

Florida SouthWestern Collegiate HS-Charlotte

Discipline Procedures

FSWC-Charlotte has set high expectations for academics and classroom behavior. Students are informed about the discipline plan and understand consequences set forth below. We believe that no student has the right to be disruptive to the degree that he or she may infringe upon the rights of other students and we need your support to be effective.

Serious Violations

Serious violations will be reported immediately to the administration and handled according to the Charlotte County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct in conjunction with FSW with consideration of student supervision, student safety, respect, confidentiality, detailed and accurate reporting, and district policies and procedures.

Examples of serious offenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- abuse of staff
- insubordination
- closed campus violation
- obscene behavior
- possession/use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol
- fights, assaults, theft/vandalism, gang activity
- unauthorized use of medications
- harassment
- bullying
- hazing
- intimidation
- pranks
- weapons violation
- plagiarism

Classroom Referrals

Common classroom violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- classroom rule violations
- inappropriate use of electronics (cell phones, iPods, etc.)
- disruptive behavior
- disrespectful behavior
- academic dishonesty
- repeated failure to bring necessary materials to class.

Class rule violations will usually result in one of the following actions:

1. Verbal Warning by teacher
2. Parent Contact
3. Discipline Referral

It may be necessary to refer a student immediately to the office on the first violation if the behavior, in the view of the teacher, warrants immediate removal.

Administrative Action once student is referred:

1. Verbal warning or after school detention (Mondays or Thursdays from 1:45-2:45).
2. Contact parent and assign detention.
3. Contact parent and out-of-school suspension.

All steps in administrative action phase will require the student to address how he or she will change his or her behavior so that future violations do not occur and will require a student signature acknowledging the plan. A parent conference will be required on the third violation.

Dress Code Violations

Responsibility for the dress and appearance of students enrolled at FSWC-Charlotte primarily rests with students and parents themselves. Some student apparel may not be appropriate to wear to school even though that same apparel may be appropriate in other settings.

It is expected that FSWC-Charlotte students will **NOT** wear tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, half shirts, backless shirts, sheer or see through shirts, halter tops, pajama tops or bottoms, slippers, or blankets. Sleeveless shirts must have at least a 2 inch wide strap.

All shorts are expected to be modest in length and should be no shorter than mid-thigh.

All skirts and dresses are expected to be knee length.

Regardless of current fashion, our dress code also states that headwear such as bandanas, hairnets, hoods and do-rags will **NOT** be permitted. Hats, visors and sunglasses may **NOT** be worn in the FSWC-Charlotte building at any time.

Modest student dress is expected at all times. Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school.

Any apparel, emblem, insignia, badge, or symbol that the administration deems unsuitable for school will result in a dress code violation.

Dress code issues will be resolved at the discretion of the administration and the dress code may change at any time.

Please be aware that the dress code is in effect in the FSWC-Charlotte building at any time, this includes before and after school.

Dress Code violations will result in:

1. First offense-possible referral and change of clothes.
2. Second offense-possible referral, possible parent contact and possible detention.
3. Third and future offenses- referral, parent contact, detention.

Electronics

Student use of cellular phones and other electronic devices (iPod, MP3 players, CD players, etc.) are strictly regulated once the school day begins.

It must be noted that this policy is provided as a privilege and the administration reserves the right to amend or revoke the electronics policy at any time. Cellular phones or other electronics will be allowed during the school day under the following guidelines.

-Cell phones and iPods, etc. will be allowed during class change and lunch with regulations. Respectful cell phone use is expected at all times. Any time an adult engages a student in conversation it is the expectation that the student will set aside their cell phone to speak with the adult. At no time will communication via cell phone supersede communication with an adult at FSWC-Charlotte.

-A student listening to music must use ear buds and may only have 1 ear bud in at a time. This is to ensure student safety and enable students to listen to instructions.

-All cell phone and electronics should be turned off before entering a classroom. Once a student enters the door to a classroom his/her electronics should already be turned off (regardless if the bell has rung). The FSWC-Charlotte tardy policy is strictly enforced.

It is the expectation that all students abide by the electronics policy of each teacher or substitute they see during the school day. It is also important for students to understand that each teacher may have a different electronics policy.

Electronics rule violations will result in the following actions:

1. First Offense-confiscation of device and referral, student must pick up device from Mr. Catanzarite at the end of the day.
2. Second Offense-confiscation of device and referral, device will only be released to the parent/guardian at the end of the day that the incident occurs or before or after school in the days following, detention will be assigned.
3. Third Offense and future offenses- confiscation of device and referral, device will only be released to the parent/guardian at the end of the day that the incident occurs or before or after school in the days following, detention will be assigned, student misuse may result in loss of privileges as determined by the principal.

Exceptions: Exceptions are for students who have specific permission addressed and outlined in the Individual Education Plan or 504 plan.

Food and Drink

No food is allowed in any classroom. Students may only have bottled beverages with a secure twist cap in the FSWC-Charlotte building at any time (2 liters are NOT permitted). This rule applies before and after school. Exceptions are made during lunch in the cafeteria.