

P6-05 Conduct

It is the primary responsibility of the entire school division to support each school in providing an atmosphere that is **welcoming, equitable, and** conducive to learning, in which education may be conducted free of disruption and threat to person or property. It is recognized that these policies may not embrace all types of student behavior. It is the responsibility of each school's administration working in conjunction with students, staff, appropriate support services, and the community to teach, implement, and reinforce the Code of Student Conduct, which is incorporated by reference into this policy. The Code of Student Conduct presents Henrico County Public Schools' comprehensive collection of policies and regulations governing student discipline.

The first responsibility of those who enjoy the rights of education is to respect the **expectations** ~~rules~~ and regulations of the school and school division and the rights of each individual within the school community. These responsibilities include the appropriate and proper use of technology as set forth in the guidelines described herein and in the Code of Student Conduct for acceptable use of technology. Inappropriate use of information technology shall be addressed through the Code of Student Conduct and/or referral for appropriate legal action.

The Code of Student Conduct applies to any Henrico County Public Schools student. It is enforced when he/she is on school property, while traveling to school or from school, to, from and at bus stops, in School Board vehicles, or in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity. It also is enforced when the student's conduct interferes with or obstructs the orderly operation of the school system or the safety or welfare of students, employees or volunteers. All are subject to comply with the expectations as stated, and are expected to respond to the authority of all school personnel. Students who observe or are subjected to inappropriate actions as described in the Code are expected to report such incidences to their school administration. In addition, all students must report to a school staff member any information concerning threats or disruptions involving the safety of students, staff, or the school environment.

In accordance with law and school division policies, the faculty, students and parents must acknowledge and recognize the need for enforcing and adhering to these policies regarding student discipline fairly, firmly, and consistently. The Code of Virginia specifically requires that each parent of a student shall sign and return to the school in which the student is enrolled the statement acknowledging receipt of the Code of Student Conduct and notice of the requirements of the Code of Virginia, section 22.1-279.3 These rights and responsibilities shall be reflected in the policies set forth herein as a minimal standard and shall be made available within the school and to the community it serves.

All personal belongings kept on school property (including on school buses and all other vehicles used for pupil transportation), brought to school-sponsored events, or brought to bus stops will be at the sole risk of the owner. HCPS will not accept responsibility for damage, loss, or theft of any personal belongings on school property, brought to school-sponsored events, or brought to bus stops. This includes damage, loss, or theft to bicycles, motorbikes, motorcycles, motor vehicles, musical instruments, cell phones, electronic devices, clothing, shoes, glasses, and all other personal belongings. Owners

shall not assume that personal property will be replaced or repaired by HCPS. Claims for loss or damage to personal property resulting from actions of HCPS employees will be investigated and administered by the County's Risk Management Division.

Reference: Code of Virginia, § 22.1-279.3

Reference: Regulation 6-05, "Procedures for Dealing with Issues Related to Conduct"

Reference: Code of Student Conduct, Henrico County Public Schools

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Legal Refs.: **Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 16.1-260, 18.2-308.1, 18.2-308.7, 22.1-78, 22.1-200.1, 22.1-253.13:7.C.3; 22.1-254, 22.1-276.3, 22.1-277, 22.1-277.08, 22.1-277.2, 22.1-279.1, 22.1-279.3, 22.1-279.3:1, 22.1-279.6.**

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 18.2-56, 18.2-83, 18.2-85, 18.2-87.1, 18.2-119, 18.2-308, 18.2-308.1, 18.2-308.7, 18.2-371.2, 18.2-433.1, 22.1-70.2, 22.1-78, 22.1-202, 22.1-253.13:7.C.3, 22.1-276.3, 22.1-277, 22.1-277.07:1, 22.1-277.08, 22.1-277.2, 22.1-279.1, 22.1-279.6, 46.2-323, 46.2-334.001.

Student Code of Conduct Policy Guidelines (Virginia Board of Education October 2013).

Information Brief: Cyberbullying and School Policy (Virginia Department of Education August 2008).

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