

SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY
CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT - SECONDARY STUDENTS
2023 – 2024



The Code of Student Conduct (Code) is adopted by the School Board of Orange County, Florida (Board), to notify students and parents/guardians what student expectations are for behavior while attending any Orange County Public School (OCPS). The 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 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 that [fighting](#) is not allowed. I also understand that if I am unable to leave the area of a pending attack, I can protect myself by using self-defense. Self-defense is described as an action that is necessary to protect myself or someone else from serious bodily harm. Self-defense may include asking an adult for help, restraining or blocking the attacker, shielding myself or others from being hit, or pushing to get away from the attacker. However, retaliating by striking or hitting (i.e. punching, slapping, kicking) a person back, or choosing not to leave after I am able to get away, may be considered as fighting.
- 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 activities.
- I am strongly encouraged and can anonymously 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. I understand that if I knowingly submit a false tip to FortifyFL using my OCPS device, the IP address of the device will be provided to law enforcement as required by law and I may face criminal penalties.

 I am aware the Code is on my school-issued device for my review and can also be found at codeofconduct.ocps.net

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School Name	Grade
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Print Student Name	Student Signature
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Print Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature
_____	_____
	Date

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: THIS FORM IS REVIEWED WITH 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.