

**Code of Student Conduct
and Discipline
Annual Review**

Code of Student Conduct & Discipline

- ▶ Discipline offenses and responses defined
- ▶ Four levels of offense
- ▶ Appropriate selection of responses for each level

Code of Student Conduct & Discipline

- ▶ Level I – Minor
- ▶ Level II – Intermediate
- ▶ Level III – Major I
- ▶ Level IV – Major II

Response to Referrals

- ▶ School completes investigation
 - Includes student's explanation
- ▶ Determines appropriate offense coding(s) as well as response
- ▶ Parents/Guardians may request a conference with the principal
- ▶ Level III may be referred to district
- ▶ Level IV must be referred to district

VCS Referrals

As of 1/12/12

39,189 total offense codes reported
(includes 2294 tardies)

Level 1	14,275	36.4%
Level 2	16,555	42.2%
Level 3	8,252	21.0%
Level 4	107	less than 1%

*** Please note: One referral may have multiple codes**

Discipline Referrals 2011-2012

Insubordination	13.2%
Unauthorized Absence	11.6%
School Rules	10.9%
Minor Disruption	10.8%
Intermediate Disruption	10.7%
Tardy	5.9%
Profanity	4.9%
Cell Phones	4.8%
Dress Code	4.8%

Discipline Referrals 2011-2012

Hitting & Striking	4.7%
Major Disruption	2.5%
Horseplay	2.3%
Intermediate Bus Dis.	2.0%
No Show Detention, etc.	1.8%
Minor Bus Disruption	1.6%
Fighting	1.3%
All other offense categories are less than 1% each	

School Board Policy 208

<http://myvolusiaschools.org>

School Board

Resolutions & Policies

School Board Policies

200 – Students/Pupils Policies

School Board Policy 208 – Code of
Student Conduct and Discipline
(Elementary) or (Secondary)

Timeline

- ▶ 01-19-12 1st Committee review
- ▶ 01-24-12 2nd Committee review
- ▶ 02-01-12 DAC presentation for input
- ▶ 03-01-12 Input Forms Due
- ▶ 03-20-12 Draft to Superintendent & Senior Staff
- ▶ 03-23-12 Draft disseminated throughout system
- ▶ 04-06-12 Completion of 14 day draft review period
- ▶ 04-17-12 Superintendent & Senior Staff review & revise
- ▶ 04-24-12 Agenda Conference
- ▶ 05-08-12 Presentation to School Board/Request to advertise
- ▶ 05-09-12 Place advertisement (2 days)
- ▶ 06-11-12 28 day public notice complete
- ▶ 06-12-12 Agenda Conference
- ▶ 06-27-12 School Board meeting/Public hearing/Adoption

State Statutes

- ▶ Separate for elementary and secondary
 - Expectations & consequences developmentally and age appropriate
- ▶ Choices for consequences to address severity
- ▶ Distribution
- ▶ Understandable language
- ▶ Discussed each school year
 - Classes
 - PTA
 - SAC
- ▶ Published and made available

Elementary vs. Secondary

- ▶ Appropriate Involvement
- ▶ Telecommunication Devices
- ▶ Unauthorized Absence
- ▶ Vehicle Violation

DOE

Zero Tolerance

- ▶ Firearms/Weapons
- ▶ False reporting
- ▶ Acts that pose a serious threat to school safety
 - Defined – Level 4
 - Law enforcement
- ▶ Petty acts of misconduct/misdemeanors not considered a threat to school safety
- ▶ Encourage alternatives to suspension & expulsion
- ▶ Volusia in accordance

Code of Conduct Changes 2011-2012

- ▶ Definition for Bullying now matches SB Policy 525
- ▶ Definition of Harassment now matches SB Policy 509
- ▶ Bring Your Own Technology/Electronic Device Misuse
- ▶ Hitting/Striking an Employee
- ▶ Academic Dishonesty added to Cheating
- ▶ Synthetic/Counterfeit Drugs
- ▶ Pornographic Material moved to Level 3
- ▶ Verbal or Physical Threats/Threat Assessment
- ▶ Dress Code Offenses
 - Added language/consequences required by statute
- ▶ Clarifying language regarding questioning/searching students
- ▶ Grammar/Spelling corrections

Recommendations for Revision

- ▶ Opportunities for Input from Parents / Community

- SAC

- PTA

Recommendations for Revision

- ▶ Must be submitted in writing
- ▶ All submissions will be considered
 - Not all will be implemented
- ▶ Review process
 - Legal Department
 - Superintendent and Senior Staff
 - Draft disseminated for further review
- ▶ Final draft advertised
- ▶ Public hearing and vote

Recommendations for Revision

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Due Thursday, March 1, 2012