



CODE OF CONDUCT

Lincoln Charter School expects all members of the school community to be compassionate, honest, prepared, respectful, responsible, service oriented, and well-mannered. With these qualities in mind, the Lincoln Charter School Board of Directors has established high standards for student conduct and discipline that protect the right of every student and staff member to attend school in a safe and orderly environment.

Enrollment in Lincoln Charter School is a voluntary choice for each student and family.

Continued enrollment in the school will be dependent on the student abiding by the standards in the Code of Conduct. This also demands that the parents of each student support and uphold the Code of Conduct. Therefore, each student and legal custodial parent will be required to review the Code of Conduct along with the Student Handbook and sign an agreement to comply with the Code. The agreement form is included with the beginning of the year packet. A transfer to another school should be arranged by the student's family if the student and legal custodial parent do not agree to standards set forth in Code of Conduct.

Each classroom or grade level has established behavior expectations. If a student repeatedly fails to comply with classroom/grade level expectations, then a Code of Conduct referral is sent to the office. A Code of Conduct referral can also be completed immediately for severe Code infractions.

Repeated violations of the Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. Three violations, of any sort that warrant suspension, within one school year may result in an automatic referral of the student to the Disciplinary Review Committee. Please note that serious violations of the Code of Conduct have immediate referral to the DRC as an option for a first offense.

Definitions: Disciplinary Review Committee – Disciplinary Review Committee comprised of two administrators or designees and at least one Board member. All DRC decisions will be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Discipline Review Committee. Appeal of a DRC decision may be made to the School Board.

Exclusion – student is excluded from participation in any school related activity whether academic or extracurricular but can enroll at another school without restriction

Expulsion – student is removed from school enrollment and may or may not be allowed to enroll at another public school

Violations and resulting disciplinary actions are determined by the school administrator. These actions may include but are not limited to the following:

- Apology (verbal and/or written)
- Confiscation of items
- Detention (lunch, after school, Saturday, in-school, out-of- school)
- DRC referral
- Loss of credit (assignment, test, class)
- Loss of bus or school privilege
- Parent must take student home to change or bring appropriate clothes to school
- Referral to health department, police, Social Services, juvenile authorities
- Restitution
- Suspension up to 10 days
- Referral to Discipline Review Committee

Parent will be notified either by phone, email or in writing any time a disciplinary action for a student is necessary.

Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to the following on school grounds or at a school related activity:

- Arson
- Excessive aggression
- Assault (verbal, physical, sexual)
- Bus misbehavior
- Bullying
- (http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter_115C/Article_29C.pdf)
- Cheating/plagiarism
- Computer tampering
- Disruptive items
- Extortion
- False alarms
- Fighting
- Forgery
- Gambling
- Harassment (verbal, written, physical, phone, internet)
- Hazing
- Inappropriate behavior
- Indecency
- Intimidation
- Insubordination
- Libel
- Lying
- Obscenity
- Possession, use, transferring or sale of any illegal, controlled or look-alike substance
- Profanity
- Public display of affection
- Pyrotechnics
- Repeated dress code violations
- Skipping school
- Slander
- Excessive tardiness (3 or more unexcused tardy days in a 9 week period)
- Theft
- Threats (verbal, internet, written, physical, phone including texting)
- Truancy
- Vandalism
- Weapons (possession, threat of use or possession, transferring, look-alike) defined as any instrument capable of inflicting harm or considered dangerous

Determination of appropriate or inappropriate behavior and resulting assignment of consequences are the responsibility of the school administrator.