

PARISH POLICIES

School Activity Fees: Due to the fact that each school has different activities, goals, vendors, and needs, it is recommended that there should be no uniformed parish wide activity fee. Activity fees must be itemized, published, and provided to parents. A formula to pro-rate the refund for student transfers will be established at each school based on the activity fee. Students transferring after a pre-determined period established at each school will not receive a refund.

Dress Code Grooming Component: The only body piercing jewelry girls will be allowed to wear is earrings. Body piercing jewelry and make-up is not allowed for males. Excessive jewelry worn by both males or females or excessively worn make-up that distracts from the learning environment or poses a safety problem will not be allowed. High school males may have a well-groomed, neatly trimmed mustache; other facial hair is not allowed. Pre K- 8 school males may not have a mustache or facial hair.

Hairstyles for both male and female that creates problems of health and sanitation, obstruct vision, are an "unnatural hair color" (not naturally occurring on people) or excessively bleached or that distracts from the learning environment will not be allowed. The principal or his/her designee will determine this. Spiked hair including mohawks for both males and females is not allowed. Hair on males, no matter what style, that is longer than the bottom of the earlobes on the side, below the eyebrows in the front, and longer than the top of the collar in the back is not allowed. Ornamentation (ribbons, bows, beads, rubber bands, etc.) and hair restraints are not allowed for males.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices: Elem./Middle/Jr. High Schools: Students are not permitted to possess cell phones or any other unauthorized electronic devices on campus during regular school hours.

High School: Cell phones and all other unauthorized electronic devices shall not be permitted in any school building or annexed facilities during regular school hours. Storage of authorized cell phones and electronic devices will be determined by the principal.

Public Displays of Affection: Public displays of affection shall not be allowed on the school campus. The principal or his/her designee will determine consequences depending upon the severity of the student's actions.

Graduation Ceremony: Full participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right, for the individual student and his/her parents/guardians. Therefore, the privilege of graduating with one's class on the stage/at the stadium on graduation day is governed by the following principles: (1) successful completion of the course of studies, exams, and attendance regulations required by the state of Louisiana, (2) successful completion of the course of studies required by the St. Landry Parish School Board, (3) all graduation practices will be held during regular school hours prior to dismissal of seniors and attendance is mandatory, (4) fulfillment of all financial obligations and (5) certification by the school's administration as having followed the rules and regulations of the attending school to such a degree that the student has earned the privilege of being an active participant in the graduation ceremony. Graduation is a school function that is subject to each individual school's rules and regulations. A graduation contract will be issued to all prospective graduates no later than midterm of the graduating year. This contract must be

signed by both the parent/guardian and graduating senior agreeing to these principles in addition to those requirements that are set by each individual school. This binding contract will be honored by all parties.

Field Trip: The principal or his/her designee has the right to determine what items students may bring on a co-curricular field trip. Students are solely responsible for these items. The individual school and/or St. Landry Parish School Board are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. Disciplinary action will be administered at the discretion of the principal.

Depending on the sequence or severity of documented disciplinary infractions, consequences will range from a verbal warning to expulsion. All infractions will be documented and will be dealt with according to parish approved school handbooks and/or adopted parish and state policies.

Disciplinary Actions and Definitions:

The following order is not progressive, and all steps may not be applicable depending on the school site or disciplinary infraction. The principal or his/her designee will administer the following action(s):

- **Counsel and Warn** - A discussion shall be held with student to discuss misbehavior and student shall be advised of consequences for continued violations.
- **Refer to School Resources** - Student shall be referred to school resources (i.e. school counselor, mental health providers, Safe and Drug Free School Counselors, Teacher Assistance Teams, School Building Level Committee, School Resource Officer, etc.) for intervention.
- **Make Parental Contact** - Parents shall be contacted to discuss student's misbehavior.
- **Assign Lunch or Recess Detention:** Student shall be assigned to detention for a specified date and time.
- **Assign Work Detail/Cafeteria Duty:** Student shall be assigned to complete supervised community service at the school.
- **Assign Remedial Work** - Student shall be assigned remedial work to be completed by a specified date and time.
- **Conference with Parent** - A conference with the parent/legal guardian, student, and/or teacher(s) shall be scheduled and conducted.
- **Assign Behavior Clinic/After School Detention** - Student shall be assigned to behavior clinic or after school detention for a specified date and time. Note: After school detention may include detention held on non-school days (i.e. Saturdays).

The principal will, when deemed appropriate, take the following action:

- **In-School Suspension** - Student shall be assigned to designated in-school suspension site for a specified date and time.
- **Out of School Suspension** - Student shall be suspended out of school for a period of one to nine days.
- **Expulsion Recommendation** - Student shall be suspended from school pending an expulsion hearing with a district hearing officer. The Superintendent, with Board approval, will determine if/when a student will be allowed to return to the school system and what campus he/she will be assigned.

Consequences-Electronic Devices

Pre-K - 6 Schools

- First Offense: Confiscate device. Parent must come in and sign contract. Device released to legal guardian only.
- Second Offense: Confiscate device. Device is held for no less than five (5) school days. Device released to legal guardian only. Other possible consequences may include detention, issue of demerits, etc. (excluding suspension)
- Third and Each Subsequent Offense Within the Same School Year: Confiscate device. Device is held for a six weeks period. Device released to legal guardian only.

***The principal may impose additional disciplinary measures he/she deems appropriate in the case of extenuating circumstances.*

Consequences-Electronic Devices

Middle/Junior and High Schools

- First Offense: Confiscate device. Parent must come in and sign contract. Device released to legal guardian only.
- Second Offense: Confiscate device. Device is held for no less than ten (10) school days. Device released to legal guardian only.
- Third and Each Subsequent Offense Within the Same School Year: Confiscate device. Device is held for the remainder of the school year. Device released to legal guardian only.

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