

HENDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY	<u>STUDENTS</u> Discipline	450
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DISCIPLINE

Education is the primary purpose of public school. In order for teachers to teach and students to learn, an atmosphere conducive to learning must be consistently maintained. There must exist a climate of discipline conducive to serious study and respect for oneself, other people, and property in order that a school can satisfactorily meet the needs of students. There is an expectation that students behave in a manner appropriate to the school setting, complying with the student code of conduct, state and federal laws, school Board policies and local school rules governing student behavior and conduct. Each Principal shall have the authority and be charged with the responsibility to take whatever reasonable and legal action is necessary to establish and maintain appropriate student behavior in accordance with Board policy. Principals are responsible for discipline of students in school, including suspensions. The teacher is the recognized authority in the classroom and is expected to maintain order and is required to report serious misconduct to the school principal.

A Board approved *Student Code of Conduct* is annually updated and made available to each student electronically on the Henderson County Public Schools' website (or hard copy upon request). The Student Code of Conduct sets out system-wide expectations for student behavior designed to provide the best possible school climate. The Student Code of Conduct also provides annual notification information for parents and students.