The Cleveland County Board of Education (the “Board”) is committed to creating a safe, orderly environment for students and employees. Principals are authorized and responsible for investigating conduct that may violate a Board policy, school standard, school rule, or the Code of Student Conduct.

All employees and students are expected to respond fully and truthfully to any questions or issues raised in the course of the investigation and any related proceedings.

Any student who has violated a Board policy, school standard, school rule, or the Code of Student Conduct must accept the consequences for his or her misbehavior. All consequences must be administered in a fair and nondiscriminatory manner.

The school administrator shall take the following steps in addressing all cases of alleged misbehavior appropriately referred to his or her office:

1. investigate the facts and circumstances related to the alleged misbehavior;

2. offer the student an opportunity to be heard on the matter; and

3. determine whether a Board policy, school standard, school rule, or the Code of Student Conduct has been violated.

If a violation has occurred, the school administrator shall implement an appropriate consequence in accordance with the school’s plan for managing student behavior, the Code of Student Conduct, or applicable Board policy. Parents are to be notified and involved in accordance with policy.

When the misbehavior may result in a suspension or an expulsion from school, procedures provided in related Board policies also will apply.

A student with disabilities recognized by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) will be accorded all rights granted by federal and state laws and regulations.


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