



SOCASTEE HIGH SCHOOL

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DISCIPLINE POLICIES: GENERAL

LUNCH

1. Students are to eat lunch in the Commons or on the outdoor patio during their designated lunchtime.
2. If a student needs to go anywhere other than these areas, they must present the staff on duty with a pass from a teacher. This includes the media center and IB room.
3. Students must use the Commons restrooms during lunch.
4. Students cannot have outside food delivered or dropped off at the front desk at any point of the school day.
5. Any student found to be off limits during lunch will receive disciplinary consequences.

DOOR POLICY

1. It is prohibited to let any individual through an exterior door at any time.
2. Letting any individual, student or visitor, through an exterior door poses a danger to the school building.
3. In addition, it is prohibited to prop any exterior door open. All exterior doors must be closed and locked at all times.
4. Students who fail to meet this expectation will receive consequences.

1 st Offense	1 day OSS
2 nd Offense	3 days OSS
3 rd Offense	Evidentiary Hearing

TOBACCO VIOLATION

1 st Offense	2-5 Days OSS
2 nd Offense	3-5 Days OSS with Tobacco Cessation program
3 rd Offense	Suspension Pending Evidentiary Hearing



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CUTTING CLASS

1 st Offense	After School Detention/Parent Contact
2 nd Offense	1 day ISS/Parent Contact
3 rd Offense	1 day OSS/Parent Contact
4 th Offense	2 days OSS/Parent Contact
5 th Offense	May result in an evidentiary hearing

CUTTING/LEAVING SCHOOL

1st Offense	1 day ISS/Parent Contact
2nd Offense	1 day OSS/Parent Contact
3rd Offense	2 days OSS/Parent Contact
4th Offense	3 days OSS/Parent Contact
5th Offense	May result in an evidentiary hearing



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DISCIPLINE POLICIES: CHEATING

Cheating involves one or more of the following actions:

- To use the work of another person as your own
- To copy information from another student's text, examination, theme, book report, term paper, or notebook (unless allowed to do so by teacher)
- To plagiarize
- Having in your possession a copy of a test to be given or having been given by a teacher, using a textbook or notes during a text, quiz, or examination; talking while taking quizzes, tests, or examinations, or text messaging
- To fail to follow test procedures or instructions announced by a teacher (such as no talking, no turning around in your seat, raising your hand to ask questions, clearing your desk, etc.)
- To furnish another student information which can be used to cheat
- To have in your possession the work of any other student or to give to another student or allow him/her to use your work
- To look on another person's paper or to pass notes, irrespective of the purpose of the look or the content of the note
- "Artificial intelligence" or "AI" is intelligence demonstrated by computers, as opposed to human intelligence. "Intelligence" encompasses the ability to learn, reason, generalize, and infer meaning. Examples of AI technology include ChatGPT and other chatbots and large language models. AI is not a substitute for schoolwork that requires original thought. Students may not claim AI generated content as their own work. The use of AI to take tests, complete assignments, create multimedia projects, write papers, or complete schoolwork without permission of a teacher or administrator is strictly prohibited. The use of AI for these purposes constitutes cheating or plagiarism.

In certain situations, AI may be used as a learning tool or a study aid. Students may not use AI, including AI image or voice generator technology, to violate school rules or school district policies. In order to ensure academic integrity, tests, assignments, projects, papers, and other schoolwork may be checked by AI content detectors and/or plagiarism recognition software.

1 st Offense	"0" assigned and teacher calls parent/guardian
2 nd Offense and above	Notify guidance counselor. "0" assigned, teacher calls parent/guardian.

Documented incidents of cheating may limit students from participating in certain school activities and/or organizations.



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POLICIES: SAFE SCHOOLS & SEARCH & SEIZURE

SAFE SCHOOLS

Pursuant to State Law all Persons entering school property are deemed to have consented to search of their person and property; including, the use of metal detectors, vehicles and bag searches. The South Carolina Safe Schools Act of 1990 makes it a criminal offense to distribute a controlled substance while in, on, or within a radius of one-half mile of the grounds of a public school. The penalty is a \$10,000 fine or 10 years imprisonment or both. Carrying a weapon on school property is a felony, which carries up to a \$5,000 fine and a maximum prison term of five years. The Act also provides that it is unlawful for anyone to knowingly and willfully deliver or convey to a public official, teacher, or principal any letter, document, etc., which contains a threat of death or bodily harm to the person or a member of the person's immediate family. **WEAPONS, ILLEGAL DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND VIOLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS:** Students or visitors who violate school district policy/ state board policy/state law with regard to weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, and/or violent behavior at school or school activities may face the following action: 1. **EXPULSION:** The student will be suspended immediately and recommended for expulsion. 2. **ARREST AND PROSECUTION:** The law enforcement authority having jurisdiction over the school will be contacted. 3. **NOTIFICATION:** The Superintendent and Director of Student Affairs will be notified immediately.

SEARCH & SEIZURE

School lockers, cars, book bags and persons may be searched when there is reasonable evidence that a person is in possession of contraband, illegal substance, weapons, or materials that may be injurious to the health, safety, or welfare of the students. Examples of such items include drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, lighters, or knives and any other item deemed inappropriate for a school setting or against the school district policy. Consequences could be permanent confiscation of the item, ISS, OSS, recommendation for expulsion, and/or arrest. S.C. Code of Laws: Sections 59-63-110 et.Seq.



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DISCIPLINE POLICIES: FIGHTING & BULLYING

SHS ANTI-BULLYING PLAN

All Horry County schools implement an effective anti-bullying plan, which include the following components:

- Highly visible, committed administrative leadership.
- Clearly defined behavioral expectations that support a safe school climate, in addition to prohibited behaviors that constitute direct and indirect bullying.
- Specific, published school rules with consistent sanctions for bullying.
- Training, resources and operational guidelines for employees.
- Direct and anonymous reporting options available to students and parents, which will receive a prompt response by the school administration.
- Enhanced supervision and security, with increased focus during times when large numbers of students are transitioning throughout the day and during publicly attended events.
- Responsive support services, including counseling, for victims of bullying.
- Proactive behavioral training for bullies. Ongoing evaluation of bully intervention plans to ensure effectiveness and continued improvement.

Horry County Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students and employees, and part of that is creating a climate where bullying is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We know that safe and supportive environments help prevent bullying behaviors. We will clearly communicate expectations for student behavior as it relates to bullying, and then we will appropriately deal with those who violate those expectations. Likewise, we will provide appropriate support to those who are victims of bullying.

GENERAL PENALTY FOR FIGHTING

The general penalty for being involved in a fight is a minimum of five days out-of-school suspension. In first-offense cases determined to be severe enough, the administration will make a recommendation for expulsion to the district hearing officer. Students who fight will be referred to the police. If a bystander chooses to record the fight on his/her electronic device, they will be subject to suspension.



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PENALTY FOR SECOND OFFENSE FOR FIGHTING

The minimum penalty for a second offense is recommendation for expulsion from school. The student will be suspended from school until the hearing. Students who fight will be referred to the police.

THREATS, HARASSMENT, AND BULLYING OF STUDENTS

Students are advised that if they are threatened, harassed, or bullied by any other student or group of students, they should immediately report the matter to a teacher or administrator. Students should not respond to threats, comments, harassment, bullying, or criticism by hitting, pushing, shoving, or slapping the other student or by engaging in a verbal battle. Students who threaten the life of a student or staff member will be recommended for expulsion and will be referred to the police. SHS does not condone or support the practice of “hazing/initiation” Such behavior may result in a recommendation for expulsion.

To Report an Incident

Anonymous reports can be made to the ***School Crime Tip Line*** at any time by calling:

- Online on the HCS Website
- District Mobile App