

2300 – North County Charter School Behavioral Policies

A. Code of Student Conduct

Unless otherwise spelled out within these organizational policies, the organization will adhere to the school's Code of Student Conduct, incorporated by reference. Copies of the organization's student policies and the school's Code of Student Conduct will be made available to all parents and students on the school's website and within the parent/student handbook.

B. Behavior Foundation

The organization believes that children learn in a variety of ways, and that our teachers provide an environment that meets the needs of our students. Utilizing our approach to education we believe that through student engagement we reduce the number of behavioral concerns within the classroom. However, we realize that when dealing with children, issues may arise which may require the school to address student behavior. In doing so, the school believes behavioral correction should be a learning opportunity, where students are given the opportunity to learn and demonstrate appropriate behavior, and cooperatively accept responsibility and be accountable for their actions. The organization believes we have a unique partnership with like-minded parents who share this philosophy of behavioral management and positive parental role modeling. The organization also believes, that given that NCCS is a public charter school of choice, from time to time, it may be necessary to seek removal of students that cause significant disruption to the learning environment, making it difficult for others to learn, or for teachers to teach. In these rare cases, every effort will be made to assist parents / guardians with alternative placements that will be of benefit to the child being removed from the NCCS Program.

C. Bullying and Harassment-Please refer to NCCS policy 2000.

D. Damage or Loss of School Property

The Principal, or AP shall assess damage or loss of school property.

A student who unintentionally damages or loses school property, including technology items, shall be requested, in writing, to restore or to replace any damaged or lost property in accordance with the value as determined by the administration.

A student who willfully damages, loses, or steals school property, including technology items, shall be properly disciplined and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian, if the student is a minor, shall be requested, in writing, to restore or to replace any damaged or missing property in accordance with the value as determined by the principal or dean of students, or in extreme circumstances the school's board. The Code of Student Conduct shall identify disciplinary procedures for students who abuse school property.

A civil action against the student's parent(s) or legal guardian may be instituted by the administration in an appropriate action to recover damages in an amount not to exceed the limit prescribed by Florida statutes if vandalism or theft of school property is known to have been committed by a minor and the parent(s) or legal guardian refuses to restore or replace the property.

E. School Bathrooms, Locker Rooms, and Dressing Rooms

This policy is implemented to comply with the requirements of Rule 6A-10.086, Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 1014, Florida Statutes, and other relevant laws.

1. **Purpose.** This policy is intended to inform parents of how bathrooms are designated by the School, and to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of students when utilizing bathrooms.
1. **Policy.** It is the policy of the School that all students, faculty, personnel, and guests of the School will use appropriately marked bathrooms that correspond with the individual's biological sex at birth. This means individuals whose designated sex at birth was male will be required to use those bathrooms, and individuals whose designated sex at birth was female will be required to use those bathrooms. Individuals may also use single occupancy bathrooms that are gender neutral, if available. Students are not permitted to utilize bathrooms that are designated exclusively for the school faculty. In enforcing this policy, school personnel may reasonably rely upon representations made or documentation provided by the parent or guardian at initial enrollment, or such other records available to the administration. In the event of any inconsistency in the student's records, the administration reserves the right to request additional documentation from the parent or guardian to verify the student's biological sex at birth. This policy shall at all times be construed in accordance with state and federal law.
1. **Privacy of Information.** In carrying out this policy, school personnel are required to maintain the privacy of all educational records as set forth in Section 1012.22, Florida Statutes, and to respect the privacy interests of all students and parents.

Parental Notification. A copy of this policy shall be made available on the School's website and incorporated into the School's Parent & Student Handbook to fully inform parents.

Adopted:

Amended: