

1 Criminal or other illegal behavior is prohibited. Any student who the principal reasonably  
2 believes has engaged in criminal behavior on school premises or at school activities will be  
3 subject to appropriate disciplinary action, as stated in applicable board policies, and also may be  
4 criminally prosecuted.  
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6 School officials shall cooperate fully with any criminal investigation and prosecution. School  
7 officials shall independently investigate any criminal behavior that also violates school rules or  
8 board policy.  
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10 **A. STUDENTS CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR**  
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12 The superintendent and principal may take reasonable or legally required measures to  
13 preserve a safe, orderly environment when a student has been charged with or convicted  
14 of a serious crime, regardless of whether the alleged offense was committed on school  
15 grounds or was related to school activities. Depending upon the circumstances, including  
16 the nature of the crime or alleged crime, the child's age, and the publicity within the  
17 school community, reasonable or legally required efforts may include changing a  
18 student's classroom assignment or transferring the student to another school. Transfer to  
19 an alternative school may be made in accordance with the criteria established in policy  
20 3470/4305, Alternative Learning Programs/Schools. The student will continue to be  
21 provided with educational opportunities unless and until the student is found to have  
22 violated board policy or school rules and is suspended or expelled in accordance with  
23 procedures established in board policy.  
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25 **B. REPORTING CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR**  
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27 A school employee is permitted to report to law enforcement an assault by a student on a  
28 school employee. Principals or other supervisors shall not, by threats or in any other  
29 manner, intimidate, or attempt to intimidate the school employee from doing so.  
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31 Principals must immediately report to law enforcement the following acts when they have  
32 personal knowledge or actual notice from school personnel that such acts have occurred  
33 on school property, regardless of the age or grade of the perpetrator or victim: (1) assault  
34 resulting in serious personal injury; (2) sexual assault; (3) sexual offense; (4) rape; (5)  
35 kidnapping; (6) indecent liberties with a minor; (7) assault involving the use of a weapon;  
36 (8) possession of a firearm in violation of the law; (9) possession of a weapon in violation  
37 of the law; and (10) possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law. A  
38 principal who willfully fails to make a required report to law enforcement will be subject  
39 to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.  
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41 The principal or designee shall notify the superintendent or designee in writing or by e-  
42 mail of any report made by the principal to law enforcement. Such notice must occur by  
43 the end of the workday in which the incident occurred, when reasonably possible, but not  
44 later than the end of the following workday. The superintendent must inform the board

45 of any such reports. In addition, the principal or designee must notify the parents of  
46 students who are alleged to be victims of any reported offenses.

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48 Certain crimes must be reported to the ~~State Board of Education~~ Department of Public  
49 Instruction in accordance with ~~State Board of Education Policy SSCH-000~~ 16 NC.A.C.  
50 6E .0107.

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52 Legal References: Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. 7961; G.S. 14-17, -18, -27.21, -27.22, -  
53 27.24 through -27.27, -27.29, -27.30, -27.33, -32 through -34.10, -39, -87, -202, -202.1, -202.2, -  
54 269.2; ch. 90 art. 5; 115C-47(56), -288(g); 16 NC.A.C. 6E .0107 ~~State Board of Education~~  
55 ~~Policy SSCH-000~~

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57 Cross References: Alternative Learning Programs/Schools (policy 3470/4305), Drugs and  
58 Alcohol (policy 4325), Theft, Trespass, and Damage to Property (policy 4330), Assaults and  
59 Threats (policy 4331), Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety  
60 (policy 4333), School-Level Investigations (policy 4340)

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