

Section II -Student Misbehavior

Level III: Major Offenses

- 3.01 Drugs
- 3.02 Alcohol
- 3.03 Arson
- 3.04 Assault/Battery
- 3.05 Aggravated Assault/Battery
- 3.06 Theft
- 3.07 Illegal School Entry
- 3.08 Vandalism
- 3.09 Firearms
- 3.10 Possession of Weapons
- 3.11 Bomb Threat
- 3.12 Explosives, ammunition (bullets)
- 3.13 Sexual Assault
- 3.14 Sexting
- 3.15 Gang Affiliation
- 3.16 Trespassing
- 3.17 Major Disruption of the Educational Environment
- 3.18 Unjustified Activation of a Fire Alarm or Fire Extinguisher
- 3.19 Unapproved use of electronic devices
- 3.20 Improper use or sabotage of a computer
- 3.21 Repeated defiant or disruptive behavior
- 3.22 Threat to a district employee
- 3.23 Aggravated bullying, threat, harassment or intimidation
- 3.24 Gambling
- 3.25 Interference with school personnel
- 3.26 Any other offense

Level II: Intermediate Offenses

- 2.01 Excessive and/or repeated disruption
- 2.02 Defiance of a district employee's authority
- 2.03 Other Unlawful Activities
- 2.04 Physical Contact with another Student
- 2.05 Threats
- 2.06 Vandalism/Theft
- 2.07 Disruption on a school bus
- 2.08 Sexual Misconduct/Harassment

- 2.09 Assisting With or Encouraging Rule Violations
- 2.10 Fighting
- 2.11 Trespassing
- 2.12 Material Disruption
- 2.13 Cheating/Misrepresentation
- 2.14 Possession of Gang-Related Materials
- 2.15 Gang-Related Activity or Behavior
- 2.16 Violation of the Technology Resource
- 2.17 Any other offense

Level I: Minor Offense

- 1.01 Horseplay
- 1.02 Refusal to obey
- 1.03 Disrespectful and/or Inappropriate Remarks or Gestures
- 1.04 Class Cutting or Excessive Tardiness
- 1.05 Failure to Identify Self Upon Request
- 1.06 Use/Possession of Tobacco Products/Paraphernalia
- 1.07 Disruption of Class/Activity or making excessive noises
- 1.08 Unauthorized possession or use of any electronic entertainment/wireless communication devices not related to instruction on school grounds on the school bus during school hours
- 1.09 Use of Profanity or gestures
- 1.10 Missing Detention or In-School Suspension
- 1.11 Inappropriate Displays of Affection
- 1.12 Any other offense

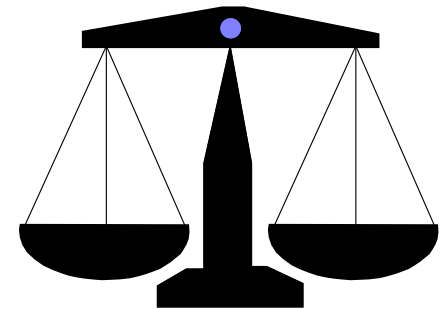
***For additional information refer to the Student Discipline Code.**

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**A Community Guide To The
Richland School District One
Hearing Office**

Discipline Creed

The Board of Commissioners for Richland County School District One believes that it is the responsibility of students, parents and staff to see that students attend school and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner while there. Discipline is a shared responsibility, and student behavior is important to the entire education process. Without it, teachers cannot teach, and students cannot learn. All students are expected to follow the rules established by the school district and each school. Everyone is entitled to a safe, secure, orderly environment in which to learn and work. The rules and regulations presented in the discipline code are designed toward that end and are effective during the following times and places:

- On school property
- Waiting for the school bus at designated stops
- Going to and from school
- On a school bus or other school vehicle
- Participating in or attending school-sponsored or school-related activities, such as field trips, conferences or athletic events.

Students, parents and staff are encouraged to become familiar with the rules and regulations in the Discipline Code. If you have any questions, please contact your school's principal or the Richland One Hearing Office.

What Is The Hearing Office?

The Hearing Office ensures that students grades Pre-K-12 are given due process of law before receiving an expulsion sanction for violating a major school/district policy.

What Are The Primary Functions Of The Hearing Office

- Presides over hearings for students grades Pre-K – 12, who are charged with violating Level III offenses.
- Conducts reinstatement reviews for students entering Richland One with a record of suspension, expulsions or alternative school placements in a previous district and/or students returning from the Department of Juvenile Justice (or any comparable Correctional Facility.)
- Serves as a consultant to school administrators regarding disciplinary issues.

- Compiles relevant data and prepares reports for review by the Superintendent and Board of School Commissioners.
- Interacts and communicates with various groups and individuals within Richland One and throughout the community.

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