Student Code of Conduct

All students must follow the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) Code of Student Conduct. The Code of Student Conduct organizes rule violations into five levels based on the seriousness of the behavior and the range of possible consequences.

Review the **handbook (/fs/pages/38531)** to learn more about key expectations for student conduct. Note that is does not include every disciplinary policy used by the Wake County Public School System. See **Board Policy 4309: Student Behavior - Code of Student Conduct (https://v3.boardpolicyonline.com/b/bl/wake_new/s/208219)** to learn more.

School administrators review each situation carefully and may consider factors such as the student's age, intent, safety concerns, and prior behavior when determining an appropriate response. In many cases, schools may use interventions such as restorative practices, counseling referrals, or other supports to address behavior and help students learn from the situation. More serious violations may result in suspension or other disciplinary consequences.

Athletics

To participate in athletics, students must sign the athletic participation form and agree to the Student-Athlete Pledge. Some schools have additional conduct rules for their athletic programs.

Student-Athlete Pledge: As a student-athlete, I am a role model. I understand the spirit of fair play while playing hard. I will refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, including inappropriate language, taunting, trash talking, and unnecessary physical contact. I know the behavior expectations of my school and my conference, and hereby accept the responsibility and privilege of representing this school and community as a student-athlete.

Student conduct guidelines

To help create a safe, positive environment, you agree to:

- Use respectful language.
- Treat everyone fairly, with dignity and respect.

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- Avoid tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.
- Arrive on time for practices, meetings, and games.
- Play by the rules and show good sportsmanship.
- Never sexually harass or harm others.
- Never gamble on sports or connect with those who do.
- Show self-control and represent your school well.
- Follow all school and team policies.
- Report any injury or health concern to an athletic trainer or first responder.

Note: Violating the WCPSS Code of Student Conduct may result in discipline under Board Policy 6500. Breaking the Student-Athlete Pledge or these guidelines can lead to suspension from your team, based on North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) rules or State Board of Education policies.

Additional Parent Resources

WCPSS Email/Phone Alerts via SchoolMessenger (https://www.wcpss.net/parent-resources/~board/family-resources/post/schoolmessenger-instant-alerts-that-matter)

Read More (https://www.wcpss.net/parent-resources/~board/family-resources/post/schoolmessenger-instant-alerts-that-matter)

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resources (https://www.wcpss.net/parent-resources/~board/family-resources/post/domestic-violence-and-sexual-assault-resources)

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