Policy

# CODE OF CONDUCT

*Code* **JICDA** *Issued* **DRAFT/19**

The board expects students to conduct themselves in an orderly, courteous, dignified, and respectful manner. This requirement refers to actions toward other students and staff, language, dress, and general behavior. The board believes instilling self-discipline in students is one important 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 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 staff.

Students against who a disciplinary action is contemplated will be provided due process as required by law. 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 district administration to employ probation and suspension and to recommend expulsion, if necessary, to enforce this policy (see policies JKD, *Suspension of Students,* and JKE, *Expulsion of Students*). The administration will consider mitigating and aggravating factors 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-sponsored or district-sponsored activity, function, or event
* when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or one of its schools, including a school bus or other school vehicle
* at any time or place (including off school grounds and during non-school hours) where conduct directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school, its students, or its staff

Adopted ^

Legal References:

1. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
2. Section 59-19-90(3) - Authority of board to regulate student conduct.
3. Section 59-63-210, *et seq.* - Grounds for suspension, expulsion, or transfer.
4. Section 59-63-370 - Administrator notification of a student’s conviction or delinquency adjudication for certain offenses; placement of information in permanent school records.
5. Section 59-67-240 - Bus driver discipline of students for misconduct.

B. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. R43-243 - Special education discipline guidelines.

2. R43-279 - Minimum standards of student conduct and disciplinary enforcement procedures to be implemented by local school districts.