

Pike County School Corporation

Fan/Patron Behavior Policy

There are times when people can not contain their emotions and tempers. Unfortunately, this can lead to confrontations which have no place on school grounds. Realizing that a policy can not cover every aspect of a potential problem, the following guidelines will be used in dealing with inappropriate behavior.

1. Parent Conferences-Parent conferences will be held in the privacy of a room, never with other students present. During any conference, all parties will remain civil with each other. Any parent/guardian who comes directly to a classroom, disrupting the teacher/coach/educational process shall be instructed to report to the office. If the parent/guardian refuses to go quietly to the front office, the front office will contact the local police or the Pike County Sheriff's Department.
2. Coaching and communication with parents. Fans/patrons of the community need to realize that all coaches are hired by the Pike County Board of Education to instruct all student/athletes in that particular sport. If a parent/guardian has a problem with a coach should NEVER discuss a personal matter with the coach after a game; instead set up a time and place to discuss the matter with the coach no earlier than the day after an occurrence.
In any conference with a coach the following things WILL NOT be discussed: playing time, strategy or philosophy, play calling or other student athletes. If the situation can not be resolved, the chain-of-command in the school corporation will be followed. The chain always starts with the coach/coaching staff, then the athletic director, the building principal, the superintendent, the board of education. If a fan/parent etc. does not follow this chain of command, they will be directed to use it properly.
3. All spectators, visitors, patrons, or parents are expected to stay in the spectator areas during events. No one is to enter or go onto the playing area of any sport prior to, during, or after the event unless the person in charge (athletic director or principal) has given permission. Any one violating this will be asked to leave the school grounds.

Spectator/Parents rules:

1. The Pike County School Corporation has a duty to protect not only students, but staff as well. At no time will a teacher, coach, administrator, or any other member of the staff be verbally harassed, cursed, threatened in any way, physically touched, pushed, grabbed, punched or "accidentally" have any of these things occur. Persons doing so will be ordered off school grounds immediately.

2. Spectators at any athletic event, on Pike County school grounds or any (away) venue must always act in a positive manner. They will NEVER berate a coach, officials, or any player from either team. Spectators need to remain positive and supportive of all our athletic teams and student/athletes. Spectators always need to show good sportsmanship towards everyone. If any spectator is found to be acting in a negative way (mentioned earlier), they will be ordered off school grounds immediately.

FAILURE TO LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS IMMEDIATELY WHEN ASKED OR ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE SCHOOL OFFICIAL IN CHARGE, WILL RESULT IN INTERFERENCE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.

ANY PERSON FOUND VIOLATING THE ABOVE POLICIES WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM ATTENDING ANY SCHOOL FUNCTION IN THE PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. (LISTED BELOW).

Penalties:

LEVEL 1 Penalty: If anyone is asked or told to leave school grounds or a school function by the person in charge because of improper behavior, that person(s) will receive a 28-day suspension from ANY school function beginning the day after the occurrence. The building principal may exempt certain school functions at his/her discretion from the suspension period.

Any person suspended from attending school functions because of behavior will then be placed on a 365-day probationary period from the date of the occurrence.

LEVEL 2 Penalty: If anyone is asked or told to leave school grounds or a school function by the person in charge because of improper behavior who is already on a probationary period of time, will be suspended from attending ANY school function for a period of one year from the date of the occurrence.

Any person suspended for one school year (or 365 days) must have the building principal's permission prior to entering school grounds at any time.