INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

I. Philosophy:

The Aiken County Board of Educaton believes that residents desire the best possible educaton for their children. A positve learning environment is safe, drug free, and without disruptton. Good student conduct is essental to the achievement of the school's goals and objectves. This Code

HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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MINOR INFRACTIONS:

Typical minor disciplinary ac t ons consist of restric t on of privileges, work assignments (such as

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Before disciplining a student, the principal, or the principal's designated administrator, will investigate, gather the facts, and develop a written report where necessary. The student will be advised of the alleged violation of the Code and the proposed consequences**,** such as restriction of privileges; work assignment (e.g. such picking up paper, washing desk tops, or sweeping floors); detention; in-school suspension; out-of-school suspension; expulsion, or referral to other agencies, and/or Family Court. If the student admits the charges, no further investigation is required. If the student denies the charges, the administrator will explain the evidence known to school authorities and permit the student a reasonable opportunity to state his/her version of the facts. The administrator may conduct further investigation if necessary. The administrator need not call witnesses, either to sustain or oppose the charges, although he/she may do so. Where the conduct of the student requires that he/she be suspended, written notice to the student and to the parent, or other person in loco parents must be given. This written notice will include the

PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT AT THE CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING (CIL):

In certain circumstances, a student may be placed in the alternative setting after an accumulation of level II infractions with a conference and **I-ƎNJŜŜƳŜyű ōè ōƻűK** the administration and the parent/guardian. This agreement must be in place **prior** to the student committing an expellable offense.

PROCEDURES, HEARINGS, AND APPEALS OF EXPULSIONS:

A recommendation for expulsion will be confirmed by the school level Assistant Superintendent. The Assistant Superintendent may require an additional conference with the parent or guardian before confirming a recommendation for expulsion.

A parent or guardian will be advised of the date and time for a hearing before the Hearing Officer, as provided below. **¢KŜ ǎűdzŘŜyű I-yŘ KƛǎκKŜNJ LJI-NJŜyű ƻNJ ƎdzI-NJŘƛI-y´ ǿƛƭƭ I-ǧŜyŘ űKŜ KŜI-NJƛyƎ ōŜŦƻNJŜ űKŜ I ŜI-NJƛyƎ hŶŎŜNJ** Such initial hearing shall take place within fifteen (15) days of the date of the written notification of expulsion, unless waived in writing by the parent or student, either completely or for a later date. If the parent or guardian fails to attend the hearing designated, the expulsion recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Education for ratification. In any hearing, the Hearing Officer, after reviewing the student's previous record, and in light of extenuating circumstances, may consider consequences other than expulsion and impose various conditions.

Written notice of the Hearing Officer's decision shall be given to the parent or guardian. All requests for appeal of an expulsion recommendation that has been upheld by the Hearing Officer must be in writing. If no written request for appeal to the Board is made within ten (10) days of the date of the Hearing Officer's written decision notice to the parent or guardian, the action of the Hearing Officer upholding the recommendation for expulsion will be presented to the Board for ratification. In any expulsion

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PETITION FOR READMISSION FOR SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING EXPULSION:

Any student expelled for the remainder of a school year, except for one who has been permanently expelled, has to petton for readmission the following school year. The parent or legal guardian of any student seeking to be re-enrolled will schedule a conference with the Hearing Ofcer for readmission (assuming the readmission itself is not an issue). The Hearing Ofcer may, where he/she deems it necessary impose certain conditons or restrictons to the student applying for readmission.

REFERRAL TO SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVED COUNSELING PROGRAMS:

At the discreton of the Hearing Ofcer or the Board of Educaton, a student may be referred to an approved counseling program in additon to, or as an alternatve to, other disciplinary acton. The student must complete such program successfully and provide documentaton to the principal. Such referrals impose no funding liability upon the School District.

SEARCHES, CONFISCATIONS, ETC.

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NOTE: The administration will make the final judgment on the appropriateness of clothing and/or appearance and reserves the right to prohibit students from wearing any articles of clothing or other items which lead to or result in the disruption of or interference with the school environment and student safety. In the event the administration determines a student's dress is inappropriate for school in accordance with this policy, the administration will either require the student to change or will inform the student not to wear the garment to school again. Repeated violations of the Dress Code will be addressed as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

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Students a t ending a school on hardship/special permission, may have the special permission status revoked if a student has excessive absences or excessive tardies, which violates the agreement for this status.

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BUS TRANSPORTATION DISCIPLINE CODE

LEVEL I –BEHAVIORAL MISCONDUCT

Behavioral misconduct is defned as those actvites which tend to impede the orderly operaton of a school vehicle. Repeated violatons may lead to more serious disciplinary actons including suspension from the bus for an extended period of tme including the remainder of the school year. Discipline records of violatons are cumulatve. Acts of behavioral misconduct with enforcement procedures or ų ʻ ns iscti ≠ ų ʻ a ų ŭ ʻ l' tep ʻ ų ʻ e ⊐ viola ŕ

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PURPOSE

To establish the basic structure for any possession/use by students of paging devices, cell phones, and other personal electronic devices, including smartwatches and tablets, in school.

For purposes of this policy:

A paging device is defined in South Carolina law as a telecommunications device, to include a mobile telephone (cell phone) that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor.

A cell phone, while included in the general definition of a paging device, also includes any digital or analog portable communication device or multi-function device that has two-way communication capability (whether aural, visual or a combination thereof) and operates through a cellular telecommunication system, a global satellite system or an AM or FM two-way radio system.

A personal electronic device includes any digital or analog portable electronic device that can capture, store, or transfer visual images such as a iPhone (or similar smart phone), laptop computer, tablet, iPads (with or without wireless (WiFi) or cellular interface capability), and digital (or film-type) camera, but does not include a calculator or device utilized strictly for computational purposes.

A violation is the activation on school grounds during the school day of any paging device, cell phone, tablet, iPad, or any other personal electronic Ţrtn3cellh ŞabƟŮʻ tƥ load, gl'ʻ cell Aoḑactx "

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PARENT AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Maintaining discipline and appropriate student behavior is necessary for the operaton of our schools. Invoking disciplinary procedures may at tmes be stressful and emotonal for parents and the students involved. Nevertheless, the Board of Educaton expects communicatons and meetngs between school personnel and parents to be conducted reasonably, even if there are diferences of opinion.

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We, parent/guardian and student, have read the conduct regulatons (Code of Student Conduct) which are in efect in the schools of The Consolidated School District of Aiken County during the school year 2023-2024.

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5) conduct involving sexual actvity or ofenses/ofenses against common decency
6) arson/damage to property
7) major disruptons

The undersigned further acknowledge having read and understood the School District's Internet Acceptable

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