

# Cherokee County Middle School Code of Conduct

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**AR JICDA-R2 Code of Conduct - Cherokee Middle School**

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## Level 1 Offenses and Consequences

*Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level I Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.*

Offense	Description	Consequences				
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Assembly/After School Violation (020)</b>	Students are expected to behave respectfully and appropriately in assembly groups or after school activities.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
<b>Bus Violation I (340)</b>	Not following the bus rules: excessive talking, making noise, throwing objects on bus, failure to stay seated, failure to sit in assigned seat, failure to follow driver's directions, any behavior that could interfere with the driver's attention to driving and safe operation of the bus.	Warning	3 day Bus Suspension	5 day Bus Suspension	10 day Bus Suspension	Bus Suspension For remainder of semester
<b>Cell Phone Violation (330)</b>	Students may have possession of "silenced" cell phones and/or AV electronic devices. The use of these devices during instructional time without the permission of the teacher, or in a disruptive manner in the school setting is prohibited. Green Zones for cell phones-Hallways, Cafeteria, Outside, and Commons areas only. Students are allowed one earbud in at a time. Texting or talking on cell phones while walking through hallways and wearing two earbuds is a safety concern and therefore prohibited.	Warning	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Classroom Violation (030)</b>	Students failing to follow teacher/staff directives or procedures. Examples include sleeping, not following directions, failing to complete work, etc.	Warning	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
<b>Computer Violation (Classroom Violation) (220)</b>	Issues involving the district provided laptop occurring in the classroom. This includes: Laptop not charged, failure to bring laptop, carelessness, irresponsible use, off task, sharing work without permission, not following classroom rules, etc. <b>*See CCSD Mobile Computing Guide.</b>	Teacher Discipline	Teacher Discipline	Teacher Discipline + Call Home	ISS (1)	OSS (1) Laptop stays at school during OSS.
<b>Computer Violation (Minor Misuse) (220)</b>	*Using laptop during unauthorized times or locations *Unauthorized use of internet or playing games *Giving out personal information *Other misuse as determined by administration *Disruptive emails/messaging from student to student; conversations as opposed to work related to school.	Warning	ISS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
<b>Detention Violation (005)</b>	Failure to attend or comply with discipline such as lunch detention or afterschool detention.	ISS (1)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
<b>Dishonest Behavior (006)</b>	Intentionally attempting to deceive or mislead a staff member for personal advantage.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
<b>Disruptive Behavior (007)</b>	Behavior (physical, verbal, or electronic) which disturbs or interferes substantially with maintaining an environment conducive to learning inside the classroom, during in-school activities, or after school events.	Warnin	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
<b>Dress Code (280)</b>	Failure to follow the Dress Code as identified in the CCSD Middle School Handbook or failure to comply with the school's uniform policy. Violation of the dress code will result in removal from class, and being required to change	Warnin	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)

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	clothes or sent to ISS for the remainder of the day if parents/legal guardians are unavailable. Dress code includes visible identification badges.					
<b>Excessive Noise (400)</b>	Excessive noise in the hallway, office, restroom, cafeteria, or other areas of campus outside the classroom that could potentially disrupt the educational environment.	Warnin	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
<b>Horseplay (405)</b>	Intentional rough or boisterous play which could cause injury or conflict during school or school related activities.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
<b>Inappropriate Physical Contact (022 or 014)</b>	Intentionally putting ones hands or feet on another student causing a disruption, or potential conflict.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
<b>Littering (370)</b>	Intentionally leaving trash on school property.	Warnin g	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)
<b>Medicine Violation I (Minor) (031)</b>	Possession/Distribution of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that generally aren't harmful. Examples include cough drops, OTC pain relievers, vitamins, asthma inhalers, anti-bacterials, midol, gas ex, pepto-bismal, cold/flu, heartburn, allergies, orajel, etc.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
<b>All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.</b>						
<b>Misconduct (017)</b>	General misbehavior by a student inside of or outside of class.	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
<b>Off Limits/ Unauthorized Area (200)</b>	Intentional presence or loitering in an area without a hall pass or without the permission of an adult. (minor)	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)
<b>Public of Display of Affection (PDA) (015)</b>	PDA includes any physical contact that is deemed inappropriate by administration.	Warnin + Call Home	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
<b>Refusal to Obey (270)</b>	Not obeying a directive from an adult	ISS(1)	OSS (1)	OSS (4)	OSS (5)	OSS (10)and RE
<b>Sleeping In Class (002)</b>	Putting ones head down on the desk or closing of eyes indicating sleep after being given an opportunity to better participate in class.	Warnin + Teacher Call Home	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)
<b>Tardy To Class (180)</b>	Arriving late to a class or activity without written permission from a school staff member. (Per 9 Weeks)	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> Warning		3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> ISS (1)		5 <sup>th</sup> + OSS (1)
<b>Tardy To School (180)</b>	Arriving late to school. (Per 9 Weeks)	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> Warning		3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> ISS (1)	5 <sup>th</sup> + OSS (1)	
<b>Theft Property Damage Vandalism &lt;\$50 (023 or 740)</b>	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property less than \$50 in value. Restitution required. <i>Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result recommendation for expulsion.</i>	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Unauthorized Sales (002)</b>	Selling or marketing legal items for personal gain without permission from administration.	Warnin	ISS(1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)	OSS (1)

### Additional Level 1 Consequences:

Teacher Conferences, Administrative Conferences, Parent/Legal guardian Conferences, Home Visits, Counseling, Behavior Contracts, Student Work Assignment, Detention (After School, Lunch, Break).

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## Full CCSD Middle School Cell Phone Policy

**Any time a student allows another student to use their phone and a violation occurs with the phone; both students will be punished accordingly by the CCSD Middle School Cell Phone Policy.**

- Cell Phones and Mobile Communication Devices that ring, vibrate excessively, or in any other way disrupt the educational process of a class, are grounds for a cell phone offense by school staff or personnel.
- Students are only permitted to use Cell Phones and Mobile Communication Devices in the cafeteria or commons area or outside during their lunch periods. Use of such devices in classrooms **will be restricted and violations will result in a written referral. Texting or talking on cellphones while walking through hallways and wearing two earbuds is a safety concern and therefore is prohibited.**
- No student shall use a Cell Phone or Mobile Communication Device to violate any Student Code of Conduct, including Computer usage agreements, and/or Bullying Policies.
- Examples of unacceptable usage can include but are not limited to: in restrooms, hallways during instructional time, classrooms, bypassing attendance to leave school, cheating, cyber bullying, sexting, taking pictures or videos, using phones in places of school business, etc. Each teacher has the right to permit the use of Cell Phones and Mobile Communication Devices for **instructional purposes**.
- Parents will be contacted regarding a cell phone offense. Contents of cell phones may be reviewed and searched if there exists a reasonable suspicion that it contains evidence of illegal activity.

**The student assumes all risks in bringing such devices onto school property or to school related functions.**

**A police report will be filed if the phone/electronic device violation includes explicit or inappropriate content that is criminal or illegal in nature.**

### Mobile Phones

1. Use of mobile phones for any voice or text communication is not permitted during instructional time.
2. Mobile phones may be used as directed by school personnel. Otherwise, mobile phones must be turned off or silenced during instructional time.
3. Mobile phones possessing advanced functions including Internet access, eReader, and video/audio functions can be classified as non-disruptive devices. These functions may be used in Yellow and Green Zones as permitted and directed by school personnel.

### Lost or Damaged Device

**Cherokee County Schools assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of an electronic device brought to school. Students bring these devices at their own risk.**

### Cherokee County Schools Zone Indicators

*All zones at the school will be physically identified as either Red, Yellow, or Green*

**Red Zone:** An area designated as a Red Zone indicates that any personal device, permitted or otherwise, is strictly prohibited. A classroom designated as a Red Zone may ask that all personal devices be placed in a predetermined location or out in plain sight but turned off and not in use. All restrooms and locker rooms are designated as a Red Zone.

**Yellow Zone:** An area designated as a Yellow Zone indicates that personal devices may be in use in a limited capacity as permitted and directed by school personnel. Classrooms are designated as Yellow Zones giving each teacher the flexibility to change between Red and Green depending on the appropriate environment needed for instruction.

**Green Zone:** An area designated as a Green Zone indicates that personal devices may be in use for school related tasks as permitted and directed by school personnel. **At lunch time, the cafeteria, commons, hallways, outside, and areas where students eat will be designated as a Green Zone.**

**\* Texting or talking on cellphones while walking through hallways and wearing two earbuds is a safety concern and therefore is prohibited.**

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## Level 2 Offenses and Consequences

*Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level 2 Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.*

Offense	Description	Consequences			
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Aggressive Behavior (407)</b>	Physically or verbally communicating that a student wants to fight. This behavior is meant to escalate a disagreement between two or more students into a physical altercation or fight.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Bite/Spit/Pinch (003)</b>	Intentional acts that are meant to inflict pain or emit bodily fluids.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Bus Violation II (340)</b>	The following list of violations will require Bus Suspension for the student: -Improper Boarding or Departing Procedures -Throwing Objects In / Out of Bus -Possession or Use of Unsafe / Prohibited Items on Bus -Tampering with Bus Equipment -Hanging Out of Window -Any other serious behavior not listed which could interfere with driver's attention to driving and safe operation of the bus.  <b>All other Level 2 Offenses covered by the CCSD Code of Conduct that occur on the bus will incur school-based discipline to include ISS/OSS.</b>	5 Day Bus Suspension	10 Day Bus Suspension	Bus Suspension For remainder of semester	Bus Suspension For remainder of year
<b>Computer Violation Major Misuse (220)</b>	*Students are prohibited to login to Google Chrome or download extensions/add on. *Sharing username and/or password or other personal school district account information. *Downloading and/or using websites to obtain purchased or illegal term papers, book reports, or other forms of required student work. *Unauthorized downloading, installing, transmitting music, games, copyrighted material, and/or other applications. *Deleting district system applications and changing personal mobile computing device settings (exceptions include personal settings such as font size, brightness of screen, etc.) *Emails/messaging between students and staff that contain inappropriate content *Creating unapproved student chat rooms	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Contract Violation (District) (430)</b>	Student is attending school on a contract (behavior, intervention, improvement plan, probation, etc.) and has violated the terms that he/she agreed to in the contract.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Cutting Class/Activity (160 or 170)</b>	Any unauthorized absence to a class or activity during a school day.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Cutting School (150)</b>	Deliberate failure to attend school and/or remain on school grounds once a student has arrived at school. This will also be considered an unexcused absence.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Disrespect (420)</b>	Speaking or behaving in a way that is perceived by a staff member to be defiant, argumentative, inconsiderate, rude, offensive, hurtful, or generally disrespectful.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Encouraging Others To Misbehave (001)</b>	Encouraging or inciting other students to misbehave or break a rule.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Action (271)</b>	Willful noncompliance with disciplinary action issued by an administrator for violating the CCSD Code of Conduct.  <i>*If a student or parent refuses an in-school suspension assignment, then all consequences that would have been in-school suspension will be out-of-school suspension for the remainder of the school year.</i>	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE

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<b>Failure to Report to a Teacher or Staff Member (270)</b>	Intentionally not directly reporting to a teacher, guidance counselor, or staff member after being directed to do so.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Failure to Report to the Office or to Administration (270)</b>	Intentionally not directly reporting to the front office, or to administration when directed to do so.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Forgery (011)</b>	Students creating fake signatures, notes, or passes posing as an adult. Ex. Parent Signatures, Parent Notes, Teacher Notes, Fake Hall Pass.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Gang Activity (250)</b>	Wearing clothing that is commonly associated with a gang. Flashing gang signs. Writings/drawings with symbols and references identifying him/herself as a part of a gang. Attempting to use gang affiliation to intimidate someone or create conflict. Any gang related activity that disrupts the educational environment or causes mental or physical harm to others.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Gambling (630)</b>	The act of risking money or other possessions for possible gain, or to bet on an uncertain outcome.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Hit/Kick/Push (014)</b>	Intentionally hitting, kicking, or pushing a student with the intent to inflict harm or pain.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>ISS Violation (271)</b>	Disruptive, disrespectful, or defiant behavior in In School Suspension (ISS).	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Inappropriate Language, Gesture, Profanity (016, 210, 290)</b>	Any verbal/written language or gesture <i>toward a student</i> that is profane, offensive, sexual in nature, disrespectful, degrading, abusive, harassing, bullying, or lacks decency.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Inappropriate Materials (018)</b>	Distribution, sale, or possession of printed, audio, video, or electronic materials/images/music not authorized by administration.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Instigation (020)</b>	Instigating or provoking a fight.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Leaving Class Without Permission (320)</b>	Leaving the classroom without permission in non-emergency situations.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Medicine Violation II (031)</b>	Possession of medicines without permission. This includes medicines that could potentially be harmful. Examples include cough/cold syrups, epipens, insulin pumps, sleep medicines, CBD, etc. <i>Distribution escalates this offense to a Level 3 Violation.</i>	OSS (1)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>All medications must be housed and distributed by the school nurse per CCSD policy.</b>					
<b>Refusal to Obey/Defiant (270)</b>	Intentionally not obeying a directive from an adult including being openly defiant verbally.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
<b>Property Misuse (023)</b>	Use of school property for unauthorized purposes.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Recording Others Without Their Permission (020)</b>	Audio/Video recording (using any electronic device) students or adults at school and/or posting school related incidents online that could potentially interfere with the educational process.	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
		Use of phone or district issued device violation consequences may also apply and be reported to law enforcement. Depending on the severity of the offense, administration can RE.			
<b>Theft Property Damage Vandalism \$50-\$100 (023 or 740)</b>	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property <b>\$50-\$100</b> in value. Restitution required. <i>Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result recommendation for expulsion.</i>	OSS (1)	OSS (2)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Threat (Minor) (017)</b>	Making a verbal, written, physical, or electronic, “idle” threat to a student that is minor in nature.	ISS (2)	OSS (1)	OSS (3)	OSS (5)
<b>Tobacco Violation (230)</b>	Possession or use of tobacco products or paraphernalia such as lighters, matches, paper, vaping pens, juul pods, E-cigarettes or E-cigarettes	OSS (3)	OSS (5)	OSS (10) and RE	OSS (10) RE

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paraphernalia, etc. (See SC Tobacco Law and for E-Cigarettes – please refer to Board Policy JICG)				
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## Level 3 Offenses and Consequences

*Students who repetitively and habitually violate Level 3 Rules will receive OSS and can be recommended for expulsion by their building level administration.*

Offense	Description	Consequences	
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Bathroom Violation (029)</b>	Intentionally urinating or defecating outside of the toilet with the intent to disrupt others. This may occur inside or outside of the restroom.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
<b>Bus Violation III (340)</b>	<b>Level 3 Offenses covered by the CCSD Code of Conduct that occur on the bus will incur school-based discipline to include OSS and/or Recommendation for Expulsion. Two Level 3 Offenses on the bus may result in bus suspension for the remainder of the year.</b>		
<b>Computer Violation (Extreme Major Misuse) (220)</b>	<p>*Bypassing CCSD filters</p> <p>*Actions violating board policy or public law including bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation.</p> <p>*Sending, transmitting, downloading, uploading, accessing, photographing/filming others without the permission of the district and/or school and/or against their will, or distributing obscene, offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic sexually explicit materials with the intention to demean or harass others.</p> <p>*VPN downloading and/or proxy use for internet access, hacking district systems, batch files, or scripts for malicious intent.</p> <p>*Gaining access to other students, staff, or school district employee’s accounts files, and/or data.</p> <p>*Vandalism of laptop (Intentional)</p> <p>*Inappropriate searches</p> <p><i>This applies to district issued devices and student cell phone use on campus, on school property, or at a school sponsored event.</i></p>	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
		<p>-Laptop stays at school during OSS.</p> <p>-The administration reserves the right to handle any of the above actions or any other action determined to be misuse of technology in the manner they think is appropriate for all concerned.</p> <p>-Depending on the seriousness of the offense, a report may be made to law enforcement.</p>	
<b>Fighting (009)</b>	The act of two or more persons involved in a physical conflict such as hitting, slapping, punching, or kicking another person at school, at a school event, or on district transportation.	OSS(5)	OSS (10) and RE
<b>Inappropriate Language, Gesture, Profanity Toward a Staff Member (016, 210, 290)</b>	Any verbal/written language or gesture <i>toward a staff member</i> that is offensive, sexual in nature, severely disrespectful, degrading, abusive, or lacks decency.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
<b>Inappropriate Object (020)</b>	Bringing an object to school, the bus, or a school sponsored event that can cause a distraction or major disruption.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
<b>Out of Area (Serious) (200)</b>	Unauthorized presence in an administrative office, guidance office, opposite gender restroom, locker room, hotel room, areas that are dangerous, or are clearly not appropriate. Including the normal school day, extra-curricular activities, school sponsored events, sporting events, and school sponsored transportation.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
<b>Physical Attack (520)</b>	Unprovoked/provoked physical attack or abuse of another student at school or on the school bus.	OSS(10) and RE	
<b>Theft Property Damage Vandalism \$100-\$200 (023 or 740)</b>	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property <b>\$100-\$200</b> in value. Restitution required. <i>Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement. Repeat offenses may result recommendation for expulsion.</i>	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE

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<b>Threat (Major) (027)</b>	Actions toward a student which may be identified as harassment, intimidation, stalking, extortion, blackmailing, or threatening.	OSS (5)	OSS (10) RE
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## Non-Negotiable Level 3 Offenses

*These Level 3 Offenses will result in OSS (10 Days) and Recommendation for Expulsion. In some cases restitution may be required as well as a police report made by the school.*

Offense	Description		
<b>Alcohol (680)</b>	Possession of, or under the influence of alcohol at school, on school grounds, or on the school bus. This includes all athletic events, after school activities, and field trips. <i>Distribution or sale of alcohol to other students will be RE 1<sup>st</sup> offense.</i>	OSS (10) RE	OSS (10) RE
		Student must complete a drug/alcohol rehabilitation/counseling program approved by the Superintendent.	
<b>Arson (500)</b>	Intentionally setting fire to an object with the intent to destroy or cause damage. This may occur on school grounds or the school bus. <b>A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>		
<b>Assault, Aggravated (Student) (510)</b>	<b>An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. This category includes attempted murder. A weapon can be a commonly known weapon, such as a gun or knife, or any other item, which, although not usually thought of as a weapon, becomes one when used in a manner that could cause severe bodily injury (e.g., baseball bat, metal chain, large stick). A "severe laceration" is one that should receive medical attention. A "loss of consciousness" must be the direct result of force inflicted on the victim by the offender. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>		
<b>Assault, Simple (Staff) (520)</b>	Any physical attack on a member of the school staff. <b>A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>		
<b>Disturbing School (560)</b>	Any student behavior that causes an excessive disruption during the school day, on the school bus, or during a school activity that may or may not involve law enforcement. <i>Parents may be put on trespass by CCSD if their behavior disturbs the educational environment, or is threatening, and law enforcement is called.</i>		
<b>Bomb Threat (260)</b>	Communicating a report, while knowing or having reason to know the report is false, that there is located on any school premises or at school sponsored activities, a device designed to cause damage or destruction by explosion, blasting, or burning. <b>A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>		
<b>Counterfeit (550)</b>	The use of an exact imitation of something valuable or important with the intention to deceive or defraud for personal advantage. Examples include money, doctor's notes, social security numbers, etc. <b>A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>		
<b>Drugs (570, 575, 580)</b>	*Under the influence of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, or using a prescription drug not as prescribed. *Possession of any illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Sale or distribution of an illegal drug, controlled substance, mind-altering ingredients, prescription medication, or a facsimile substance. *Possession of drug paraphernalia, or remnants of illegal drugs. <b>A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>	Student must complete a drug/alcohol rehabilitation/counseling program approved by the Superintendent.	
<b>Embezzlement (590)</b>	Unlawful misappropriation by an offender for his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control. <b>A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>		
<b>Fire Alarm (350)</b>	Intentionally setting off the fire alarm, attempting to pull the fire alarm, or vandalizing, stealing or triggering fire extinguishers.		
<b>Firearm/Explosive (781, 782, 783)</b>	Possession of weapons such as bb guns, gun facsimiles, firearms, incendiary device, or explosives <b>will result in expulsion for at least one full calendar year. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>		
<b>Fireworks (010)</b>	Setting off firecrackers, smoke bombs, chemical devices, or similar activities are strictly prohibited.		

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<b>Fraud (620)</b>	Deliberate false representation of a factual matter, whether by words or conduct, to secure unfair or <u>unlawful</u> gain. <b>A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>
<b>Hazing (250)</b>	Engaging in initiations, hazing, intimidations, or related activities of such group affiliations that are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students.
<b>Homicide (640)</b>	<b>Homicide is the killing of one human being by another. Does not include vehicular manslaughter or attempted murder as a homicide. Non-negligent manslaughter is defined as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Negligent manslaughter is defined as the killing of another person through negligence. This offense does not include vehicular manslaughter. Justifiable homicide - The killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by a peace officer in the line of duty or the killing, during the commission of a serious criminal offense, of the perpetrator by a private individual.</b> A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
<b>Inappropriate Contact with Staff (022)</b>	Making physical or electronic contact with a staff member deemed grossly inappropriate, disruptive, threatening, or disrespectful.
<b>Incorrigible (270)</b>	Student has been referred to administration at a high frequency for a variety of discipline infractions, and continues to violate the CCSD Code of Conduct despite numerous conferences, interventions, and opportunities to improve behavior. Students who exceed 10 cumulative day of OSS for a combination of any reason, will be recommended for expulsion.
<b>Indecent Exposure (019)</b>	Intentionally exposing private parts in person or electronically. (While at school or on a district device) <b>A report may be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>
<b>Intimidation of Staff (650)</b>	Extortion, bribery, threatening physical harm to a staff member for personal gain. Acting aggressively (physically or verbally) toward a staff member. Threatening a teacher, school principal, or other public official is a crime in South Carolina and may result in criminal prosecution. <b>A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>
<b>Kidnapping/Abduction (660)</b>	<b>Kidnapping/abduction is the unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his or her will or of a minor without the consent of his or her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian. This category includes hostage taking.</b> A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
<b>Pornography (710)</b>	Possession, sale, creation of, or distribution of explicit sexual materials that are intended to arouse sexual excitement in its audience. This includes physically sharing or electronically transmitting obscene writings, drawings, photographs, or videos – all media. (Includes sexting, sharing indecent photos of minors or adults, etc.)
<b>Prostitution (720)</b>	To unlawfully engage in or promote sexual activities for profit. <b>A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b>
<b>Rape (610)</b>	A Forcible Sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. This definition includes forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object (to use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his or her youth or because of his or her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity), and/or forcible fondling (child molesting). A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
<b>Robbery (730)</b>	Robbery is defined as the taking or attempting to take anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm. Because some type of assault is an element of the crime of robbery, an assault should not be reported as a separate crime if it is performed in furtherance of the robbery. If an injury occurring during a robbery results in death, the crime should be listed as a homicide. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.
<b>Sex Offense (690)</b>	Acts of sexual nature are prohibited on school property, or at school sponsored activities or trips; therefore, participation in sex in school or on school property/school trips is strictly prohibited. This includes transportation.
<b>Sexual Harassment (013)</b>	Repeated or deliberate unwelcome sexual comments, advances, touching, and/or sexually motivated physical contact.
<b>Theft Property Damage Vandalism &gt;\$200 (023 or 740)</b>	Theft, accidental damage, or willful destruction of property <b>greater than \$200. A report will be made to law enforcement authorities.</b> Restitution required. <i>Failure to make restitution at any level may result in a referral to law enforcement.</i>
<b>Threat (School) (027)</b>	Communicating a general or specific threat in any form (inside or outside of school) that threatens damage, destruction, deadly physical harm, or mass casualties to students, staff, or school.
<b>Trespassing (750)</b>	While under suspension or if expelled, students are not allowed on school grounds; therefore, being on school grounds, on bus, in classes, or at other school events during or after school hours or on weekends while under suspension or expelled is prohibited. <i>*Students attending Copeland Academy are not allowed on the school grounds of any CCSD school before, during, or after school hours. This includes athletic events.</i>



# Cherokee County Middle School Code of Conduct

<b>Violent Community Arrest (020)</b>	<p>Student arrested for any violent incident in the community. (Per the South Carolina Safe Schools Act Section 59-63-110) <i>Ex. Homicide, Attempted Homicide, Rape, Attempted Rape, Sexual Battery, Armed Robbery, Battery, Lynching, Aggravated Assault, Kidnapping, Trafficking, Explosives/Weapons Offense, Arson, Threat To Kill</i></p> <p>*Students required to wear a court ordered ankle monitor for any offense, must meet with school administration. Administration will consider the student's placement based on the community offense. Students may return to their home school, be assigned to the alternative school, or assigned to the virtual program.</p>
<b>Weapon (Other) (780 or 786)</b>	<p>Possessing a weapon such as a knife, blackjack, brass knuckles, ice pick, razor, box cutter, taser, bottle, mace/pepper spray, or any object which can be used or represented to be a weapon with the intent to threaten, intimidate, or harm others. <b>A report may be made to law enforcement. Any blade 2.5 in. or longer will be reported to law enforcement.</b></p>

\* Fighting\* - Second fight would warrant a recommendation for expulsion

Superintendent reserves the right to determine a 5-day suspension in lieu of expulsion if it can be proven that the student involved was defending themselves and not the instigator/aggressor.

\*Drugs/Alcohol\* - Superintendent reserves the right to return student to school on probation in lieu of expulsion, if the student and parent agree to a district approved drug and alcohol program. This program will be run by our drug and alcohol representative(s) and the participants will be randomly tested at least twice while in the program. If at any time they fail to meet the requirements of the program, they will automatically be recommended for expulsion.

\*Drug distribution would not qualify. \*

Superintendent reserves the right to determine eligibility for the program.

While in the program or on probation, students will not be eligible for extracurricular activities.