

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.

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47 In addition, the principal or designee must promptly notify the parents if a school system
48 employee suspects that any criminal offense has been committed against the parents'
49 child, including but not limited to any of the offenses required to be reported to law
50 enforcement, regardless of where the offense allegedly occurred, unless the incident has
51 been reported to law enforcement or the county child services agency and notification of
52 the parents would impede the investigation of students who are alleged to be victims of
53 any reported offenses. In determining whether the notification of parents would impede
54 the investigation, law enforcement or child protective services should be consulted.

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56 Certain crimes must be reported to the Department of Public Instruction in accordance
57 with 16 NC.A.C. 6E .0107.

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59 Legal References: Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. 7961; G.S. 14-17, -18, -27.21, -27.22, -
60 27.24 through -27.27, -27.29, -27.30, -27.33, -32 through -34.10, -39, -87, -202, -202.1, -202.2, -
61 269.2; ch. 90 art. 5; 114A-10; 115C-47(56), -288(g); 16 NC.A.C. 6E .0107

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

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