

Lynchburg City Schools

Standards of Student Conduct and Responsibility

Good schools and good discipline go hand in hand. Good discipline is the positive direction of behavior toward established standards of conduct, fully understood and based upon reason, judgment and the rights of others.

Ideally, discipline is self-directed and self-controlled. Schools, community, and parents share the responsibility for helping students develop self-discipline. Discipline is necessary to assure an orderly environment in which each person may live and learn to his/her full capabilities in harmony with others.

When self-discipline fails, disciplinary forces outside the individual must be imposed to protect the rights of others. In the Lynchburg City Schools, as in the community at large, certain rules and guidelines are established to ensure that there is a clear understanding of the behavioral expectations of all students. Parents, school personnel, and others responsible and concerned about the welfare and education of young citizens must cooperate to interpret and enforce the rules.

The Lynchburg City School Board has high expectations of students and staff regarding personal behavior and good discipline in the schools. To this end the board assigns to the staff--teachers, principals, administrators, and other division personnel--the responsibility of assuring that good discipline is maintained in the schools and that rules are enforced consistently, fairly, and promptly with due regard for the civil rights of all individuals.

In order to establish a sound foundation upon which good discipline will be maintained, clearly understood responsibilities must be established and supported by students, parents, teachers and school administrators.

Student Responsibilities

1. To respect the authority of teachers, principals, and other school staff to enforce division policy and school rules regarding student discipline and conduct.
2. To abide by the standards of conduct and rules governing discipline established by the school.
3. To attend school regularly and punctually.
4. To be self-controlled, reasonably quiet and non-disruptive in classrooms, hallways, study areas, school buses, on school property, and at school activities.
5. To be clean and dressed in compliance with school rules of sanitation and safety, and in fashion that will not disrupt classroom procedures.
6. To be reasonable, self-controlled, and considerate in your relationships with other students.
7. To strive for mutually respectful relationships with teachers.
8. To keep your language and gestures respectful and free of profanity or obscenities.
9. To respect private and public property.

Parent Responsibilities

1. To accept and respect the right of the Lynchburg City School Board to require good behavior of all students and non-students while at school during school activities.
2. To guide your child from the earliest years to develop socially acceptable standards of behavior, to exercise self-control and to be accountable for his/her actions.
3. To know and understand the rules your child is expected to observe at school; to be aware of the consequences for violations of these rules and accept legal responsibility for your child's actions.
4. To cooperate with school officials in carrying out appropriate disciplinary penalties when such action is necessary.

5. To seek out, when necessary, appropriate community agencies for assistance in correcting your children's behavior problems.
6. To send your child to school as required by Virginia School Law 22.1-254; to make certain your child's attendance at school is regular and punctual and all absences are properly excused.
7. To insist that your child is clean, dressed in compliance with school rules of sanitation and safety, and in a fashion that will not disrupt classroom procedures.
8. To teach your child, by word and example, respect for law, for the authority of the school, and for the rights and property of others.
9. To instill in your child a desire to learn; to encourage a respect for honest work and an interest in exploring broader fields of knowledge.
10. To become acquainted with your child's school, its staff, curriculum and activities; to attend parent-teacher conferences and school functions.

Standards of Conduct for Bus Riders

Students are under the authority of the bus driver while on the bus. The driver is to control student conduct and report behavior problems to the principal. The principal shall be responsible for all disciplinary action. Failure on the part of any student to follow the rules and regulations dealing with school bus operation may result in termination of privilege to ride the school bus in addition to other appropriate disciplinary measures.

The following actions are prohibited:

- Smoking
- Eating on the bus
- Use of any type of profanity and/or vulgarity

All students who ride a bus are expected to:

- Practice acceptable classroom behavior
- Remain in seat when bus is in motion
- Keep aisles clear
- Avoid extending arms, hands, or head from bus windows
- Refrain from throwing objects from bus
- Avoid bringing oversized items, live animals, glass objects or medications on the bus
- Assist the driver in maintaining a clean bus

Please Note: For safety reasons, LCS buses may be equipped with video cameras. When registering for school, parents and students are required to sign the *Lynchburg City Schools Code of Student Conduct, Responsibility and Attendance Statement* which acknowledges receipt of this information.

Code of Student Conduct, Responsibility and Attendance Statement

I hereby acknowledge the requirements of the Lynchburg City School Board's standards of student conduct, responsibilities and attendance to assist Lynchburg City Schools in disciplining my student and maintaining order.

In addition, I agree to support the policies that deal with student conduct, responsibilities and attendance as stated in the parent/student handbook. I will work with my son or daughter to comply with these policies. I understand that this represents a partnership between home and school to provide quality education for all students.

Student Name – Please Print	/	Student Signature	Grade	Date
Parent Name – Please Print	/	Parent Signature		Date