confers with the student
3. Immediately verbally notifies parent/guardian, if possible
4. Provides written notification to student and parent/guardian to include:
 - a. Description of offense
 - b. Length of suspension including dates
 - c. Date for parent conference if necessary

Technology

Students must follow the Technology Agreement and Chromebook Agreement provided and return the signed portions during the first week of school to their homeroom teacher. Students will not be connected to the Wi-Fi until these agreements have been signed and returned.

Truancy

A child, at least 6 but not yet 17 years old, who has accumulated three consecutive unlawful absences or a total of five unlawful absences.

1. School personnel must communicate any attendance problems or concerns to parents/guardians in a timely manner. When a student accumulates three (3) unlawful absences, the school notifies the parent or guardian by telephone or mail.
2. When a student accumulates three (3) consecutive or a total of five (5) unlawful absences the principal or designee will complete a truancy investigation.
 - a. A conference is required with student and parent or guardian to develop a truancy intervention plan designed to improve student attendance and eliminate unlawful absences.
 - b. A written truancy intervention and attendance contract should be signed by all participants with a copy provided to the parent and student.
3. When a student accumulates seven (7) unlawful absences the school will update the truancy intervention plan, indicate why the plan was unsuccessful, and make amendments as needed.
4. In the event that unlawful absences continue following the Truancy Intervention conference, the case will be reviewed for additional interventions and/or further action. The case may be referred to the Department of Social Services, the Ninth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office for participation in Family Court, or other interventions.

Weapons

No firearms, knives, dirks, razors, metal knuckles, slingshots, bludgeons or any other type of weapon, device or object which may be used to inflict bodily harm or death shall be allowed on any school district property or at any school-sponsored event.

This prohibition shall apply on school grounds, in school buildings, on buses or at school-related functions. No student may possess any item capable of inflicting injury or harm (hereinafter referred to as a weapon) to persons or property.

No vehicles parked on school property may contain firearms, knives, blackjacks, or other items which are generally considered to be weapons.

A firearm is generally defined as a gun or destructive device and will be interpreted in accordance with the State and Federal law.

Violators will incur not only school disciplinary action but also penalties under the law.

Alcohol, Drugs, and other Substances

No student shall be in possession of, use, manufacture, sell, dispense, or distribute a controlled substance, a counterfeit controlled substance, an imitation controlled substance (as defined by State law), an illegal drug or narcotic, or chemical, inhalant, alcoholic beverage of any kind, or any medication not prescribed for the student by a physician.

A student shall not be under the influence of any illegal drug, narcotic, controlled substance, chemical, inhalant, alcoholic beverage of any kind, or any medication not prescribed for the student by a physician.

Please sign and return only this page to 1st period teacher

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I have read and understand the information in this document.

Student's Name Printed _____

Grade _____ 1st Period Teacher _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Name Printed _____

Parent's Signature _____