JICDA Code of Conduct

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for a code of conduct and discipline for students.

The board expects students to conduct themselves in an orderly, courteous, dignified, and respectful manner. This requirement refers to actions toward other students and teachers, language, dress, and manners. The board believes self-discipline is an interpersonal goal of public education.

Students have a responsibility to know and respect the policies, rules, and regulations of the school and district. Violations of such policies, rules, and regulations will result in disciplinary actions.

The district's code of conduct and discipline is established to achieve and maintain order in the schools. In administrative rule JICDA-R, the administration offers a list of offenses along with the required or recommended dispositions for the information of students, parents/legal guardians, and school personnel.

Disciplinary actions will include appropriate hearings and review. The removal of a student from the learning environment will occur only for just cause and in accordance with due process of law. The board authorizes its school authorities to employ probation and suspension and to recommend expulsion, if necessary, to enforce this policy (see policies JKD and JKE). The administration will consider extenuating circumstances when taking disciplinary action.

The administrative rule is effective during the following times and in the following places:

- on the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours
- on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group
- off the school grounds at a school activity, function, or event
- en route to and from school on a school bus or other school vehicle

The board of trustees recognizes that rules of student conduct and consequences for violations are necessary for the orderly operation of the district's schools. It will be the philosophy of the district, however, to handle all student disciplinary matters at the lowest supervisory level possible and in the most reasonable manner possible. No disciplinary action will be taken without all procedural rights being afforded to students and their parents/guardians as provided by state law, state board of education regulation, or the policies of this district.

The administration is directed to develop appropriate rules of student conduct that will include a general listing of offenses, required or recommended disciplinary action for violations, and the times and places when such rules will be in effect.
Legal references:

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

**Section 59-19-90 (3)** - General powers and duties of school trustees.

**Sections 59-63-210 through 2870** - Grounds for which trustees may expel, suspend or transfer pupils; petition for readmission; notices and parent conferences; expulsion for remainder of year and hearings; transfer of pupils; corporal punishment; regulation or prohibition of clubs or like activities.

Section 59-63-370 - Student’s conviction or delinquency adjudication for certain offenses; notification of senior administrator at student’s school; placement of information in permanent school records.

**Section 59-67-240** - Other duties of bus driver; discipline of students for misconduct.

State Board of Education Regulations:


**R-43-279** - Minimum standards of student conduct and disciplinary enforcement procedures to be implemented by local school districts.