

1 An orderly school environment is necessary for teachers to be able to teach and for students to be
2 able to learn. Students are encouraged to participate in efforts to create a safe, orderly, and
3 inviting school environment. Students also are entitled to exercise their constitutional right to
4 free speech as part of a stimulating, inviting educational environment. A student's right to free
5 speech will not be infringed upon; however, school officials may place reasonable, constitutional
6 restrictions on time, place, and manner in order to preserve a safe, orderly environment.

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8 Principals and teachers have full authority as provided by law to establish and enforce standards
9 and rules as necessary to create orderly schools and classrooms.

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11 **A. PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR**

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13 Students are prohibited from disrupting teaching, the orderly conduct of school activities,
14 or any other lawful function of the school or school system. The following conduct is
15 illustrative of disruptive behavior and is prohibited:

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17 1. intentional verbal or physical acts that result or have the potential to result in
18 blocking access to school functions or facilities or preventing the convening or
19 continuation of school-related functions;
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21 2. appearance or clothing that (1) violates a reasonable dress code adopted and
22 publicized by the school; (2) is substantially disruptive; (3) is provocative or
23 obscene; or (4) endangers the health or safety of the student or others (see policy
24 4316, Student Dress Code);
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26 3. possessing or distributing literature or illustrations that significantly disrupt the
27 educational process or that are obscene or unlawful;
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29 4. engaging in behavior that is immoral, indecent, lewd, disreputable, or of an overly
30 sexual nature in the school setting;
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32 5. failing to observe established safety rules, standards, and regulations, including on
33 buses and in hallways; and
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35 6. interfering with the operation of school buses, including delaying the bus
36 schedule, getting off at an unauthorized stop, and willfully trespassing upon a
37 school bus.

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39 **B. CONSEQUENCES**

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41 The disciplinary consequences for violations of this policy will be consistent with Section
42 D of policy 4300, Student Behavior Policies. The superintendent or designee shall list in
43 the Code of Student Conduct the specific range of consequences that may be imposed on
44 a student for violations of this policy.

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46 Legal References: U.S. Const. amend. I; N.C. Const. art. I, § 14; G.S. 14-132, -132.2, -288.2, -
47 288.4; 115C-47, -288, -307, -390.2

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49 Cross References: Student Behavior Policies (policy 4300), Student Dress Code (policy 4316)

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