

## "NO-FIGHT" POLICY

The Board is obligated to provide a safe and orderly environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. Therefore, it is the policy of this school system that fighting in school buildings, on school grounds, at any school-sponsored event, or on a school-owned/maintained vehicle will not be tolerated. A fight is defined as any conduct falling within the Alabama statutes defining assault, menacing and reckless endangerment, or criminal coercion. Refer to Title 13A of The Code of Alabama 1975.

The Superintendent of Schools, working cooperatively with the local police, sheriff, the district attorney, and the juvenile court, shall enforce this "no-fight" policy at all middle/junior high schools and senior schools within the system.

The procedures outlined below shall be followed:

1. Fighting in a school building, on school grounds, at any school sponsored event, or on a school-owned/maintained vehicle shall be classified as a major violation of the code of student conduct.
2. The principal or designee shall investigate the fight and take the appropriate action as identified in the code of student conduct.
3. The principal or designee shall secure the cooperation of witnesses to the fight and secure written statements from all witnesses.
4. The principal or designee shall secure reliable witnesses for court appearances.
5. The principal or designee shall call the police and file a complaint/petition with the juvenile court.
6. A reasonable attempt shall be made to notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) if the student is to be removed from the school by police officers.

All students and parents/guardians of students within the system and system employees shall receive sufficient and ample notice of the passage of this policy. This policy shall be outlined in the code of student conduct and shall be communicated to all students on the first day of school and at intervals throughout the school year. In addition, this policy shall be discussed at meetings involving parents/guardians.

SOURCE: Winston County Board of Education, Double Springs, AL

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LEGAL REF.: The Code of Alabama, 16-1-24.1 to 24.3.