

SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REGARDING CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT
2020 – 2021



The School Board of Orange County, Florida (Board) Policy JIC, entitled “Code of Student Conduct,” in addition to [Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes](#), requires the adoption of a Code of Student Conduct (Code). The Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Code applies to all activities throughout the school, while being transported to and from school at a public expense, a reasonable time before and after school, during school-sponsored activities, and any other jurisdictional area as permitted by applicable laws and regulations.

The Code shall be discussed with students, school advisory committees, and parent/teacher associations at the beginning of each school year and quarterly thereafter and for transferring students upon their enrollment.

In order to conserve resources, schools will not distribute paper copies of the Code to every student. You can locate an electronic copy of the Code online at the District website: www.codeofconduct.ocps.net, or on your school-issued device for Middle and High School students. If you require a paper copy of the Code, please check the box below and return this form to your child’s school. The following represents a minimal portion of information found within the Code; students and parents/guardians are encouraged to read the Code in its entirety:

- I have read about Safe Harbor in the Code and understand that I must turn in the prohibited item **before** an investigation has started.
- If I am **charged** with a felony, whether on OCPS grounds or in the community, I will not be eligible to participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities.
- I may be recommended for full exclusion from all OCPS schools or placed at an alternative school for committing certain disciplinary offenses to include, but are not limited to, possession of a weapon, possession/distribution/selling drugs, sexual offenses, theft/robbery, vandalism, severe acts of bullying/harassment, hazing, and/or physical attacks.
- All threats made to a school or person will be taken seriously, regardless of intent.
- I understand I have the right to choose to participate in an OCPS disciplinary investigation.
- Searches of students and property will be conducted if school personnel have reasonable suspicion of a violation of the law or the Code. Reasonable suspicion is not required to conduct random searches of OCPS owned property. Random searches may occur at any time and are not protected by Safe Harbor.
- I understand that vaping/smoking any substance (drugs, nicotine, etc.) is not permitted on Board property, transportation, or school-sponsored activities.
- I can anonymously report any suspicious or criminal behavior I observe to the **Speak Out Hotline** at (800) 423-TIPS (8477), at www.speakouthotline.org, or by texting “speakout” plus my tip information to CRIMES (274637). I can also report any suspicious or criminal behavior I observe to FortifyFL through the FortifyFL app, on my school-issued device, or by going online at www.getfortifyfl.com.

School Name

Grade

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please check if you require a printed copy of the 2020-2021 Code and return to your school.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: THIS FORM IS SIGNED BY YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM TO YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL. FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO SIGN THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE A STUDENT OR THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OR ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO OCPS PROPERTY. FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS GRADES 6-12, THIS FORM MAY BE RECORDED ELECTRONICALLY.