



Bath County High School

School Based Decision Making Policy

Policy Topic Description:

Discipline and Classroom Management

Council Policy Type (Check One):

By-Laws (Council Operations Policies)

Function (School Operational Policies)

Policy Number:

10.00

Policy Statement:

The Bath County High School faculty, staff, and administration shall implement our district code of acceptable student behavior and adhere to the disciplinary consequences outlined. Copies of the district code shall be distributed to all students/parents and faculty at the beginning of each school year. Copies shall also be provided by the counselor's office to any new students/parents that enroll after the start of the school year. Our school shall also establish specific consequences for student misconducts that are consistent with the district code of acceptable behavior and include this "code of consequences" in the Bath County High School Parent and Student Handbook that is distributed to all students/parents each year.

The administration shall annually analyze the overall trends in student disciplinary referrals and consequences for unacceptable student behavior at the high school and solicit input from faculty and staff members about needed changes. The code of consequences shall be changed as needed and all new changes shall be brought to the SBDM council for approval prior to implementation. The high school code of consequences shall as a minimum address first, second, and subsequent misconducts for Level I, Level II, Level III, and Level IV misconducts designated in the district code of student behavior (exceptions shall only apply to Level IV misconducts that threaten the safety of other students). All consequences for misconduct shall be consistent with the district code of student behavior, related state and federal laws, the Bath County High School Safety Plan, and the Standards and Indicators for School Improvement.

The administration shall maintain an up-to-date school safety plan to address the issues required by state and federal law as well as local board policy. The school safety plan shall be updated annually and provided to the faculty and staff at the beginning of each school year. After the yearly review of the school safety plan, any necessary training that needs to be conducted with the faculty and staff shall be done within the first months of the school year. In addition to our school code of consequences and our school safety plan, Bath County High

Policy Statement (Continued):

School has also adopted the following school wide rules:

- 1) All students shall arrive to class on time and be seated prior to the tardy bell.
- 2) All students shall remain in class at all times unless an emergency arises.
- 3) All students shall be polite and use manners while interacting at school.
- 4) All students shall at all times behave in manner that promotes a safe and orderly learning environment at Bath County High School.

Since strong school wide discipline starts with each individual teacher and their classroom practices, all teachers shall establish their own specific classroom rules and post these rules where student can see them throughout the school year. Teachers shall establish 3 - 5 specific classroom rules that serve to establish a safe and orderly environment where learning can occur and consistently enforce these rules with all students in all classes. The classroom rules shall be taught to students during the first weeks of school and revisited as needed to maintain order and effective classroom management. All teachers shall establish procedures to ensure order in their classrooms as well. All procedures shall be provided to students, explained to students, rehearsed with students as necessary, and then followed consistently until they become routine.

Date Adopted: 5/13/2014

Signature: _____

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Council Chairperson

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