



Laurens County School District Online Student Code of Conduct

(An addendum to the Code of Conduct and Attendance
Requirements in the
2020-2021 Parent/Student Handbook)

Although the classroom environment is virtual for our online learning students, the standards of behavior and attendance are as important as they are in our brick and mortar school buildings. In other words, our online learning classrooms are real classrooms with real teachers; therefore, appropriate student behavior and attendance are expected. To ensure that all LCSS students understand how to behave in an online environment, we have developed an addendum to our code of conduct that all online learning students are required to follow. This addendum to the student code of conduct is designed to create and sustain a learning environment that facilitates all students' efforts to learn online.

- Students are to be signed-on at the required times assigned by the teacher(s).
- Students will attend each scheduled class regularly. Failure to attend all assigned times during the day could result in an absence, early dismissal, and/or tardy in the student's attendance record. Attendance Policy and Truancy requirements are still in place for online learners just as with in-person learners.
- The student's camera is to be on and focused only on the student while a live session is being conducted. The area behind the student should be free of any distraction; such as other children, adults, TV, etc. This is for whole group, small group, and individual live instruction sessions.
- Students will be prepared for class and have any materials requested beforehand by the teacher.
- If you experience technical issues, communicate immediately with your child's teacher or the school.
- Assignments are to be completed only by the student. Anyone other than the student completing the work is a violation of the academic honor policy and considered cheating, thus disciplinary action will apply.
- Students will demonstrate respect for self and others participating in online learning.
- Students will demonstrate courtesy to others in the online environment.
- Students will behave in a responsible manner.
- Students will take appropriate care of the school issued Chromebook. This includes not having food or drink near the device.

- Students and parents will cooperate with teachers and school officials. It will take both working together to ensure the child's success in this new learning environment.
- Students will avoid any violation of the student code of conduct and attendance/truancy policy detailed in the parent/student handbook.

Online learning students are also still held to the Student Code of Conduct detailed in the 2020-2021 Parent/Student Handbook. Progressive discipline will still be utilized for offenses identified as major and minor. These offenses are detailed in the student/parent handbook. Online learning students are also still held to the expectation contained in the Acceptable Internet Use Policy section of that same handbook.

The following disciplinary actions may be imposed for any violation of the Code of Conduct by an online learner:

- Warning and/or counseling with an administrator or counselor
- Completion of an assigned activity/assignment that is directly connected to the misbehavior demonstrated by the student.
- Loss of privileges that are part of the teacher's activities for the week
- Temporary removal from class or activity
- Notification to parents
- Required Parent conferences
- Short-term out of school suspension (1-10 days)
- Referral to a tribunal for long-term suspension or expulsion
- Temporary placement in an alternative education program (internal or external)
- Referral to law enforcement or juvenile court officials: Georgia law requires that certain acts of misconduct be referred to the appropriate law enforcement officials.

With parents, students, teachers, and school officials all working together, we can ensure that all students still receive an excellent and equitable education in this new learning environment.

Thank you for your corporation. We hope you have a great online experience!

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