

## Lee County Schools Disciplinary Priority Areas

Violation	Page #	Description of Offense	Potential Consequences
AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR, FIGHTING, THREATS, AND HARASSMENT			
<b>Rule 3:</b> Assault on or Physical Injury to Others, Threatening Acts, Harassment	9	<p>*No student shall assault, physically injure, attempt to injure, or behave in a way that could cause injury to any other person. Students who are physically assaulted can use self-defense but only to the extent to free themselves and to find a staff member.</p> <p>*Students are prohibited from communicating threats to another person either verbally or through signals.</p> <p>*Students are also prohibited from engaging in or encouraging harassment, which is unwanted behavior that offends, humiliates, or threatens another person. Harassment includes bullying.</p>	<p>Up to 10-day suspension for all involved students and possible long-term suspension if there are aggravating factors.</p> <p>The Superintendent may assign a student who physically assaults and injures a teacher to an alternative school.</p> <p>Expulsion may be warranted in serious cases.</p>
<b>Rule 8:</b> Threatening, Insulting, Abusive or Seriously Discourteous Words, Signs, or Other Acts.	14	<p>*No student shall communicate abusive and vulgar language, signs, or acts to another person that threatens force or violence or humiliates or insults.</p> <p>*Sexual harassment, or unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of sexual nature, will NOT be tolerated.</p>	<p><b>For threatening language or acts and sexual harassment:</b> 10-day suspension and possible long-term suspension if there are aggravating factors.</p> <p><b>For Abusive/ Insulting Language:</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Offense: up to 5-day suspension  2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: up to 10-day suspension</p>
<b>Rule 13:</b> Fighting	20	<p>*No student shall fight another person or encourage or cause others to fight. Students who are physically assaulted may defend themselves only to the extent to free themselves and find a staff member. Students who use more force than reasonably necessary to defend themselves may be disciplined even if they did not start the fight.</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> up to 10-day suspension for all involved students and possible long-term suspension</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b> up to 10-day suspension and possible recommendation for long-term suspension or expulsion</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:</b> same as above.</p> <p>For repeated or serious violations, alternative school assignment is possible.</p>
<b>Rule 15:</b> Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying	22	<p>*No student shall bully another student. Bullying is conduct that is intended to harm another person and includes cyberbullying (email, text, photos, and social media). Discrimination, which includes unfair or prejudicial treatment of others based on their characteristics or membership in a group, is prohibited. Harassment is also prohibited. See Rule 3 (above) for definition of harassment.</p>	<p>Up to 10-day suspension or recommendation for long-term suspension.</p>

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ALCOHOL, DRUG, AND TOBACCO USE			
<b>Rule 17:</b> Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, Stimulants, Drugs, etc.	24	<p>Students are prohibited from possessing, using, distributing, selling, exchanging, or being under the influence of any of the following substances: narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, or any other controlled substance; alcoholic beverages; or any substance intended to bring about a state of exhilaration or euphoria or alter the student's mood or behavior.</p> <p>Students are also prohibited from possessing, using, distributing, or selling drug paraphernalia or counterfeit (fake) drugs.</p> <p>Possession or use of prescription and over the counter drugs are not in violation of the policy if used in accordance with the policy, "Administering Medicines to Students." Students may not give or distribute prescription drugs to other students</p>	<p>Up to 10-day suspension and possible recommendation for long term suspension or placement to an alternative educational setting</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> First offense – For a first offense violation of Rule 17, the student and parent may be permitted to enroll in the Saving All Families Through Education (SAFTE) Program in lieu of recommendation for long term suspension and/or placement to an alternative educational setting. Enrollment in SAFTE will result in the student serving a short term suspension with the long-term suspension and/or placement in an alternative education setting being held in abeyance pending the completion of the SAFTE Program. If the student and parent do not successfully enroll in and complete the SAFTE Program for the first offense, the student will be reassigned to an alternative educational setting. If the student is already placed in an alternative educational setting, his/her new alternative setting will be web-based with an off campus setting or the possible reduction in the student's schedule.</p> <p>Any subsequent offense during their school career may result in a long-term suspension or possible expulsion.</p> <p>In addition to school disciplinary action, the principal must report to the appropriate law enforcement agency any student who had used or possessed the substance prohibited by this policy.</p>
<b>Rule 19:</b> Use of tobacco products	25	<p>No student may use or knowingly possess any tobacco product. This rule also includes smokeless tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and vaping. Students are prohibited from using or possessing any tobacco product in any school building, school vehicle or on school grounds at any time; at any school-related activity; or at any time when the student is subject to the supervision of school personnel, including school trips.</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> The product will be confiscated. The parents or guardians will be notified. Up to 3-day suspension and successful completion of a tobacco cessation program as designated by the school.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b> Up to 5-day suspension and/or parent conference.</p> <p><b>Additional offense:</b> Up to 10-day suspension and parent conference.</p>



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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE			
<b>Rule 22:</b> School Attendance	27	<p>*Every student is expected to be in full-time attendance in their assigned classes except in instances of excused absences. When a student must miss school, a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian must be presented to the student's teacher on the day the student returns after an absence. The Superintendent, principal or teacher may excuse a child temporarily from school for any of the following reasons: personal illness or injury that makes the student unable to attend school; quarantine; death in the immediate family; medical or dental appointment; mandated attendance at a court proceeding; religious holidays; participation in an educational activity approved by the principal; pregnancy; or in emergency situations.</p> <p>*Also, students with active-duty military parents or guardians may be granted additional excused absences.</p> <p>*Absences due to extended illness require a doctor's note</p> <p>*Elementary and middle students cannot have more than 16 absences in a year.</p>	Violations may result in reduction in grades, a failing grade, or a referral to the juvenile justice system for compulsory attendance violations.
<b>Rule 22:</b> Tardiness	28	No student shall arrive to class late without permission or excuse from school officials.	In school-discipline and/or parental notification. Recurring unexcused tardies may result in suspension up to two days.
<b>Rule 22:</b> Skipping Class / Leaving School	28	No student shall skip school or class on any school day without permission or excuse from school personnel or without good reason. No student shall leave the school campus without permission / excuse	Notification to parent, in-school suspension, possible suspension up to two days, and unexcused absence.