

6. A reasonable attempt shall be made to notify parents or guardians if the student is to be removed from the school by police officers.

This policy has been outlined in the code of conduct and shall be communicated to all students and parents at the beginning of school and at intervals throughout the school year.

IMMORALITY

A student shall abstain from indecent and immoral acts. Punishment for each offense will be dependent upon the nature and severity of the act.

SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT FOR ALL STUDENTS

Physical restraint may only be used in those situations in which the student is an imminent danger to himself/herself or others and when the student is not responsive to less intensive behavioral interventions including verbal directives and other de-escalation techniques. Physical restraint may not be used as a form of discipline or punishment. The use of seclusion is prohibited. Documentation and parental notification regarding the use of physical restraint will be conducted in accordance with the Lanett City Schools Seclusion and Restraint for All Students policy.

SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Students will not be permitted to possess, smoke, or use tobacco products in any form in the school building, on school buses, on school grounds during the school day, or at any school sponsored activity, i.e., ball games, pageants, plays, concerts, etc. Students are also not permitted to possess, smoke, or use E-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), or any type of alternative tobacco product, etc.

No matches or lighters are allowed at school or at school events (Class II offense).

NARCOTICS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND STIMULANT DRUGS

A student shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, sell, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind on school property or grounds or off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity.

(Use of a drug authorized by a medical prescription from a registered M.D., D.D.S., or O.D. shall not be considered a violation of this rule. Individual building procedures may be found in the student handbook.)

- A. FIRST OFFENSE: 10-day suspension from school. (Before a student can be reinstated into school, he/she must furnish proof of having received assessment from a referral program/agency approved by the school district.)
- B. SECOND OFFENSE: Recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the year.

In each offense the student shall be reported to the Chambers County Juvenile Authorities or the Lanett Police Department within five (5) days of the incident.

FIREARMS

A student will not possess or handle a rifle, shotgun, pellet gun, or any other type of firearm on any school property or any school activity at any time. Any violation of this policy by a student may result in a suspension with recommendation to expel. Firearms will be confiscated by the school and the proper authorities will be notified.

GAMBLING

A student shall not participate in any activity that may be termed gambling or wagering, where the stakes are money or any other object of value. No domino playing or card playing is permitted during instructional time.

FIREWORKS

Any student on school property or at school activities will not possess, handle, or store firecrackers, smoke bombs, cherry bombs, or any other kind of fireworks that could be dangerous to him/her or to other students. This includes matches, lighter and other devices creating fire. Any violation of this policy may result in a school suspension with recommendation to expel. Parents, law enforcement personnel, and/or juvenile authorities will be notified as needed. Minimum - 10-day suspension (ISS or OSS) Maximum - Recommend expulsion.

GANG ACTIVITY OR ASSOCIATION

Gangs that initiate, advocate, or promote activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school environment are harmful to the educational process. The use of hand signals, graffiti or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute, which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a clear and present danger. This is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violations of school regulations may occur.

Incidents involving initiations, hazing, intimidations, and/or related activities of such group affiliations which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

The principal shall establish procedures and regulations to ensure that any student wearing, carrying, or displaying gang paraphernalia, or exhibiting behavior or gestures, which symbolize gang membership or causing and/or participating in activities, which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student shall be subject to disciplinary action.

The superintendent may provide in-service training in gang behavior and characteristics to facilitate staff in identifying students at-risk and promoting membership in authorized school groups and/or activities as an alternative.

MISCONDUCT

***Teachers must attempt to solve minor offenses when appropriate before referral to administrator for disciplinary action.**

CLASS I - MINOR OFFENSES

1. Excessive talking in classroom, distraction of other students, disruptive behavior to orderly educational process
2. Cheating, copying the work of other students
3. Failure to follow instructions, directions of school officials
4. Non-participation in class (no books, materials, etc.)
5. Inappropriate public display of affection, use of obscene manifestation (verbal, written, or any gesture)
6. Deliberate littering of school property
7. Providing false information to school personnel that may promote forgery or concealment of information related to school business
8. Unauthorized use of school or personal property
9. Class I Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) violations/offenses
10. Any other offense, which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category

CLASS I - MINOR OFFENSES - DISCIPLINARY ACTION - ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS

Possible disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, the following: student conference, parental contact, counselor referral, administrator conference, and/or disciplinary action (before-or-after school, including Saturday detention; special assignment; in-school suspension; Saturday school; out-of-school suspension; court referral; recommendation for tribunal hearing).

CLASS II - INTERMEDIATE OFFENSES

1. Refusing to comply with school board employees or officials
2. Stealing, larceny, petty theft, vandalism, possession of, or selling stolen property, electronic devices, gambling, trespassing, threats, extortion (verbal or written)
3. Smoking or use of tobacco products
4. Use of profane or obscene language
5. Leaving campus without permission
6. Unauthorized absence from class or school
7. Boosting (encouraging) a fight
8. Harassment, bullying, cyberbullying
9. Class II Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) violations/offenses
10. Any other offense that the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after extenuating circumstances

CLASS II - INTERMEDIATE OFFENSES - DISCIPLINARY ACTION - ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS
Possible disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, the following: student conference, parental contact, counselor referral, administrator conference, and/or disciplinary action (before-or-after-school, including Saturday detention; special assignment; in-school suspension; Saturday school; out-of-school suspension; court referral; recommendation for tribunal hearing).

CLASS III - MAJOR OFFENSES - Automatic Suspension or Pending Possible Expulsion

1. Arson, stealing, larceny, grand theft, robbery
2. Drugs (unauthorized possession, transfer, use or sale of drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcoholic beverages. 10 days suspension - minimum. Second offense - recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the school year.
3. Battery upon any person (unlawful and intentional touching or striking of a school board employee causing bodily harm)
4. Inciting or participating in major student disorder
5. Bomb threats, explosions (any communication(s) concerning school board property, igniting fireworks, firecrackers, smoke bombs)
6. Criminal mischief (willful/malicious injury or damage in excess of \$250.00 to real or personal property of another)
7. Sexual acts (acts of a sexual nature including battery, intercourse, attempted rape, rape) (Unsolicited written or verbal propositions to engage in sexual acts) 10 days suspension - minimum.
8. Weapons (see weapons - p. 21)
9. Battery upon students, fighting (No fight policy in place).
10. Class III Internet Acceptable Use Policy violations/offenses.
11. Any other offense that the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances

CLASS III - DISCIPLINARY ACTION - ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS

1. The disciplinary action for such offenses will be automatic suspension. Pending final determination of the matter by the School Board the student may be offered alternative placement. The local law enforcement, district attorney and juvenile court will be notified.
2. Principals and teachers shall use all practical ways and means of helping students with problems before any extreme measures are taken. Sound professional judgements shall be used in determining whether formal disciplinary proceedings are necessary in each individual case. Students shall be informed of the reason for disciplinary action. An attempt shall be made to notify parents and keep parents informed of the student's behavior.