

The Code of Student Conduct (Code) is adopted by the School Board of Orange County, Florida (Board), to notify students and parents/guardians of student expectations for behavior while attending any school within Orange County. 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 may extend to behaviors that occur within the community that have an impact on OCPS or OCPS students.

The following represents some of the information found within the Code, however, students and parents/guardians should read the Code in its entirety:

- Students have the right to choose to participate in an OCPS [disciplinary investigation](#). Parents/guardians may request their student not participate in student discipline investigations without authorization from the parent/guardian by submitting the request, in writing, prior to the occurrence of any discipline matter, to the school administration.
- [Safe Harbor](#) allows a student who accidentally brings an object (e.g. firearm, weapon) to school, or finds an object, which is not allowed by the Code, to turn the object in to school staff **before** an investigation or screening starts. The student could still receive a discipline referral. (Please note: not all zero tolerance offenses, such as firearms and weapons, qualify for Safe Harbor).
- Students who commit a [Level 4](#) offense will be recommended for [full exclusion](#) from all OCPS schools.
- All [threats](#) made to a school or person, including reposting a threat, will be taken seriously, regardless of the student’s intent.
- [Fighting](#) is not allowed on any OCPS property or during any OCPS sponsored event/activity, however, a student may use “self-defense” to prevent a pending attack. “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 self or others from being hit, or pushing to get away from the attacker. However, retaliating by striking or hitting (e.g., punching, slapping, kicking) a person back, or choosing not to leave after the student is able to get away, may be considered as fighting.
- [Searches](#) of students and property will be conducted if school personnel have reasonable suspicion of a violation of the Code or law. Reasonable suspicion is not required to conduct random searches, which may occur at any time and are not protected by Safe Harbor.
- Students are strongly encouraged to report any suspicious or criminal behavior observed to FortifyFL through the FortifyFL app, on the student’s school-issued device, or by going online at www.getfortifyfl.com. The report can be anonymous. If the student knowingly submits a false tip to FortifyFL the student may face criminal penalties and/or discipline under the Code.

 The full version of the Code can be found on students’ OCPS device and can also be found at codeofconduct.ocps.net

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

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: The Code is reviewed with your child at school, however, it is important that you review the Code with your child at home as well. Please note, all students are required to follow the Code and can receive a disciplinary referral and consequences, even if you refuse or fail to sign this document.