



**DISTRICT 56 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLINTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL
18132 HWY 72 E.
CLINTON, SC 29325**

**MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

Call to Order

- I. Establish Quorum**
- II. Agenda Approval (Action Item)**
- III. Call to Order Executive Session (6:15 -7:30 P.M.)**
Discussion of:
 1. Personnel Considerations/Matters
 2. Contractual Matters
- IV. Adjourn Executive Session**
- V. Return to Open Session/Opening Remarks (7:30 P.M.)**
- VI. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance**
- VII. Clinton Elementary School Presentation**
- VIII. Special Recognitions**
 - Clinton Middle School Science Olympiad Team
 - Clinton High School Science Olympiad Team
- IX. Minutes Approval (Action Item)**
- X. Audience Participation (15 Minutes – 3 Minutes Per Participant)**
- XI. Superintendent's Report**

XII. Administrative Reports

- a. Budget/Finance – **Mr. Lawson**
 - Year-to-Date Finance Information
- b. Instruction Update-**Dr. Schrantz**
 - Strategic Plan Update
 - Testing
 - Professional Development/Classroom Management
- c. Operations-**Dr. Pitts**
 - Review of Policy JICJ

XIII. Unfinished and/or New Business

XIV. Action Items

- a. Actions(s) as necessary for items from Executive Session
- b. Approval of Strategic Plan Update 1
- c. Approval of policy JICJ

XV. Announcements/Upcoming Events

- **Please mark your calendars for upcoming board meetings and events and plan to attend as many as possible.**

XVI. Adjournment

Board Meetings:

May 23, 2022-7:30 p.m. - Monthly Board Meeting – CHS Auditorium

June 27, 2022-7:30 p.m. - Monthly Board Meeting – CHS Auditorium

District Vision Statement:

Where students become ethical and productive citizens by achieving excellence, embracing innovation, and forging new traditions.

BOARD BRIEF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 25, 2022

Open Session 7:30 p.m.

Return to Open Session/Opening Remarks (2 minutes)

Mr. Barton will call the general session to order and Teresa Corley is scheduled to give opening remarks.

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance

Ava Wynne Casteneda will deliver the welcome and Keilee Thomas will lead the Pledge. Ava is the Student Body President at Clinton Elementary School. Keilee is the Student Body Secretary at Clinton Elementary School.

Clinton Elementary School Presentation-Principal Melodie Edwards

Special Recognitions

Clinton Middle School Science Olympiad Team

Jackie Alcudia
Kaelyn Bell
Liam Bell
Rylee Bell
Lauren Ficklin
Sam Hunt
Salaam Jenkins
Jacob King
Matthew King
Shayne Kiselak
Kelly Nelson
Junia Nolan
Arohi Patel
Ada Tiller
Ben Wiggins
Marlee Williamson

Clinton High School Science Olympiad Team

Joey Ardelt
Grin Darden
Jules Darden
Keegan Fortman
Julieta Garcia
Bella Gardner
Becca King
Anna Litzenberger
Shane Nelson

Helen Sarah
Rachel Vondergeest
Gracie Wiggins
Maddox Wilbanks

Minutes Approval (3 minutes)

The unapproved minutes of the March 28, 2022, regular board meeting are included in your packet.

Audience Participation (15 Minutes – 3 Minutes Per Participant)

Superintendent's Report (20 minutes)

Administrative Reports (5 minutes)

- a. Budget/Finance – **Mr. Lawson**
- b. Instruction-**Dr. Schrantz/Ms. Barnes/Ms. Haupfear/Mr. Marshall**
- c. Operations-Dr. Pitts

Unfinished and/or New Business

Action Items (15 minutes)

- a. Action(s) as necessary from Executive Session-**Dr. O'Shields**
- b. Approval of Strategic Plan Update 1
- c. Approval of Policy JICJ

Announcements/Upcoming Events-Cindy Jacobs

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Adjournment

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LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56

GENERAL FUND BUDGET REPORT

as of 04/21/2022

	FY 2022 Budget	Prior Month YTD	Current Month Change	Year-to-Date Actual	YTD Variance	Actual % of budget
Local Revenue						
Ad Valorem & Delinquent	\$ 6,316,739	\$ 6,528,725	\$ 288,739	\$ 6,817,463	\$ 500,725	107.9%
Equalization Adjustment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,215,279	\$ 525,838	\$ -	\$ 525,838	\$ (689,441)	43.3%
Interest Earnings	\$ 29,100	\$ 4,589	\$ 325	\$ 4,914	\$ (24,186)	16.9%
Other Local Sources	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 21,409	\$ 3,374	\$ 24,782.80	\$ (50,217)	33.0%
Sub-total Local Sources	\$ 7,636,118	\$ 7,080,560	\$ 292,438	\$ 7,372,998	\$ (263,120)	96.6%
State Revenue						
Bus Driver Salaries - State Aid	\$ 268,025	\$ 183,177	\$ -	\$ 183,177	\$ (84,848)	68.3%
Teacher Salaries - State Aid	\$ 849,780	\$ 399,758	\$ -	\$ 399,758	\$ (450,022)	47.0%
Fringe Benefits/Retiree Contrib.	\$ 4,869,764	\$ 3,418,482	\$ 176,515	\$ 3,594,998	\$ (1,274,766)	73.8%
EFA, Total	\$ 8,039,364	\$ 5,874,339	\$ -	\$ 5,874,339	\$ (2,165,025)	73.1%
State Revenues in lieu of Taxes:						
Local Tax Relief - Tier I	\$ 933,593	\$ 840,234	\$ -	\$ 840,234	\$ (93,359)	90.0%
Homestead - Tier II and Tier III	\$ 2,606,103	\$ 911,940	\$ 435,013	\$ 1,346,953	\$ (1,259,150)	
Merchants Inv., Manuf Deprn	\$ 421,208	\$ 62,706	\$ 11,552	\$ 74,258	\$ (346,950)	17.6%
Other State Rev	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Sub-total State Sources	\$ 17,987,837	\$ 11,690,637	\$ 623,080	\$ 12,313,717	\$ (5,674,121)	68.5%
Federal Revenue						
US Forest Commission Revenues	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (55,000)	0.0%
Sub-total Federal Sources	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (55,000)	0.0%
Total Revenue Sources:	\$ 25,678,955	\$ 18,771,197	\$ 915,518	\$ 19,686,715	\$ (5,992,240)	76.7%
Transfers						
State EIA Transfers	\$ 831,588	\$ 577,316	\$ -	\$ 577,316	\$ (254,272)	69.4%
Indirect Cost Transfers	\$ 647,953	\$ 249,058	\$ 255	\$ 249,313	\$ (398,640)	38.5%
Other Transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Sub-total Transfers	\$ 1,479,541	\$ 826,374	\$ 255	\$ 826,629	\$ (652,912)	55.9%
Total Revenue and Transfers:	\$ 27,158,496	\$ 19,597,571	\$ 915,773	\$ 20,513,344	\$ (6,645,153)	75.5%
Payroll and Benefits Totals:						
	\$ 22,833,376	\$ 15,175,473	\$ 43,808	\$ 15,219,281	\$ 7,614,095	66.7%
Operating Expenses						
Utilities-Water/Sewer	\$ 85,500	\$ 75,004	\$ 8,319	\$ 83,324	\$ 2,176	97.5%
Energy Costs	\$ 824,000	\$ 546,103	\$ 60,872	\$ 606,975	\$ 217,025	73.7%
Communications	\$ 108,500	\$ 94,187	\$ 9,045	\$ 103,232	\$ 5,268	95.1%
Contracted District Services	\$ 503,450	\$ 322,803	\$ 14,885	\$ 337,688	\$ 165,762	67.1%
Contracted Cleaning Svcs	\$ 774,000	\$ 579,472	\$ 65,327	\$ 644,799	\$ 129,201	83.3%
Contract Instruction / Student Services	\$ 83,200	\$ 24,980	\$ -	\$ 24,980	\$ 58,220	30.0%
Travel	\$ 71,950	\$ 22,060	\$ 3,175	\$ 25,234	\$ 46,716	35.1%
Technology Software, Supply, Equip	\$ 480,250	\$ 348,649	\$ 23,853	\$ 372,502	\$ 107,748	77.6%
Legal/Audit	\$ 75,000	\$ 47,242	\$ 3,914	\$ 51,156	\$ 23,845	68.2%
Supplies	\$ 655,070	\$ 397,961	\$ 88,486	\$ 486,447	\$ 168,623	74.3%
Textbooks, Library Books/Periodicals	\$ 16,200	\$ 3,838	\$ -	\$ 3,838	\$ 12,362	23.7%
Insurance	\$ 175,000	\$ 181,304	\$ 214	\$ 181,518	\$ (6,518)	103.7%
Leases & Rental	\$ 36,000	\$ 2,496	\$ -	\$ 2,496	\$ 33,504	6.9%
Dues, Fees, Advertising, Misc.	\$ 82,800	\$ 61,574	\$ (4,115)	\$ 57,459	\$ 25,341	69.4%
Student Activities	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,212	\$ -	\$ 29,212	\$ (212)	100.7%
Tuition to LEA / Other Entity	\$ 22,200	\$ 18,946	\$ -	\$ 18,946	\$ 3,254	85.3%
Transfer - Other Govt Agencies	\$ 92,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,000	0.0%
Transfers - Activity, Debt, Capital Exp	\$ 211,000	\$ 210,000	\$ -	\$ 210,000	\$ 1,000	99.5%
Sub-total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,325,120	\$ 2,965,832	\$ 273,973	\$ 3,239,805	\$ 1,085,315	74.9%
Total Expenses	\$ 27,158,496	\$ 18,141,305	\$ 317,781	\$ 18,459,086	\$ 8,699,410	68.0%
Net Operating Result		\$ 1,456,266	\$ 597,992	\$ 2,054,258		
Prior Year YTD Comparison:						
	Revenue	\$18,673,055.48	\$1,686,414.46	\$20,359,469.94		
	Expense	\$16,869,274.13	\$2,408,266.46	\$19,277,540.59		
	Net	\$1,803,781.35	(\$721,852.00)	\$1,081,929.35		

LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56

REVENUE DETAIL REPORT

as of 04/21/2022

Account	Account Description	BUDGET	YTD POSTED	YTD vs Bud	Variance %
100-001-110-000-000	CURRENT TAXES	4,869,556.96	5,718,533.73	848,976.77	17.4%
100-001-111-000-000	AUTO TAXES	1,134,580.09	972,643.51	(161,936.58)	-14.3%
100-001-113-000-000	REFUNDS	(15,000.00)	(9,131.00)	5,869.00	-39.1%
100-001-140-000-000	DELINQUENT TAXES	327,601.58	135,416.89	(192,184.69)	-58.7%
100-001-280-000-000	REVENUE IN LIEU	1,215,278.96	525,837.75	(689,441.21)	-56.7%
100-001-510-000-000	INTEREST - TREAS.	25,000.00	3,212.16	(21,787.84)	-87.2%
100-001-510-000-001	INTEREST - BANK	4,100.00	1,702.06	(2,397.94)	-58.5%
100-001-999-000-000	MISCELLANEOUS	75,000.00	24,782.80	(50,217.20)	-67.0%
100-003-160-000-000	BUS DRIVER SALARY	251,947.00	167,965.11	(83,981.89)	-33.3%
100-003-162-000-000	BUS WORKERS COMP	16,078.48	15,212.20	(866.28)	-5.4%
100-003-180-000-000	FRINGE BENEFITS	3,887,400.00	2,802,625.61	(1,084,774.39)	-27.9%
100-003-181-000-000	RETIREE INSURANCE	805,849.00	615,856.85	(189,992.15)	-23.6%
100-003-186-000-000	STATE AID - TEACHER SALARIES 4%	849,780.00	399,758.42	(450,021.58)	-53.0%
100-003-311-000-000	EFA Kindergarten	288,233.93	235,131.13	(53,102.80)	-18.4%
100-003-312-000-000	EFA Primary	873,350.00	644,596.60	(228,753.40)	-26.2%
100-003-313-000-000	EFA Elementary	1,854,031.00	1,379,268.47	(474,762.53)	-25.6%
100-003-314-000-000	EFA High School	737,292.00	379,027.01	(358,264.99)	-48.6%
100-003-315-000-000	EFA TMH	33,131.00	29,376.15	(3,754.85)	-11.3%
100-003-316-000-000	EFA Speech	773,916.00	550,125.43	(223,790.57)	-28.9%
100-003-317-000-000	EFA Homebound	-	2,487.81	2,487.81	0.0%
100-003-321-000-000	EFA EH	5,887.00	5,536.98	(350.02)	-5.9%
100-003-322-000-000	EFA EMH	45,921.00	33,420.00	(12,501.00)	-27.2%
100-003-323-000-000	EFA LD	744,864.00	503,500.22	(241,363.78)	-32.4%
100-003-324-000-000	EFA Hearing	-	-	0.00	0.0%
100-003-325-000-000	EFA Visual	15,652.00	14,145.51	(1,506.49)	-9.6%
100-003-326-000-000	EFA OH	8,282.00	6,170.75	(2,111.25)	-25.5%
100-003-327-000-000	EFA Vocational	1,019,477.00	893,077.32	(126,399.68)	-12.4%
100-003-331-000-000	EFA Autism	264,096.00	203,854.29	(60,241.71)	-22.8%
100-003-332-000-000	HIGH ACHIEVE REVENUE	105,484.00	74,517.74	(30,966.26)	-29.4%
100-003-334-000-000	LEP REVENUE	23,610.00	20,500.76	(3,109.24)	-13.2%
100-003-351-000-000	ACAS REVENUE	340,306.00	242,241.16	(98,064.84)	-28.8%
100-003-352-000-000	PIP REVENUE	882,668.00	634,947.74	(247,720.26)	-28.1%
100-003-353-000-000	DUAL Enrollment	23,163.00	22,413.82	(749.18)	-3.2%
100-003-810-000-000	PROPERTY TAX Tier 1	933,593.00	840,233.78	(93,359.22)	-10.0%
100-003-820-000-000	HOMESTEAD EX. Tier 2	464,373.00	-	(464,373.00)	-100.0%
100-003-825-000-000	HOMESTEAD EX. Tier 3	2,141,730.00	1,346,952.80	(794,777.20)	-37.1%
100-003-830-000-000	MERCH INVENTORY	46,208.00	32,580.92	(13,627.08)	-29.5%
100-003-840-000-000	MFG. DEPREC. REIMB.	285,000.00	-	(285,000.00)	-100.0%
100-003-890-000-000	MOTOR CARRIER	90,000.00	41,677.15	(48,322.85)	-53.7%
100-003-993-000-000	PEBA CREDIT	176,515.00	176,515.16	0.16	0.0%
100-004-992-000-000	NATIONAL FOREST FUND	55,000.00	-	(55,000.00)	-100.0%
100-005-230-000-000	FROM EIA TCHR SAL	670,588.00	465,699.83	(204,888.17)	-30.6%
100-005-230-001-000	FROM EIA TSI FRINGES	161,000.00	111,615.93	(49,384.07)	-30.7%
100-005-280-000-000	INDIRECT COST	647,953.00	249,312.95	(398,640.05)	-61.5%
		\$ 27,158,496.00	\$ 20,513,343.50	(6,645,152.50)	-24.5%

LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56

EXPENSE OBJECT SUMMARY

as of 04/21/2022

OBJECT CODE / DESCRIPTION	Total Budget	Prior Month	YTD	Current Month / Change	Year to Date ACTUALS	Budget Remaining	Avail %
110 - REGULAR SALARIES	13,149,802.26	8,606,759.60		1,807.66	8,608,567.26	4,541,235.00	35%
111 - PRINC/ASSTPRINC SALARIES	1,023,156.96	781,156.85		-	781,156.85	242,000.11	24%
113 - ENERGY MGT SALARIES	12,000.00	8,000.00		-	8,000.00	4,000.00	33%
115 - SUPPORT SALARIES	1,180,792.53	783,728.54		1,851.96	785,580.50	395,212.03	33%
120 - SUB/TEMP SALARIES	117,250.00	180,650.94		23,215.00	203,865.94	(86,615.94)	-74%
130 - OVERTIME/EXTRA	56,000.00	33,674.48		-	33,674.48	22,325.52	40%
180 - HEAD OF UNIT SALARIES	302,544.00	226,908.04		-	226,908.04	75,635.96	25%
210 - EMPLOYER HEALTH MATCH	2,011,288.82	1,307,718.63		-	1,307,718.63	703,570.19	35%
211 - EMPLOYER DENTAL MATCH	45,713.90	29,223.38		-	29,223.38	16,490.52	36%
212 - LIFE INSURANCE	2,728.00	-		-	-	2,728.00	100%
220 - EMPLOYER RETIREMENT MATCH	3,604,412.02	2,374,323.22		3,081.69	2,377,404.91	1,227,007.11	34%
230 - EMPLOYER FICA MATCH	1,180,374.57	772,553.05		2,055.98	774,609.03	405,765.54	34%
260 - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	7,500.00	-		-	-	7,500.00	100%
270 - WORKMENS COMPENSATION	139,813.00	70,776.00		11,796.00	82,572.00	57,241.00	41%
310 - PROF / TECH SERVICES	9,500.00	5,903.47		750.00	6,653.47	2,846.53	30%
311 - INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	10,700.00	-		-	-	10,700.00	100%
312 - INSTR PROG IMPROVEMENT SVCS	26,000.00	24,800.00		-	24,800.00	1,200.00	5%
313 - STUDENT SERVICES	46,500.00	180.00		-	180.00	46,320.00	100%
315 - MANAGEMENT SERVICES	3,000.00	2,000.00		-	2,000.00	1,000.00	33%
318 - AUDIT SERVICES	33,000.00	32,398.00		-	32,398.00	602.00	2%
319 - LEGAL SERVICES	42,000.00	14,843.75		3,913.75	18,757.50	23,242.50	55%
321 - PUBLIC UTILITIES	85,500.00	75,004.28		8,319.36	83,323.64	2,176.36	3%
322 - CONTRACT CLEANING SERVICES	774,000.00	579,472.37		65,326.52	644,798.89	129,201.11	17%
323 - REPAIR & MAINT SERVICES	222,000.00	214,131.57		11,361.06	225,492.63	(3,492.63)	-2%
324 - PROPERTY & LIAB INSURANCE	175,000.00	181,304.00		214.00	181,518.00	(6,518.00)	-4%
325 - RENTAL / LEASE EXP	36,000.00	2,495.84		-	2,495.84	33,504.16	93%
329 - OTHER PROP SERV	33,500.00	18,587.48		1,726.55	20,314.03	13,185.97	39%
332 - TRAVEL	58,450.00	15,941.38		2,935.90	18,877.28	39,572.72	68%
340 - COMMUNICATION SERVICES	108,500.00	94,187.31		9,044.78	103,232.09	5,267.91	5%
345 - TECH PURCH SERVICES / SOFTWARE	379,350.00	290,617.96		18,427.88	309,045.84	70,304.16	19%
350 - ADVERTISING	14,000.00	830.00		-	830.00	13,170.00	94%
360 - PRINTING/BINDING	6,950.00	7,816.13		-	7,816.13	(866.13)	-12%
372 - TUITION TO LEA	13,500.00	16,546.41		-	16,546.41	(3,046.41)	-23%
373 - TUITION TO OTHER ENTITY	8,700.00	2,400.00		-	2,400.00	6,300.00	72%
380 - HEAD OF UNIT TRAVEL	13,500.00	6,118.47		238.68	6,357.15	7,142.85	53%
390 - OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	3,000.00	-		-	-	3,000.00	100%
395 - OTHER PROF TECH SERVICES	215,500.00	74,364.84		1,046.95	75,411.79	140,088.21	65%
399 - MISC PURCHASED SERVICES	10,000.00	-		-	-	10,000.00	100%
410 - SUPPLIES	320,120.00	128,504.36		13,309.74	141,814.10	178,305.90	56%
411 - FUEL	104,500.00	69,413.61		13,408.40	82,822.01	21,677.99	21%
412 - SUPPLIES	160,450.00	108,980.30		(1,562.47)	107,417.83	53,032.17	33%
430 - LIBRARY BOOKS/MATERIALS	14,500.00	3,280.67		-	3,280.67	11,219.33	77%
440 - PERIODICALS	1,700.00	556.95		-	556.95	1,143.05	67%
445 - TECH SUPPLIES	100,900.00	58,030.71		5,425.36	63,456.07	37,443.93	37%
470 - ENERGY	824,000.00	546,102.97		60,871.66	606,974.63	217,025.37	26%
540 - EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, CAPITAL	70,000.00	91,062.68		63,330.22	154,392.90	(84,392.90)	-121%
640 - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES	55,300.00	53,994.53		-	53,994.53	1,305.47	2%
660 - PUPIL ACTIVITY INSURANCE	29,000.00	29,212.20		-	29,212.20	(212.20)	-1%
690 - MISC	8,500.00	6,749.63		(4,115.41)	2,634.22	5,865.78	69%
691 - OTHER	5,000.00	-		-	-	5,000.00	100%
710 - TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS *	211,000.00	210,000.00		-	210,000.00	1,000.00	0%
720 - TRANSFER OTHER GOV UNITS	92,000.00	-		-	-	92,000.00	100%
Grand Total	\$ 27,158,496.06	\$ 18,141,304.60		\$ 317,781.22	\$ 18,459,085.82	\$ 8,699,410.24	32%

POSSESSION/USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN SCHOOL

Code **JICJ** Issued **3/194/22**

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for student possession/use of electronic communications devices in school.

Possession of a ~~wireless communication device (WCD)~~ cellular phone by a student is a **privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms and provisions of this policy or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.** ~~A WCD is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. The following devices are examples of WCDs:~~

~~cellular and wireless telephones~~

~~smartphones~~

~~wi-fi enabled or broadband access devices~~

~~two-way radios or video broadcasting devices~~

~~other devices that allow a person to record and/or transmit, on either a real time or delayed basis, sound, video or still images, text, or other information—~~

Students may use a ~~WCD~~ cellular phone while riding to and from school and school activities on a state school bus or other vehicle provided by the district, at the discretion of the bus driver, classroom teacher and/or sponsor, advisor, or coach. Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

Students are prohibited from using a ~~WCD~~ a cellular phone to capture, record, or transmit the words (e.g. audio) and/or images (e.g. pictures, video) of any student, staff member, or other person in the school or while attending a school related activity without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording, or transmission of such words or images. Using a ~~WCD~~ cellular phone to take or transmit audio and/or pictures/video is also prohibited in classrooms, unless deemed appropriate by the teacher and used for educational/instructional purposes only.

Students are prohibited from using a ~~WCD~~ cellular phone to take pictures or record video/audio in locker rooms, bathrooms, or on school buses or other district vehicles. The use of a ~~WCD~~ cellular phone to take pictures or record video/audio is also prohibited in classrooms, unless deemed appropriate by the teacher and used for educational/instructional purposes only.

Students are prohibited from using a ~~WCD~~ cellular phone in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, bullied, or intimidated.

Students are prohibited from using a ~~WCD~~ cellular phone to capture and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using a ~~WCD~~ cellular phone to receive such information.

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Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the ~~WCD- cellular phone~~. The building principal may refer the matter to law enforcement if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g. child pornography). Discipline will be imposed in a progressive manner based on the number of previous violations and/or the nature of circumstances surrounding a particular violation. If the ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ is confiscated, it will be released to the student's parent/legal guardian only after the student complies with any other disciplinary consequences that are imposed. Any ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ confiscated by the district staff will be marked with the student's name and held in a secure location in the school building until it is retrieved by the parent/legal guardian. The district will not be liable for a lost or damaged ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ or for the condition of any confiscated device upon its return to the owner. A ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ in district custody will not be searched or otherwise tampered with unless school officials reasonably suspect that the search is required to discover evidence of a violation of the law or other school rules. Any search will be conducted in accordance with policy JIH, *Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests*. If multiple offenses occur, a student may lose his/her privilege to bring a ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ to school for the remainder of the semester.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of the ~~WCD- cellular phone~~. The school assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damages, or vandalism to the ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ brought on school property, or the unauthorized use of such device.

The district will allow the possession of operating a ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ by ~~middle and~~ high school students under the following limited circumstances:

- The device remains silent and is not visible or in use during instructional time. Teachers may allow, however, the instructional use of ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ at their discretion.
- The ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ is not on or visible in locker rooms or restrooms.
- ~~Middle and~~ high school students may use the ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ before and after school and during their assigned lunch as long as the use does not disrupt the school environment.

Students in pre-kindergarten through grade ~~five- eight~~ may possess a ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ as long as the device remains off and is not visible during the school day. They are not permitted to use a ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ during the school day unless given permission from a school official. Teachers may allow, however, the instructional use of a ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ at their discretion.

The school principal or his/her designee will have the authority to limit the use and/or confiscate the ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ if the use or possession of the ~~WCD- cellular phone~~ may cause or is causing a disruption to the school and/or event.

The unauthorized use of a cell phone will result in a written referral consisting of a warning ~~and parent notification~~ for the first offense. The second offense ~~will- may~~ result in one day in-school suspension (ISS). Third and subsequent offenses ~~will- may~~ result in one to three days out of school suspension (OSS) unless a parent conference is held. If a parent conference is held, the student ~~will- may~~ be assigned to ISS for the remaining days of the suspension. If a parent

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conference is not held, the student ~~will~~ may be assigned OSS for one to three days. In all instances, the principal has the authority to use discretion in discipline dispensation

Students in middle school and high school will have a cell phone orientation ~~during the first week of school~~ each year. Students and parents/legal guardians must sign a letter of agreement acknowledging the policy in order to possess a ~~WCD~~ cellular phone on school or at school activities.

Exception

The district will make an exception to this rule for a student who needs a paging device for a legitimate medical reason and a student age 18 or over who is an active member of a volunteer firefighting organization or a volunteer emergency service organization.

The principal must have written, approved evidence on file from a licensed, practicing medical doctor documenting the student's medical need for a paging device. Written, approved evidence of active membership in a voluntary firefighting or an emergency medical service organization is required.

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Legal References:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 59-63-280 - Requires board to adopt a policy on student use of electronic devices.