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Academic Dishonesty Grading: 1st--Alternate Assessment/Level B 2nd--ISS and Alternate Assignment 3rd-- ISS + zero	I	Intentional receiving or providing of unauthorized assistance on classroom projects, assessments and assignments. May include but is not limited to failure to cite sources	1				2	2	3								
	II	Intentional plagiarism or cheating on a minor classroom assignment or project. Includes but is not limited to intentional dishonesty on minor classroom projects, assignments, homework, etc.	1				2	2	3+								
	III	Intentional plagiarism or cheating on a major exam, statewide assessment or project or the falsification of school records. Includes but is not limited to cheating on major exams, statewide assessments or other state mandated academic work; Includes the falsification of school records; forgery; Level 3 may be used for students that violate the school policy of academic dishonesty three or more times during the same school year						1	2		3+						
Accessory		Causes someone else to commit a violation, helps in commission of violation; or advises, encourages, hires or procures acts in concert with another to commit violation					Subject to the same interventions and consequences as the students who are actively involved in the infraction										
Alcohol	I	Unintentional possession of alcohol				1	1	1	1				1				
	II	Under the influence of alcohol without possession											1	1		1	1
	III	Violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or substances represented as alcohol											1			1	1
Arson	II	Attempt to commit arson or use of matches, lighters or incendiary devices at school; includes but not limited to the use of fireworks; Includes but is not limited to trash can fires without damage to school property			1-2			1			2		1-2				
	III	Intentional damage as a result of arson related activity or the use of an incendiary device; Includes but not limited to setting fires to school property											1			1	1
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Aggressive Behavior/Battery (The key difference between battery and fighting is that fighting involves mutual participation)	I	Intentional physical attack with the intent to cause bodily harm resulting in no bodily injuries; Includes but not limited to pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, pinching, slapping, and other intentional physical contact					1	1-2	2	3	3						
	II	Intentional physical attack with the intent to cause bodily harm resulting in mild or moderate bodily injuries; Includes but not limited to pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, pinching, slapping, and other physical contact that result in mild or moderate injuries							1	2	3	1					
	III	Intentional physical attack with the intent to cause bodily harm resulting in severe injuries or any unintentional battery on school personnel; Physical attack on teachers should be reported as Violence Against a Teacher. Level 3 may be used for students that violate the school policy on battery three or more times during the same school year; Includes but not limited to choking, pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, pinching, slapping, and other physical contact resulting in severe injuries; Includes any physical attack on school personnel; includes incidents serious enough to warrant calling the police or security									1	1	1			1	1
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Bullying- See State Definition	I	First Report of bullying as defined in Georgia Code Section 20-2-751.4: Includes but is not limited to unwanted teasing, threats, name-calling, intimidation, harassment, humiliation, hazing, physical attacks, extortion, social exclusion, coercion, spreading of rumors or falsehoods, gossip, stalking, or using any type of electronic means to harass or intimidate		1				1	1	1				1	1		
	II	Second Report of bullying as defined in Georgia Code Section 20-2-751.4: Includes but is not limited to unwanted teasing, threats, name-calling, intimidation, harassment, humiliation, hazing, physical attacks, extortion, social exclusion, coercion, spreading of rumors or falsehoods, gossip, stalking, or the use of electronic equipment on school property or using school equipment to harass or intimidate		1						2	2	2		2	2		
	III	Repeated acts , as defined in Georgia Code Section 20-2-751.4, occurring on school property or school possession that is a willful attempt or threat to inflict injury, or apparent means to do so, any display of force that puts victim at fear of harm, any written, verbal or physical act that threatens, harasses, or intimidates; causes another person physical harm; interferes with a student's education; so severe and pervasive that intimidation threatens educational environment. Includes but is not limited to unwanted teasing, threats, name-calling, intimidation, harassment, humiliation, hazing, physical attacks, extortion, social exclusion, coercion, spreading of rumors or falsehoods, gossip, stalking, or the use of electronic equipment on school property or using school equipment to harass or intimidate		1									3	3	3	3	3
Breaking & Entering – Burglary		Unlawful or unauthorized forceful entry into a school building or vehicle (with or without intent to commit theft). (Note: The key difference between Trespassing and Breaking & Entering-Burglary is that Trespassing does not include forceful entry into the school building)			1									1		1	1

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Bus Misconduct		Refer To TCMS Bus Conduct															
Classroom Disruption	I	Minor disruption that includes not following classroom behavior rules; horseplay--Level B	1-4	4				5+	6	7	8						
	II	Major classroom disruption that stops instruction for an extended period of time and requires administrative intervention					1	1-2	3-4	4	5+						
	III	Pattern of major disruptions during the same school year. Documentation of Tier 1-3 interventions implemented and effectiveness											1		1	1	1
Computer/Internet Misuse	II	Unauthorized use of school computer for anything other than instructional purposes. Includes but not limited to computer misuse, using computer to view inappropriate material, and violation of school computer use policy	1				1	2	3	1	1				1	1	1
	III	Unauthorized use of a computer or computer network with the intention of deleting, obstructing, interrupting, altering, damaging, obtaining confidential information or in any way causing the malfunction of the computer, network, program(s) or data; includes disclosure of a number, code, password, or other means of access to school computers or the school system computer network without proper authorization. Includes but not limited to hacking, using school computer to change or alter school records (grades, attendance, discipline, etc.)			1			1				2			2	2	2
Defiance/Willful Refusal	I	Failure to comply with instructions	1-4	4			5	5+	6	7	8						
	II	Blatant insubordination, willfully and defiantly refuses to immediately follow school staff directives. Students may also be charged with insubordination, up to level 3, for failure to comply with a search directive.						1	2	3	1-3						
	III	Pattern of blatant insubordination; Documentation of Tier 1-3 interventions.								1			1		1	1	1

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Electronic Smoking Device	I	Unintentional possession of an electronic smoking device				1	1	1				1				
	II	Use or knowledgeable possession of an electronic smoking device					1	1	2			3				
	III	Distribution and/or selling of electronic smoking devices: Level 3 may be used for students that violate school policy on electronic smoking devices three or more times during the same school year										1	1			
Fighting - Involves Mutual Participation (including school activities and transportation)	I	A physical confrontation between two or more students with the intent to harm resulting in no bodily injuries							1	2	1-2	2	1-3	3	3	3
	II	A physical confrontation between two or more students with the intent to harm resulting in mild or moderate bodily injuries							1	2	1-2	2	1-3	3	3	3
	III	A physical confrontation between two or more students with the intent to harm resulting in severe bodily injuries. Level 3 may be used for students that violate the school policy on fighting three or more times during the same school year										1		1	1	1

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Gambling		Engaging in a game or contest in which the outcome is dependent upon chance even though accompanied by some skill, and in which a participant stands to win or lose something of value			1-4		1	2								
Gang-Related	II	Wearing or possessing gang-related apparel; communicating either verbally or nonverbally to convey membership or affiliation with a gang; possession or wearing of gang-related clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or using colors to convey gang membership or affiliation; gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings, etc. to convey gang membership or affiliation; committing any other illegal act or other violation of school policies in connection with gang-related activity					1	1	1	2	2	2				
	III	The solicitation of others for gang membership, the defacing of school or personal property with gang-related symbols or slogans, threatening or intimidating on behalf of a gang, the requirement or payment for protection or insurance through a gang. Level 3 should be used for students who display a pattern of violating the school policy related to gang activity. Soliciting students for gang membership; tagging or defacing school or personal property with symbols or slogans intended to convey or promote membership or affiliation in any gang; requiring payment for protection, insurance, otherwise intimidating or threatening any person related to gang activity; inciting other students to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity										1		1	1	1
Inappropriate Language		Use of vulgar or inappropriate language towards another student or	1-2	3			4	5+	6+	6+						

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Skipping/Attendance		Repeated or excessive unexcused absences or tardiness; including failure to report to class, skipping class, leaving school without authorization, or failure to comply with disciplinary sanctions					1	1-2	3	3	4	4				





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Vandalism	II	Participating in the minor destruction, damage or defacement of school property or private property without permission			1-2		1	1-2	1-2		2+	2+	1+		
	III	Participation in the willful/malicious destruction, damage or defacement of school property or private property without permission; Level 3 may be used for students that violate the school policy on vandalism three or more times during the same school year			1								1	1	1
Weapons – Knife	I	Unintentional possession of a knife or knife-like item without intent to harm or intimidate					1	1			1		1		
	II	Intentional possession of a knife or knife-like item without intent to harm or intimidate						1			2+		1		
	III	Intentional possession, use or intention to use a knife or knife-like item with the intent to harm or intimidate											1	1	1
Weapons – Handgun	II	Intentional or unintentional possession or use of a handgun in a manner that could produce bodily harm or fear of harm											1	1	1
Weapons – Other	II	Unintentional possession of a weapon, other than a knife or firearm, or similarity to a weapon that could produce bodily harm or fear of harm						1	1				1		
	III	Intentional possession and/or use of any weapon, other than a knife or firearm, in a manner that could produce bodily harm or fear of harm. Intentional possession of item that has the appearance of a weapon											1	1	1
Weapons – Rifle/Shotgun	III	Intentional or unintentional possession or use of a rifle or shotgun in a manner that could produce bodily harm or fear of harm											1	1	1

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