

III. Philosophy:

The philosophy of Aiken County Public Schools presupposes that citizens desire the best possible education for their children and that they are willing to provide a positive learning environment in the schools. A proper learning atmosphere requires that the teaching-learning process be free of disruptions. Student conduct is an essential element in the maintenance of an environment which enhances the achievement of the school's goals and objectives. The Code of Student Conduct is provided to assist students, parents, teachers, and administrators in maintaining a desirable school environment.

It is desirable that disciplinary action be resolved between teacher, child, and parent in a calm, reasonable manner; that the school system make every reasonable effort to keep the student within the school's influence; and that disciplinary action lead to increased maturity and acceptable behavior by the student. However, violations of the Code must be dealt with quickly and effectively by the administration.

IV. Student Conduct Requirements:

While under school jurisdiction, students are required to conduct themselves at all times and places in a manner that will be to the best interest of the school and community.

It is expected that students will:

- a. Conform to reasonable standards of speech, conduct and dress.
- b. Refrain from violating or impairing the rights of others, including physical abuse.
- c. Avoid conduct that deprives other students of an orderly atmosphere for learning.
- d. Not knowingly possess, handle or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon.
- e. Refrain from the use, transmission, or possession of alcoholic beverages, hallucinogens, narcotics, or drugs not prescribed by a registered physician, nor be under the influence of the same on school premises when school is in session or at any school sponsored activity or event.