



SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT CHANGES

APS has adopted 3 levels of progressive discipline, where previously there had been four levels.

The new levels are:

Level 1 – Minor | Level 2 – Intermediate | Level 3 – Serious

LEVEL 1 MINOR*	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Elementary	One day detention	Three days detention
Middle/High	Up to three days detention	Up to three days of in-school suspension

LEVEL 2 MODERATE*	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Elementary	Up to five days of in-school suspension	Up to three days of out-of-school suspension
Middle/High	Four or five days of in-school suspension	Up to three days of out-of-school suspension

LEVEL 3 SERIOUS*	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Elementary	Four days of out-of-school suspension	Ten days of out-of-school suspension
Middle/High	Four days of out-of-school suspension	Ten days of out-of-school suspension



Additionally, APS has instituted these noteworthy changes to the Student Code of Conduct:

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

LAST YEAR: Infractions for Academic Dishonesty and Academic Dishonesty Using A Device were addressed separately.

THIS YEAR: Academic Dishonesty and Academic Dishonesty Using A Device have been combined to apply to any situation where a student cheats or attempts to imply ownership of another student's work.

THREATS AND TERRORISTIC THREATS LEVEL 2 TO LEVEL 3

LAST YEAR: Threats and Terroristic Threats were considered to be Level 1 Minor to Level 4 Serious offenses.

THIS YEAR: Threats and Terroristic Threats are considered to be Level 2 Moderate to Level 3 Serious offenses.

ARSON WITH DAMAGE AND ARSON WITHOUT DAMAGE LEVEL 1 TO LEVEL 3

LAST YEAR: Arson With Damage and Arson Without Damage were considered separate infractions from Level 1 Minor to Level 4 Serious offenses.

THIS YEAR: Arson With Damage and Arson Without Damage have been combined into one infraction for Arson from Level 1 Minor to Level 3 Serious offense.

GROUP FIGHTS LEVEL 2 TO LEVEL 3

LAST YEAR: Group Fights were considered to be Level 1 Minor to Level 4 Serious offenses.

THIS YEAR: Group Fights are considered to be Level 2 Moderate to Level 3 Serious offenses. Group Fights that result in significant injury will result in a Level 3 disciplinary response.

ASSAULT LEVEL 1 TO LEVEL 2

LAST YEAR: Assault was considered to be a Level 1 Minor to Level 4 Serious offense.

THIS YEAR: Assaults committed by elementary students will be considered Level 1 Minor to Level 2 Moderate offenses. Assaults committed by secondary students will be considered Level 2 Moderate offenses.

CATEGORY I WEAPONS [FIREARM, GUN] PERMANENT EXPULSION

LAST YEAR: Students found to have a loaded firearm on school property could receive discipline ranging from 1 year at alternative school up to expulsion.

THIS YEAR: Students found to have a loaded firearm on school property will be permanently expelled from Atlanta Public Schools.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES [DRUGS] LEVEL 1 TO LEVEL 3

LAST YEAR: Students who possessed small quantities of illegal substances for personal use were afforded a Level 1 Minor disciplinary response for the first offense.

THIS YEAR: Students who possess small quantities of illegal substances for personal use will be referred to a substance abuse program and may receive a Level 1 Minor to a Level 3 Serious disciplinary response.

SEXUAL BATTERY LEVEL 2 TO LEVEL 3

LAST YEAR: Sexual Battery was considered to be a Level 1 Minor to a Level 4 Serious offense.

THIS YEAR: Sexual Battery is considered to be a Level 2 Moderate to a Level 3 Serious offense. Elementary students who commit Sexual Battery more than twice in one year will receive a Level 3 Serious response. Secondary students who commit Sexual Battery more than once will receive a Level 3 Serious response.