

1 Criminal or other illegal behavior is prohibited. Any student whom 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.

5
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.

9
10 **A. STUDENTS CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR**

11
12 If necessary, the superintendent and principal may take reasonable measures to preserve a
13 safe, orderly environment when a student has been charged with or convicted of a serious
14 crime, regardless of whether the alleged offense was committed on school grounds or
15 related to school activities. Depending upon the circumstances, including the nature of
16 the alleged crime, the child's age, and the publicity within the school community,
17 reasonable efforts may include changing a student's classroom assignment or transferring
18 the student to another school. Transfer to an alternative school may be made in
19 accordance with the criteria established in Policy JQ, "Alternative Learning
20 Programs/Schools." The student will continue to be provided with educational
21 opportunities unless and until the student is found to have violated Board policy or school
22 rules and is suspended or expelled in accordance with procedures established in Board
23 policy.

24
25 **B. REPORTING CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR**

26
27 Principals shall report to law enforcement certain criminal offenses that occur on school
28 property when the principal has personal knowledge, actual notice, or a reasonable belief
29 that the following criminal acts have occurred, regardless of the age or grade of the
30 perpetrator or victim: (1) assault resulting in serious personal injury; (2) sexual assault;
31 (3) sexual offense; (4) rape; (5) kidnapping; (6) indecent liberties with a minor; (7)
32 assault involving the use of a weapon; (8) possession of a firearm in violation of the law;
33 (9) possession of a weapon in violation of the law; and, (10) possession of a controlled
34 substance in violation of the law.

35
36 The principal or designee shall notify the superintendent or designee in writing or by e-
37 mail of any report made to law enforcement. Such notice must occur by the end of the
38 workday in which the incident occurred, when reasonably possible, but not later than the
39 end of the following workday. The superintendent must inform the Board of any such
40 reports. In addition, the principal or designee must notify the parents or guardians of
41 students who are alleged to be victims of any reported offenses.

43 Certain crimes must be reported to the State Board of Education in accordance with State
44 Board of Education Policy HRS-A-000.

45
46
47

48 Legal References: Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. 7151; N. C. Gen. Stat. § 14-17, -18, -27.2
49 to -27.5, -32, -33, -34 to -34.2, -41, -60, -69.1, -69.2, -87, -87.1, -132, -132.2, -202.1, -269.2; ch.
50 90 art. 5; 115C-288(g); State Board of Education Policy HRS-A-000

51

52 Cross References:

53 Policy JFC, “Student Conduct/Discipline”

54 Policy JGDC, “Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety”

55 Policy JQ, “Alternative Learning Programs/Schools”

56

57

58

59 APPROVED BY BOARD

60 AND EFFECTIVE _____

61

62

63

NEW