

Southside High School
2009-2010

STUDENT AGENDA



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Student: _____

First Period Teacher: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Tiger  Pride

Parent and Student Verification Page

Please sign below and return this page to your homeroom teacher

I _____, affirm that I have read and understand the general content and rules and procedures governing Southside High School student behavior and academics as outlined in this student agenda.

Parent Signature

Date

I _____, affirm that I have read and understand the general content and rules and procedures governing Southside High School student behavior and academics as outlined in this student agenda.

Student Signature

Date

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**Southside High School
Center for International Studies**

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Purpose

To promote learning as a lifelong endeavor and to provide a comprehensive learning environment with opportunities for all students to develop to their fullest capacity and be productive members of a rapidly changing global and technological society.

Mission

To stimulate lifelong learning and to promote an understanding of community and curriculum standards by providing opportunities for students to apply acquired skills and by modeling desired behavior and attitudes. We will know students are learning and becoming productive, involved, caring citizens by maintaining data that chart their progress so we can provide various levels of intervention to guide students toward success.

Our Goals for Students

1. Improve student achievement
2. Provide students with a pleasant, inviting environment in which to learn
3. Ensure quality personnel in all positions

Regular Bell Schedule Class and Room Number

8:30 – 9:19 1st Period Class _____
 9:24 – 10:13 2nd Period Class _____
 10:18 – 11:07 3rd Period Class _____
 11:12 – 12:46 4th Period Class _____

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| • Announcements | 11:12 – 11:17 |
| • 1st Lunch | 11:17 – 11:42 |
| • 2nd Lunch | 11:49 – 12:14 |
| • 3rd Lunch | 12:21 – 12:46 |

12:51 – 1:41 5th Period Class _____
 1:46 – 2:35 6th Period Class _____
 2:40 – 3:30 7th Period Class _____

Career Center and Fine Arts Center buses depart at 8:30 A.M. and 12:43 P.M.

A.M. Activity Schedule		P.M. Activity Schedule	
8:30-9:05	1 st Period/Activity Period	8:30-9:19	1 st Period
9:10-9:45	1 st or 2 nd Period/Activity Period	9:24-10:13	2 nd Period
9:50-10:25	2 nd or 3 rd Period or Activity Period	10:18-11:07	3 rd Period
10:30-11:07	3 rd Period or Activity Period	11:12-12:46	4 th Period/Lunch
11:12-12:46	4 th Period		Lunch
	Lunch	11:17-11:42	1 st Lunch
11:17-11:42	1 st Lunch	11:49-12:14	2 nd Lunch
11:49-12:14	2 nd Lunch	12:21-12:46	3 rd Lunch
12:21-12:46	3 rd Lunch		
12:51-1:41	5 th Period	12:51-1:26	5 th Period/Activity Period
1:46-2:35	6 th Period	1:31-2:06	5 th or 6 th Period or Activity Period
2:40-3:30	7 th Period	2:11-2:46	6 th or 7 th Period or Activity Period
		2:51-3:30	7 th Period or Activity Period

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Delayed Bell Schedule
Local television and news channels will announce weather delays.

1-Hour Delay	2-Hour Delay
9:30- 10:10 1 st Period	10:30-11:02 1 st Period
10:15- 10:55 2 nd Period	11:07-11:39 2 nd Period
11:10- 11:40 3 rd Period	11:44-12:16 3 rd Period
11:45- 01:04 4 th Period	12:21- 1:40 4 th Period
Lunch	Lunch
11:50-12:10 1 st Lunch	12:26-12:46 1 st Lunch
12:17-12:37 2 nd Lunch	12:53- 1:13 2 nd Lunch
12:44- 1:04 3 rd Lunch	1:20- 1:40 3 rd Lunch
1:09- 1:53 5 th Period	1:45- 2:17 5 th Period
1:58- 2:41 6 th Period	2:22- 2:53 6 th Period
2:46- 3:30 7 th Period	2:58- 3:30 7 th Period

Special schedules, state testing, and unforeseen events will be published on the daily bulletin on the school website. The SHS monthly calendars are on the school website.

Attendance Rules

The School District of Greenville County has adopted uniform rules to assure that students attend school regularly. Each day that students are not in school, they miss hours of valuable instructions and opportunities for learning that they will not have again. All children are required to attend a public or private school or Kindergarten beginning at five and continuing until their 17th birthday. If parents choose not to send their children to kindergarten, they must sign a waiver, which may be obtained at the local school.

Students are counted present only when they are actually in school, on homebound instruction, or are present at an activity authorized by the school principal.

1. The school year consists of 180 school days. **To receive credit, students must not miss more than five (5) days for a semester course (1/2 unit course), and not miss more than ten (10) days for a yearlong course (1 unit course), as well as meet all minimum requirements for each course.** Accrued student absences, either lawful, unlawful, or a

combination thereof, may not exceed these numbers. Any absence in excess of these numbers may cause the student to lose credit for that course.

2. All absences shall be approved or disapproved by the principal (or his designee) in accordance with the following guidelines:

Lawful Absences

1. A written statement from a physician or a parent's note must be submitted **within two (2) days** of the student's return to school. Parent notes are accepted for the first ten student absences. Absences for chronic extended illness will be approved only when verified by a physician's statement. Students who have over ten absences for a year-long course must present a doctor's note or they risk losing credit for the course.

2. Serious illness or death of an immediate family member shall be verified by a statement, from the parent, within two (2) days of the student's return to school.

3. Absences for religious holidays shall be requested in advance. Such requests must be made to the principal in writing.

4. Absences for extreme hardships may be approved by the principal. Such approval should be prearranged when possible.

5. **College visit requests for juniors and seniors must be submitted in writing to the senior counselor by a parent or guardian at least one-week in advance of the scheduled visit. Once they return, seniors must bring written verification from the college visited. Approval will be granted for no more than three (3) visits per school year. Each request should specify duration of the visit and travel time, which may be approved at the discretion of the principal.**

Unlawful Absences

Any student absence, with or without the knowledge of the parent, which does not meet the conditions for a lawful absence, shall be counted as unlawful.

Class Cuts

A class cut will be considered an unexcused absence and may result in a suspension and parental conference.

Attendance for Individual Classes

1. A student may not miss more than ten (10) days from a year (unit) course or five (5) days from a semester (half unit) course.

2. After ten days' absences (or five) a doctor's note or administrative excuse must be provided, **or the student will not receive credit for that course.**

Attendance Procedures

1. Regular attendance is essential to academic progress. The district encourages regular attendance and we as a school will support the district's decision. If a student is absent, his/her parents will be contacted by telephone, letter, or home visit to verify the reason for the absence.

2. Excuses for these absences should:

- a. Be given to the attendance clerk.
 - b. Be dated and give the day or dates of absences.
 - c. State the reason for absences and give parent's daytime phone number.
 - d. Be written on a full sheet of paper and signed by parent.
 - e. Parent's notes and doctor's notes will be verified and filed by the attendance clerk.
3. Students must obtain a readmit for every absence from the attendance clerk.

Procedure for Make-up Work

Make up of school work missed during absences should be worked out with teachers. Students with 3 or more consecutive absences are allowed to make up work within five (5) consecutive school days after the student returns to school. Students absent for 5 days or more can request make up work from guidance during the absence.

Early Dismissals

Early dismissals before the end of the regular school day are discouraged. Whenever possible, a student should try to arrange appointments around school hours. All early dismissals will be classified as excused or unexcused by the Attendance Office.

***Failure to leave campus immediately after dismissal time may result in disciplinary action.**

No early dismissals granted after 2:45P.M or during exams.

The following will be classified as excused dismissals:

1. Medical appointments (must bring doctor's statement).
2. Illness of student or immediate family.
3. Death in immediate family.
4. Prearranged absence by parent and administrator.

***Classes missed due to early dismissals will count against a student's attendance record.**

Forgery of a written request for early dismissal will result in disciplinary action.

No early dismissals granted after 2:45P.M or during exams.

Early Dismissal Procedure:

1. A written request stating the reason for dismissal, time of dismissal, a telephone number where the parent can be contacted before 10 a.m., and signed by the parent or guardian.

***This note must be brought to the front office before 8:25 A.M. on the day of early dismissal.**

The office staff will contact the parent to verify the dismissal.

2. After verification, an early dismissal card should be picked up from the front office during class change. **IF NO VERIFICATION CAN BE MADE, THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE RELEASED.**

3. Students must sign out in the front office when leaving or the absence will be classified as a cut.

4. **Parents who do not send a note in advance must come in and sign the student out. No early dismissals will be approved over the phone. Students are not released to anyone whose name is not on the parent release card filed in the front office and who does not have proper identification.**

No early dismissals granted after 2:45P.M or during exams.

Early Dismissals Due to Illness

Any student who becomes ill at school must secure a pass from the teacher and report to the Health Room. If a student is too ill to return to class, the nurse will contact the parents and dismiss the student. Students are to come to the Health Room from a class and have a signed and timed pass from the teacher. Students are not to come to the Health Room between classes. **Students who are ill are not to use a school phone or a cell phone to call a parent about dismissal for sickness; the nurse will call the parents.** Dismissals from the Health Room are considered lawful absences.

Field Trips

Student Access to Field Trips: Student will **be denied participation in field trips for the following reasons:**

1. **Academics:** If he/she is failing a class that he/she would miss on the field trip.
2. **Behavior:** (a) If assigned OSS on the date of the field trip, (b) If the person heading the field trip, with approval of the principal, determines eligibility should be denied based on a pattern of misconduct. (c) and if they fail to turn in all the required documentation by the deadlines.

3. **Override Policy:** If a student is denied access to a field trip due to academics or attendance, the parents may come to the school and sign an override form indicating that they are aware of the student's grade and/or attendance and still want the student to attend the field trip.
4. Students unable to attend a field trip will be given an alternative assignment to replace the field trip grade.
5. Students who are driving to an off campus school sponsored event must have a parent permission form on file prior to the event.

Competitions are considered field trips so only students competing should attend. Students are encouraged to keep up their academic performance in classes so that if necessary their parents may choose to do an override to permit them to go. A limited number of courses have district and state mandated field trips as part of the defined curriculum. These must be submitted to the appropriate administrator in writing at the beginning of the school year for verification. If approved, they will not be included in the semester class absences count. This also applies to programs such as college fair, the sophomore trip to Donaldson, etc.

Student Absences and Participation in Extra-Curricular Events

Students are not eligible to participate in any extracurricular events unless they are present at least 4 periods (1/2 of the school day) that day.

This participation includes athletic events, band or choral performances, club activities, competitions, Miss Southside pageant, etc. **Suspended students are ineligible for participation in or attendance at any school activity during their suspension.**

Absence from Exams

All students are mandated by the District to take exams during the exam period. It is the student's responsibility to obtain **prior** permission from the principal to take a make-up exam for any absence or to bring a doctor's note for an unplanned illness. Do not schedule a medical appointment during an exam period. Students who miss exams unlawfully will be subject to a grade penalty.

Absence from IB and AP Exams

IB and AP examinations are an integral part of both the IB and AP Programs. Students enrolled in IB and/or AP courses are expected to sit for all respective exams during the year in which the course(s) are taken. IB/AP exams are considered final exams in IB and AP courses. Students who fail to take one or more IB and/or AP exam and do not have a

valid excuse as determined by the IB and AP organizations will not be eligible for make-up exams. Students will also be required to reimburse the school district for the cost of each exam not taken. Additionally, students will be required to take the final exam(s) in the IB/AP course(s) in which they were enrolled before credit for the course(s) will be awarded. **NO EARLY DISMISSALS WILL BE GRANTED DURING EXAMS.**

School Closing

In the case of inclement weather or other emergencies, students/parents are asked not to call the school, but to tune in to local radio or television stations for an official announcement from the District Office.

Tardiness

1. Tardiness to school:

Students are expected to report to first period by 8:30 A.M. **Students must be in their classrooms when the tardy bell rings. Any student reporting after 8:30 A.M. must report to the attendance office.** All tardies will be classified as unexcused except for (1) doctor or dentist appointment (parent notes will not be accepted, only medical notes,) (2) administrative approval or, (3) arriving on a late school bus. Those arriving late will receive a color coded bus pass.

All others will receive an unexcused tardy slip. Tardiness to school infractions will be recorded and repeat offenders will be subject to the school's disciplinary guidelines.

2. Tardiness to class:

Students are expected to be in the classroom before the tardy bell for class rings. Repeat offenders will be subject to the school's disciplinary guidelines.

Consequences per Semester

1 st and 2 nd Offense:	Warning
3 rd -5 th Offense:	1 hour administrative detention
6 th Offense:	2 hour administrative detention
7 th + Offense:	One day of OSS for each offence/truancy contract

Closed Campus Policy

Students are reminded that we operate under a closed campus policy and that students are not allowed to leave campus during normal school days (8:30 A.M.– 3:30 P.M.) without

following the early dismissal procedures. Students who leave without permission will be disciplined. Persons entering campus without legitimate business could be subject to arrest and prosecuted for trespassing. **Students can only go to the parking lot during the school day with administrative approval.**

Visitors

Parents and community members are always welcome. So that we can better serve our visitors, **all visitors must check in at the front office** when they arrive at school to obtain permission to be on campus. Students are not to invite friends and visiting relatives to visit them during the school day or during lunch unless approved by administration.

Unauthorized visitors on campus are subject to trespassing charges and/or arrest.

Students are not to bring children to school.

Food is not to be delivered to students at school or brought on campus by students returning from Career Centers/FAC or School-to-Work activities.

Visits to the Health Room

***Students must sign in upon arrival in the Health Room.**

The purpose of the Health Room is to provide short-term care in the event a student becomes ill/injured while at school. It is not intended to replace place a physician's office. Every effort is made to keep a student at school if at all possible. If it is determined that your student is too ill to stay in school, please make arrangements to pick him/her up as soon as possible.

Health Room Guidelines

Student Emergency Forms

1. Complete form, date, sign, and return immediately. These forms are available for downloading/printing on the school website.
2. Update (by sending a note or calling the school office) when changes occur.
3. Indicate who your emergency people listed are (friend, grandparent, etc.).
4. It is important to tell your child who has been listed on the emergency form to pick him/her up in your absence.

Medications

1. All prescription drugs must be given to the school nurse or office staff to be administered to the student. **Permission forms will need to be signed.**

2. If your child must take medication at school, please obtain a Parent or Physician's Authorization Form. These forms are available in the Health Room and on the school website.

* **Long-Term Medicines** (to be given at school for 2 weeks or longer) must have a Parent's Authorization Form completed and signed by the parent or legal guardian. A Physician's Authorization Form must be completed and signed by the doctor who has prescribed this medicine for your child.

* **Short-Term Medicines** (to be given at school with less than a two-week duration) must have a Parent's Authorization Form completely filled out and signed by the parent/guardian or a written note provided with the medicine stating: the name of the medicine, the amount to be taken, and the time to be given. Also include the student's name. **NO MEDICATION WILL BE GIVEN WITHOUT THIS WRITTEN PERMISSION!**

3. **STUDENTS ARE NOT TO GIVE THEMSELVES ANY MEDICINE AT SCHOOL.** ALL medicines must be given through the Health Room. This policy is for the safety of the students.

- Inhalers or epi-pens may be kept by students if written permission has been provided by a parent and the physician indicating that it is necessary for the students to have the medication with them at all times. An additional inhaler/epi-pen should be kept in the Health Room.
- **Due to School District policy, medications containing aspirin (Pepto-Bismol, many menstrual cramp medications) and medications containing PPA (Dimetapp, Contac, Triaminic, etc.) will not be given.**

4. All medications must be in the original container with a label. This includes prescription and over-the-counter drugs as well. **Medications that cannot be identified by the container will not be given and will be discarded immediately.**

5. The school will not administer medication that is reportedly missed at home. We will only administer those doses that are scheduled during school hours. A parent may bring a missed dose of medication to school and may administer it to the student.

6. If your child experiences frequent headaches, stomach upset, or menstrual pain, you may provide the Health Room with the appropriate over-the-counter medications so that your child can remain in class.

7. Medications that are past their expiration date will not be given.

Guidelines for Medication Administration

When a student is required to take medication during the school day, the following guidelines will be followed:

- Written permission from the parent/legal guardian for each medication will be required and maintained in the Health Room.
- The medication will be stored in a locked container and administered by the school nurse or staff designated by the principal who will record this information on the student's medication record. A list of staff designated by the principal to assist with medications in the absence of the nurse will be posted in the health room. Schedules should be arranged so that the school nurse administers all medications if possible. The nurse will verify medication and signature of the parent if the parent does not come in.
- Any errors or incidents involving medication will be reported on form Med-4 with copies provided to the principal and nurse supervisor.

When a student leaves the school for a field trip, his/her medication will be secured in a container labeled with the student's name, date, medication, dosage, strength and time for administration. The school nurse shall provide the staff accompanying students on the trips with the information needed regarding the medication, its purpose, and side effects that may occur. **It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school nurse when a field trip occurs.**

Emergency Medication

Students who are known reactors and require emergency treatment for an allergic response should have medication, written parental permission and physician's instructions for administering the medication. If the student has emergency medication in the Health Room, **this medication does not follow him/her to the career centers. When this occurs, the student will need permission to carry the medication with him/her. It is required that an Emergency Health Care Plan be completed on these students. These forms can be obtained from the Health Room or from the SHS website.**

Students who are injured and require use of the elevator must bring medical documentation to their administrator who will forward it to the nurse.

Discipline

An atmosphere of mutual respect between students and teachers is expected. The general responsibility of discipline rests with the faculty. Each teacher has the authority to enforce discipline. Student cooperation and self-discipline are expected. Teachers will discuss with

their students the conduct policies as outlined in the Code of Discipline adopted by the School District of Greenville County, a copy of which is included in this handbook and on the District website.

Persistent or uncontrollable misconduct will be referred to an assistant principal for disciplinary action. Strong and consistent measures will be taken to eliminate undesirable conduct. A discipline referral indicates serious misbehavior. **Students being removed from a classroom for disruptive behavior will be escorted to ISS.**

Rules for Southside High School

1. All students will be in the classroom when the bell rings at the start of each class period.
2. All students are to remain in their seats unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. The teacher, not the bell, will dismiss class.
3. No passes out of class will be issued, except in an emergency. All students will bring to class paper, pen/pencil, textbooks, homework, and any other items required by the teacher.
4. **THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING: LIQUID CONTAINERS (STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE WATER BOTTLES IN CLASS), ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT OR GAMES, CD PLAYERS, IPODS, HEADPHONES, PHONES, STRAWS, HATS, BANDANAS, HEAD WRAPS, SWEATBANDS, PLAYING CARDS, BEDROOM SLIPPERS, HOLES ABOVE THE KNEE, DO-RAGS, SKULLIES, BANDANAS, WRAP CAPS, HAIR CURLERS, SUN GLASSES, FLIP FLOPS, PAJAMAS, BLANKETS**
5. **PLAYING CARDS ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. CARDS WILL BE CONFISCATED AND NOT RETURNED.**
6. Students will not deface and /or destroy any property at school and will be held accountable for damage payment.
7. Students should refrain from using obscene language or gestures.
8. Students are expected to be quiet during announcements, moment of silence, or roll call.
9. Students are expected to remain on task the entire class period.
10. **Refusal to relinquish contraband items will result in an automatic suspension.**

Teacher Detention

Teachers will assign detention for infractions in accordance with school policy.

Electronic Equipment

Radios, video cameras, CD players, tape players, iPODs, video games, headsets, any type of apparel that flashes such as earrings and grills or produces digital texts such as belts and 3-ways and all other electronic equipment are not to be brought to school or worn to school. Telephones must be kept out-of-sight and hearing during the school day. Phones are not to be used during school hours. **The school is not responsible for stolen phones and electronic items. ELECTRONIC DEVICES OTHER THAN MOBILE PHONES WILL BE CONFISCATED AND RETURNED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

Drugs and Alcohol

Any student coming to school under the influence of drugs or illegal substances, bringing alcohol, drugs, paraphernalia, illegal substances, selling, giving or exchanging such items will be recommended for expulsion.

Tobacco and Lighters

Students under the age of 18 may be subject to fines as outlined by the Greenville County sheriff's Department. Possession and use of tobacco products, lighters, and matches while in the school building, on school grounds, on school buses, or any other time that the students are under direct administrative jurisdiction of the school, is prohibited. Items will be confiscated and students disciplined.

Display of Affection

Students will refrain from excessive displays of affection. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action and communication with parents.

Academic Dishonesty

Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will be given a zero on the work. The parents will be notified by the teacher. Academic dishonesty includes "giving help" on a test or assignment as well as "receiving help." Plagiarism will be viewed as a form of academic dishonesty.

Hall Passes

Students are not permitted in the halls during class periods or the school day unless they are accompanied by a teacher or have their agenda signed by a teacher or administrator. Hall passes are in the back of the Student Agenda. The student's name, date, time, destination, and teacher signature must be present and legible. The pass gives the student

permission to go straight to the destination without stopping at points along the way. A Handbook used as a pass which belongs to another student will be confiscated.

Restricted Areas

Any student in an off-limits area without written permission will be referred to the administration. Restricted areas include:

- Parking lots (bus, students', and teachers').
- All classroom wings/halls during lunch periods or gym areas for a class unless scheduled. (Food may be consumed only in cafeteria.)
- The area behind the counter in the main office as well as all administrative offices and hall.
- All areas outside of the school.
- The second floor rail. Students are to move directly to class and not loiter at the rail. Restrooms are restricted (except for the Cafeteria) before 8:15 A.M.. During class time students should not be at the snack machines or the Cafeteria restrooms.

Faculty workrooms are off limits at all times.

Before and After School Policy

Students will not be allowed to enter the building before 7:30 A.M. Students are to remain in the Cafeteria until the 8:20 A.M. bell rings. Once the school day has ended, students are to be **out of the building by 3:45 P.M.**; the only exception being that of tutoring or after school activities, i.e.: sports, clubs, band (students must be with their activity sponsor by 3:45 P.M.). Students are to report to them directly after school and not to be anywhere else. If students are found wandering the building or loitering in the cafeteria, they will be asked to leave and if it continues to be a problem, disciplinary action may be taken. **Students participating in after school activities or career center will be given color coded stickers, which allow them access to their programs. Students are not allowed in the building after school unless supervised by a teacher due to teacher meetings.**

Car Riders and Bus Riders

These riders are also expected to leave the building after school. If students need to use the bathroom or purchase a snack, it needs to be done before 3:45 P.M.. Once students are outside, students may not come back into the building. All riders are expected to be outside by 3:45 P.M. If a rider refuses to exit the building or causes a disturbance either inside or outside, disciplinary action will be taken.

Fraternalities, Sororities and Secret Organizations

Fraternalities, sororities and secret organizations and their activities are strictly forbidden in high school. Any attire associated with such groups is forbidden when it causes a disruption to the school.

School District of Greenville County School Website:

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/shs/index.asp>

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Greenville County Discipline Code Philosophy

The District is unequivocally committed to the principle that disorderly and disruptive behavior shall not be permitted to interfere with the right of other students to pursue an education; nor will improper conduct be tolerated. The District will make every reasonable effort to keep students within the school's sphere of influence and suspension and/or expulsion will be used only as a last resort. Nevertheless, any student conduct that disrupts class work, brings disorder to the school, or infringes upon the rights or safety of others is a basis for suspension and/or expulsion of student.

Responsibilities

Principals and teachers are authorized by the Board of Trustees to maintain and preserve order and discipline in schools and classrooms. Parents of students enrolled in the schools of Greenville County are urged to read the Discipline Code and discuss its contents with their children. If students or parents have questions regarding the Discipline Code, please contact the school Principal.

Misconduct for Which Disciplinary Action is Appropriate

- Commission of crimes
- Gross misbehavior
- Possession on school property of any alcoholic beverage, illegal drugs or narcotic, or toxic or controlled substance
- Violation of any written rules or regulations
- Threatening to inflict or inflicting any bodily harm on any district staff member
- Gross immorality
- Fighting

- "Ganging" or participation as a member of a gang in inflicting harm or threatening to inflict harm on another person
- Arrival on school property after using any alcoholic beverage, illegal drug or narcotic, or toxic substance
- Conduct away from school that is detrimental to the best interest of the school
- Use of a paging device or mobile phone is in violation of the Code of Conduct

Students may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion when they are guilty of repeating offenses that would not result in such sanction for the first offense.

Specific Disciplinary Sanctions for Serious Misconduct

Breaches of conduct, if they occur on school grounds, school buses, or school property or at any school-related function at any time, will result in the principal's recommendation for expulsion of middle and high school students:

- Possession of any kind of weapon. "Weapon" includes, but is not limited to, guns, blackjacks, brass knuckles, razors, box openers, knives, with a blade over two inches long, or any other device or object that is possessed or used with the intention of inflicting bodily injury or death
- Possession, sale, or distribution of an alcoholic beverage, illegal drug or narcotics, toxic substance, or drug paraphernalia.
- Unauthorized possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance or medication.
- "Ganging" or participating as a member of a gang in threats to inflict or the infliction of bodily harm, however slight, upon another person. A "gang" shall consist of two or more persons acting together. "Participation" may include any act that interferes with or hinders a staff member from stopping threats or the infliction of bodily injury that was taking place.

In addition, principals may recommend high school and middle school students for expulsion for the following misconduct:

- Fighting
- Threatening to or inflicting bodily harm, however slight, upon another person

- Other offenses that disrupt the educational process and operation of a school, such as stealing, obscene language or gestures, disobedience, unauthorized walkouts, blackmail, destruction of property, repeated offenses of any degree and other similar offenses

Removal of Students from School

Disruptive or disorderly student conduct may result in removal from school.

A. Suspension

SUSPENSION IS THE TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF A STUDENT FROM SCHOOL OR CLASS to correct unacceptable behavior. No student may be suspended in excess of ten days for any one offense unless expulsion is recommended. No student may be suspended for more than thirty days any one-school year unless expulsion is recommended. No student may be suspended during the last ten days of a school year if the suspension will make the student ineligible to receive credit for the school year without approval of the School Board unless the presence of the student constitutes an actual threat to a class or school or a hearing is granted within twenty-four hours of the suspension.

In order to suspend a student, the appropriate administrator shall inform the student of the specific charge against him and notify him of the evidence in support of this charge. The student must be given an opportunity to refute the charge. If the student challenges the charge and the administrator feels that further investigation is warranted, he should make such investigation. If the administrator determines the student has committed an offense for which suspension is appropriate, the administrator shall suspend the student from school and notify the student's parents or legal guardian in writing for the reason of the suspension and its length and of a time and place when the administrator will be available for a conference. The conference shall be set within two school days of the start of the suspension. Requests for review of suspensions may be made to the principal, then to the superintendent (or designee), and then to the Board.

NO STUDENT MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER A SUSPENSION UNLESS A RE-ENTRANCE CONFERENCE IS HELD.

B. Expulsion

In accordance with its discipline code set forth in Policy JD, the Board authorizes the administration to initiate expulsion proceedings against any student. In most cases expulsion means the removal of a student from school. The superintendent shall contract with retired superintendent- or school-level administrators who shall rotate in serving as the hearing officer to conduct on behalf of the board any hearing requested on a recommendation for expulsion. Except for the special circumstances set forth in the next paragraph, expulsion means the removal of a student from school and the cessation of educational services for the remainder of the school year or the remainder of summer school, after which point the student may petition for readmission as provided below. Unless the board or its authorized hearing officer makes a specific exception, expulsion shall also prohibit a student from coming onto school property, entering school busses, or attending any school event except for prearranged conferences with an administrator.

Any student determined to have brought a firearm to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year, except that for disabled students and elementary school students, the superintendent may modify this requirement on a case-by-case basis. The board may permanently expel any incorrigible student. The board will only consider the permanent expulsion of those students so recommended by its hearing officer.

Except for students permanently expelled, every expelled student shall have the right to petition the board for readmission for the succeeding school year. A student expelled for an offense committed during the last quarter of the school year or during a summer program, however, shall not be readmitted prior to the second semester of the school year following his or her expulsion. Unless waived by the board, all expelled students will be required to present evidence of successfully completed counseling or other appropriate intervention prior to readmission. Taking into consideration the recommendation of the superintendent in each case, the board will act on these requests as it deems appropriate. All students readmitted to the district will be on probation for the semester in which they are readmitted.

Suspension/Expulsion Procedures

1. The principal will ensure compliance with the procedures for suspension set forth in policy JDD.
2. Having concluded that a recommendation for expulsion is warranted for the offense, the principal will notify parents or legal guardian in the notice of suspension that he is initiating expulsion proceedings. The notice shall also specify the reason for the

recommendation and shall set a place and time for a conference. The conference shall be set within two school days of the start of the suspension. The suspension shall remain in effect until the expulsion proceedings are terminated.

3. If the principal determines after the conference that a recommendation of expulsion is appropriate, he will so notify the parents within three school days of the incident that precipitated the expulsion recommendation.

4. Within two school days of receipt of the recommendations, the superintendent (or designee) will review each recommendation and either remand it to the principal for alternative disciplinary action, impose alternative disciplinary action (with parental consent), or forward it to the Board's hearing panel for a decision on the recommendation. He will notify the parents or legal guardian by letter of his action, and, if he forwards the recommendation to the panel, of the student's right to a hearing and the hearing rights described in Step 5(b). Any parent desiring a hearing must inform the superintendent (or designee) upon receipt of the letter.

5. **a.** Within ten days of the mailing of the letter required in Step 4, the hearing panel, acting for and under the authority of the Board, will review the recommendations for expulsion and will conduct any hearing requested. The hearing panel shall consist of three persons appointed by the superintendent from among District-level administrators and principals serving at the same school level as the student recommended for expulsion, but no person shall serve on a hearing panel appointed to hear a case arising from a school over which that administrator has supervisory authority. The superintendent (or designee) will attend meetings of the hearing panel.

b. At the hearing, the parents or legal guardian shall have the right to legal counsel and all other regular rights, including the rights to call witnesses on the student's behalf and to question all witnesses. The hearing will be closed to the public. The superintendent will ensure that the panel is convened and that its proceedings are appropriately recorded. The Hearing panel may remand the case to the principal for alternative disciplinary action, impose alternative disciplinary action itself, or expel the student.

c. Within five days of its review and any hearing, the panel shall render a written decision and send it to the parents. If the decision is for expulsion, the letter will include the right to appeal to the Board as described in Step 6 and the reasons described in Step 7 that will cause the Board not to affirm the decision of its hearing panel.

6. Parents may appeal the decision of the hearing to the Board by sending to either the superintendent (or designee) or to the Board chairman a notice of appeal within ten days of receipt of the decision of the hearing panel. The notice of appeal must be in writing and must state the precise basis, consistent with the grounds set forth in Step 7, for overturning the decision of the hearing panel.

7. Parents filing a notice of appeal will be scheduled to present their appeals to the Board at or before its next monthly meeting following receipt of the notice of appeal. The Board shall consider the notice of appeal, its hearing panel's decision letter, all materials submitted to the panel, and any response by the superintendent (or designee) to the appeal, either party may be represented by legal counsel.

The Board will affirm the decision of its hearing panel unless the parents demonstrate to the Board that:

- a. the decision of the hearing panel is not supported by substantial evidence
- b. the decision is not consistent with Policy JDD
- c. the student's rights to notice and a fair hearing, consistent with this policy and with relevant statutory and constitutional requirements, were not ensured in the expulsion process
- d. the decision was motivated by illegal discrimination or arbitrariness.

If the Board determines that the parents have demonstrated any of the four situations set forth in the previous paragraph, it will reverse or modify the panel's decision, or for sufficient reason, it may order a new hearing or elect to conduct its own hearing. Within five days of its decision, the Board will notify the parents or legal guardian and the superintendent in writing of its decision. The Board will not hear witnesses in reaching its decision.

8. The action of the Board may be appealed to the proper court.

Criminal Prosecution

Any student committing a breach of the Disciplinary Code that may also constitute a crime will, in addition to District disciplinary action, also be referred to appropriate law enforcement officials for possible criminal prosecution. No plea bargain or other type of agreement arising from such a referral, regardless of the assent of any District employee, will be binding on the Board.

Non-Students on School Grounds

The building principal is authorized to take appropriate action against unassigned or unauthorized students as well as non-students who come into the buildings or onto the school grounds or other school property without permission. Students who are suspended

or expelled shall not be allowed to come onto school grounds or school buses, to interfere with students or district staff, or to disturb school in any way. **ANY PERSON COMING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS IS SUBJECT TO BEING SEARCHED.**

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is not to be administered in District schools. This prohibition shall not be construed to prohibit:

1. Use of reasonable and necessary force to quell a disturbance or remove a student from the scene of a disturbance that threatens physical injury to persons or damage to property
2. Use of reasonable and necessary force to prevent a student from inflicting physical harm to himself.
3. Use of reasonable and necessary force for self-defense or the defense of others.
4. Use of reasonable and necessary force to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects or controlled substances or paraphernalia, which are upon the person of the student, or within his control.

Non-aggravated Assault

State law requires that student handbooks contain this notice.

Any student who commits a non aggravated assault and battery on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event against any person affiliated with the school in an official capacity is guilty of the misdemeanor of assault and battery against school personnel and may be fined not more that \$1000.00, imprisoned for not more that one year, or both. Judicial, law enforcement, or corrections officials must notify the principal of any conviction of this crime, of the crime of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature against a school official, and of other “violent crimes.” Information concerning convictions of these crimes will be included in the student’s permanent record. The student’s teachers will be notified annually of conviction of these crimes. Any school official who reports a school-related crime in good faith is immune from criminal and civil liability arising from the report.

Student Dress and Appearance

Student dress and appearance are an important part of the school environment. Each student is expected to exercise good judgment. Student dress and grooming will be neat and clean.

1. Shoes or sandals will be worn. Flip-flops (Adidas-type shoes) or thong sandals with no back are not permitted.
2. No bare midriff shirts or blouses will be worn.
3. No tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, tube tops or vests without shirts will be permitted. Shoulder straps have to be a minimum of 3 inches wide.
4. No see-through or mesh garments may be worn.
5. Blouses or tops that reveal cleavage are not allowed.
6. **Hats, sunglasses, hair curlers, skullies, “do-rags”, sweat bands, wraps and bandanas, etc. may not be worn on school grounds. Items will be returned at the end of the school year.**
7. No clothing or jewelry will be permitted that displays profanity, suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drug advertisements or other inappropriate phrases, symbols, or gang symbols.
8. Shorts may be worn; however, they must be properly fitted and in good taste and may not be shorter than mid-thigh. Biker shorts **of any kind** are **not** permitted. (Mid-thigh is usually below the fingertip with your arms extended down by your side.) **Mini-skirts worn with leggings are not to be worn. Students may not have holes in their clothes above the knee. Holes above the knee must be patched.**
9. Clothing may not be worn without appropriate undergarments. **Jackets may not be used to cover up inappropriate clothing.**
10. Skirts should fit and be in good taste and not be shorter than mid-thigh.
11. **Trousers/slacks/shorts for males and females must be worn at waist level. Males must tuck in shirttails.** Because of safety reasons, excessively baggy trousers and clothing are not permitted.
12. Clothing may not drag on the floor.
13. Extraneous articles hanging from clothing, such as chains are considered inappropriate, and will not be permitted. “Do-rag” strings must not hang from necks, pockets, etc.
14. Facial jewelry may only be permitted to be worn in the ears.
15. Blankets are not permitted.



DRESS CODE CONSEQUENCES

1. Students in violation of the dress code will be sent to ISS and parent may bring a change of clothes.
2. Subsequent violations will result in suspension.

ID Badge Policy

For safety and identification, all faculty, staff and students must wear school-issued picture ID badges and school issued lanyards/temporary IDs.

- A. Each student will be issued an ID badge and a breakaway lanyard at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. These badges are loaned to the students. Students must display his/her Southside ID badge at all times while on campus (unless involved in an extracurricular activity that requires particular dress). ID badges must be clearly visible and worn around the neck on a Southside High issued lanyard for the 2009-2010 school year. Old ID badges from previous years will not be acceptable.
- B. In order to attend class, students must wear an ID badge. Those students who arrive at school without an ID badge will report to the cafeteria where they can obtain a temporary ID badge and be permitted to go to class. A tardy will be issued to students who are late due to obtaining a temporary ID badge. Temporary ID badges are to be worn between the shoulder and the heart. Students who have not obtained an ID badge/Temporary ID badge before 9:00 A.M. will be sent to ISS for the remainder of the day. If a student arrives to school after 8:50 A.M. and does not have an ID badge, they can obtain a temporary ID badge when checking in at the Attendance Office. The first three temporary ID badges are free of charge/consequences.
- C. Starting with the **fourth** temporary badge issued, the penalties are as follows: For the fourth, through eighth violation, detention will be assigned by the duty teacher for ID badges (however these penalties can be avoided for a \$.50 fine that will help offset the cost of printing). For the 9th violation the student must purchase a new ID that day. Further violations will result in disciplinary consequences.
- D. Any student who defaces or alters the ID badge will face disciplinary action and be required to purchase another badge at his/her own expense. **Any student who uses another student's ID will be suspended.**
- E. Students must pay \$5.00 to replace lost or defaced/damaged ID badges. Replacement ID badges can be purchased before 8:30 A.M. each morning in the

cafeteria. An additional ID may be purchased to serve as a “back-up” in case the student forgets/misplaces his/her ID.

- F. A student must surrender their ID badge if a faculty or staff member makes a request for the ID.
- G. Students who have an ID but are not wearing it will be provided consequences as determined by the administrative team

2009-10 Southside High School Student Parking

Any student driving to Southside High School (SHS) must have a current SHS parking decal. Parking decals cost \$20 and will be sold during early registration/orientation and throughout the school year. The cost for the decal will be prorated so that if a student purchases one after the end of the first quarter the cost will be \$15, after the end of the second quarter \$10, or after the end of the third quarter \$5. In order to purchase a parking decal, the student must present his/her driver’s license and proof of insurance for the vehicle that will be driven to SHS.

Parking decals are to be placed on the inside of the windshield in the left corner near the driver’s side windshield wiper. After the parking decal has been issued, the student has permission to park in the area lot designated for students. Any deviation from this assigned area will result in disciplinary action, and/or a fine, and/or the possibility of the vehicle being towed. In addition the student may lose driving privileges. Also, any student driving to school without a valid parking decal will be subject to disciplinary action, the possibility of the vehicle being towed, a fine, and/or the loss of driving privileges altogether.

Special considerations:

1. If a student has a SHS parking decal on a vehicle and that vehicle goes out of service (sold, traded, wrecked, etc.), then the student can either purchase a new parking decal for another vehicle using the guidelines stated above or secure a parking pass for the second vehicle at no charge. If the student secures the parking pass rather than purchasing a decal, then the student must show proof of insurance for the second vehicle.
2. A second vehicle pass will be issued only one time at no charge. If this pass is lost, the student will have to purchase a decal for the second vehicle or purchase a parking pass for \$1.00 per day.

3. If a vehicle with a decal is out of service temporarily (repairs, being used by another family member, etc.), then a one day (or more) temporary parking pass will be issued at no charge until the vehicle with the decal comes back into service. However, if the situation continues for two weeks, the conditions as listed #1 and #2 above will apply.
4. If a student does not want to purchase a decal but needs to drive to school and park on campus, the student must purchase a temporary parking pass at \$1.00 per day. The student must present his/her driver's license to the administration to be eligible for this option.

Additionally, no one is permitted to drive into the student parking lot to pick up or let out a student. Students are not to park in designated faculty/staff parking or behind the school. No vehicles are to enter the bus driveway from Jacobs Road.

Consequences for parking and driving violations are as follows.

- Level 1 → warning sticker/disciplinary consequence if warranted
- Level 2 → fine (\$10.00)/disciplinary consequence if warranted
- Level 3 → CAR WILL BE TOWED/disciplinary consequence if warranted
- Level 4 → parking privileges revoked for remainder of year/disciplinary consequence if warranted

NOTE: The administration reserves the right to remain at a given level for more than one offense if extenuating circumstances exist. The administration also reserves the right to progress to a level higher than Level 1 for the first situation if that situation is severe.

It is the student's responsibility to arrive at school on time. Students are expected to leave their cars as soon as they arrive on campus. No student is to remain in his/her vehicle or to stand around vehicles after arriving at school. Students are not to loiter in the parking lot after dismissal as well. **STUDENTS ARE NOT TO RETURN TO THEIR VEHICLES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.** Going into the student parking lot during the school day without administrative approval will result in a disciplinary consequence. SHS is not responsible for theft or vandalism. No money, valuables, CD's, etc. should be left visible.

Information for School Bus Riders

Parents: to ensure the continuing safety of all students who ride school buses, the School District of Greenville County has trained all bus drivers in the Assertive Discipline Program. This program is centered on bus riders, adherence to the rules of conduct expected of them and certain consequences that will ensue if these rules are not followed. Principals, bus supervisors, and drivers have formulated these rules and consequences and have communicated them to students.

All afternoon bus riders are expected to be outside by 3:40 p.m. If a rider refuses to exit the building or causes a disturbance either inside or outside the building, disciplinary action will be taken.

Each bus rider is expected to:

1. follow the driver's directions
2. sit in the assigned seat
3. keep hands, arms, legs, and objects to him/herself
4. refrain from cursing, name calling, gestures, or loud talking
5. refrain from pushing
6. refrain from eating, drinking, chewing gum, or littering
7. abide by the school district's discipline code

If students violate these rules, certain consequences will follow:

1. 1st incident – driver warns student
2. 2nd incident- conference with driver on bus
3. 3rd incident - seating assignment changed
4. 4th incident – student referral to principal

Upon referral to the principal, the principal will follow these steps:

1. contact the parents
2. suspend the student from the bus 1-5 days
3. suspend the student from the bus 5-10 days
4. suspend the student from the bus 10-15 days
5. suspend the student from the bus permanently

For incidents that involve severe offenses, such as fighting, possession of weapons, possession of drugs, alcohol, smoking, actions which endanger the safety of the driver and other students, or damage to the bus, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Such action could involve a lengthier bus suspension or permanent suspension from the bus.

For smoking on the bus, South Carolina State Law mandates a two-week suspension from riding the bus for the first offense and permanent suspension for the second offense. The bus supervisor and transportation officials have the authority to remove a student from the bus if the student becomes uncontrollable while on the bus. The student may not board the bus again until granted permission to do so by the principal.

If a student damages a school bus, an appropriate fee will be charged. The student responsible for the damage will be suspended from riding the bus until restitution has been made. The principal may set up a payment plan for students who are unable to pay the entire amount. Total restitution must be made or the bus privilege will be lost. Appropriate action for handicapped students who violate bus rules will be taken by the principal and may involve other intervention as indicated by student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP) Committee.

Lockers and Locks

Locks and lockers will be issued at the beginning of the school year to students desiring lockers. The lockers and locks are property of the School District and will be periodically inspected. Any locker or lock not working properly should be reported to the appropriate administrator. The lockers are for students' convenience and students are reminded that the lockers can be broken into and items taken are not covered by the school. **The school will not assume responsibility for contents of the locker.**

Posters

The principal must approve displaying posters at or around the school building and grounds. If approved, posters must be displayed using school designated cork strips only.

Phones

The office staff cannot adequately process telephone messages to students. Only emergency calls should be handled through the office. Calls to parents for early dismissals due to illness may be made by the nurse in the health room. **Cell phones are not to be visible or audible from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Cell phones may not be used in the building.**

District Policy Regarding Mobile Telephones/Paging Devices

A paging device or mobile telephone possessed or used in violation of the "Student Rights" section of this Code of Conduct will be confiscated and the student using or possessing such paging device or mobile telephone in violation of the applicable section of the code may be disciplined as provided below:

First offense - confiscation of the paging device or mobile telephone and after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the paging device or mobile telephone will be returned to the adult.

Second offense - confiscation of the paging device or mobile telephone and after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the paging device or mobile telephone will be returned to the adult 30 days after the confiscation.

Third offense - confiscation of the paging device or mobile telephone and after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the paging device or mobile telephone will be returned to the adult 60 days after the confiscation and the student may be subject to additional disciplinary consequences including: detention (during or after school), in-school suspension, and out of school suspension.

Fourth and subsequent offenses - confiscation of the paging device or mobile telephone and after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the paging device or mobile telephone will be returned at the end of the school year and the student may be subject to additional disciplinary consequences including: detention (during or after school), in-school suspension, and out of school suspension.

Textbooks

Each student is charged with the responsibility for the books. If a book is lost, stolen, or damaged, the student is held responsible and must pay for the book before another one can be issued. Payment for the lost books should be made to the bookkeeper (Ms. Seear).

Debts

All students are expected to be debt free. **All debt must be cleared before a student can participate in graduation and/or attend prom.**

Refunding of Money

Money for yearbooks, class dues, prom, etc. will not be refunded. Contracts are made with vendors in advance and the obligations met. Vending machines are used at one's own risk.

Class Dues

Class dues are as follows:

9th Grade-\$5.00	10th Grade-\$5.00
11th Grade-\$10.00	12th Grade-\$25.00

Dues cover postage, class expenses, and commencement costs.

Change of Address and Phone Number

If you have a change in address or phone number during the school year, please inform the attendance office. All students need to have an emergency phone number on file. Forms will be handed out at the beginning of the year to obtain these numbers. These numbers are kept confidential.

Guidance Services

Counseling

The Guidance Department provides every student with the opportunity for individual and group counseling throughout the school year.

11-12th- Ms. King

10th- Ms. Graf

9th- Ms. Rushton

Schedule Changes and Procedures

Except for unquestionable errors, changes in schedule will not be made. A parent conference will be necessary before a student can change a course. No class changes may be made after the first two weeks without the principal's approval and signature.

Withdrawals and Transfers

Any student who finds it necessary to withdraw from school or transfer must notify the Guidance Office and secure a withdrawal form. This form must be completed before a student can be properly released. All debts must be paid and all books returned. The student must clear with the cafeteria, library, and health room. Permanent record information will not be sent to any school or agency until all these matters are cleared. A parent must contact the school to verify the student's withdrawal.

Transcripts

Students applying to post-high school educational institutions should see their guidance counselor for transcripts.

Grading and Report Cards

The School District of Greenville County has established the following numerical ranges representing each letter grade:

A = 93-100

B = 85-92

C = 77-84

D = 70-76

F = 63-69

*** 69 or below is an F; the course must be repeated for credit.**

F = 62 or Below -No unit credit, partial quality point not provided.

Students will receive four report cards during the year, one for each nine – weeks grading period. Semester grades are determined by counting each nine – week's grade twice, and the exam once and dividing by five. Yearly grades (for full year courses) are determined by averaging the first and second semester grades except for courses that have End-of-Course

Exams. The S. C. State Department of Education mandates that an EOC exam counts as 20% of the final yearly grade. Courses with End-of-Course exams are English I, Physical Science, U. S. History and Algebra I.

Honor Rolls

Criteria for the Honor Roll: 3.00 GPA with no D's or F's

Criteria for the Principal's Honor Roll: 4.00 GPA with no D's or F's

In an effort to recognize the excellent academic achievements of all Southside High School students, the Guidance Department will list the names of students qualifying for either the Principal's Honor Roll or the Honor Roll at the end of each grading period. These lists will be posted in designated areas throughout the building.

Grading Scale

Students needing clarification on the grading scale should consult guidance.

Graduation Requirements

Beginning with the class of 2001, a total of 24 units of work must be completed. In addition, graduates of 2010 will be required to earn a unit of Physical Science as one of their 3 science units.

The units that must be earned for a South Carolina High School diploma are:

Language Arts (English) **4 units**

Mathematics **4 units**

US History **1 unit**

American Government $\frac{1}{2}$

Economics $\frac{1}{2}$

*Other Social Studies **1**

*Science **3**

Computer Science (including Keyboarding) **1**

Foreign Language or Occupational Education **1**

Physical Education/JROTC **1**

Electives **7**

TOTAL CARNEGIE UNITS 24

*Units earned beyond the required number will be counted as electives.

In addition, for a South Carolina High School diploma, you must pass all components of HSAP(High School Assessment Program).

Graduation Ceremony

Participation in the Graduation Exercise is a privilege and certain guidelines must be followed:

1. Students must have caps, gowns and diploma cover to participate. Cap and gown must be purchased from school's vendor during the current school year.
2. Only those seniors receiving state or district diplomas or certificates are eligible to participate.
3. All practices are mandatory. If students do not attend practices, they cannot participate unless approved by the principal. Students must be on time for rehearsals.
4. All school rules and district discipline procedures are in effect at all practices and at graduation exercises.
5. Graduation is a dignified ceremony and dignified behavior is expected from students and guests. Detailed information will be given to seniors in the spring outlining appropriate dress and behavior.
6. Students qualify as High Honor graduates if they obtain a cumulative 4.00 GPA, and those obtaining a cumulative GPA between 3.75 and 3.99 will qualify as Honor graduates.

Important Test Dates: SCHOOL CALENDAR, SAT, ACT, AP, IB, EOL, HSAP

Important Dates

School Start/End Dates

5K-12 First Day.....	Aug. 19
4K First Day/Staggered.....	Aug. 19
4K Last Day.....	May 27
5K-12 Last Day (half day).....	June 3

H Student Holidays

Labor Day.....	Sept. 7
Teacher Prof. Dev./Workday.....	Oct. 15-16
Thanksgiving Break.....	Nov. 25--27
Winter Break.....	Dec. 21 - Jan. 1
MLK Day	Jan. 18
Teacher Prof. Dev./Workday.....	Jan. 19
Presidents' Day	Feb. 15
Spring Break.....	March 29 - April 2
Teacher Prof. Dev./Workday.....	May 31

Makeup Days (In Order of Use)*

Makeup Day 1.....	May 28
Makeup Day 2.....	April 5
Makeup Day 3.....	June 4

(*If day not needed, it becomes a student holiday)

Interim Progress Reports

1st Quarter Report.....	Sept. 21
2nd Quarter Report.....	Nov. 24
3rd Quarter Report.....	Feb. 19
4th Quarter Report.....	April 30

Grading Periods

End 1st Quarter.....	Oct. 23
End 2nd Quarter	Jan. 15
End 3rd Quarter.....	March 22
End 4th Quarter.....	June 3

Report Cards

1st Report Card.....	Oct. 29
2nd Report Card.....	Jan. 21
3rd Report Card.....	April 7
4th Report Card.....	June 7

Student Testing (Tentative)

MAP Testing Window (Gr. 2-8, ID 1,9-12).....	Sept. 1-29
High School Exit Exam.....	Oct. 20-22
CogAT Testing (Gr. 2).....	Nov. 3-5
ITBS Testing (Gr. 2).....	Nov. 10-12
MAP Testing Window (Optional) (Gr. 2-8, ID 1, 9-12).....	Dec. 1-17
EOCEP Tests (Block HS Only).....	Jan. 6-8, 11-15
Exams-Full Day (MS & HS)	Jan. 12-15
ITBS Testing (Gr. 4,6,8).....	Feb. 23-25
PASS Writing Test (Gr. 3-8).....	March 9-10
MAP Testing Window (Gr. 2-8, ID K, 1, 9-12)....	Mar. 15- Ap.16
High School Exit Exam (Gr. 10, ID 9-12)	April 20-22
AP Testing (HS).....	May 3-7, 10-14
PASS - ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies (Gr. 3-8).....	May 10-14
EOCEP Tests (Middle & High) (HS Courses).....	May 17-21, 24-27
Exams-Full Day (MS & HS).....	May 27
Exams-Half Day (MS & HS).....	June 1-3

Other Important Dates

5K and First Grade Registration for 2010-11.....	Jan. 13-15
4K Pre-Registration for 2010-11.....	Feb. 10-12
High School Graduations.....	June 2-3

2009-2010 SAT Test Dates

2009-10 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

2009-2010 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2009*	August 7, 2009	August 8 – 21, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19 – October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009
February 6, 2010**	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010

2010 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1

	<u>Morning Session</u> 8 a.m.	<u>Afternoon Session</u> 12 noon
Tuesday, May 4	Computer Science A Spanish Language	Statistics
Wednesday, May 5	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
Thursday, May 6	English Literature and Composition German Language	
Friday, May 7	United States History	

Week 2

	<u>Morning Session</u> 8 a.m.	<u>Afternoon Session</u> 12 noon	<u>Afternoon Session</u> 2 p.m.
Monday, May 10	Biology	Physics B Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 11	Chemistry	Psychology	
Thursday, May 13	World History		

Examination Policy

District policy requires exams to be administered at the end of 1st semester and 2nd semester **for all courses**.

1. Examinations are considered an important part of educational program and will be used to provide a valuable learning experience.
2. Exams will be administered in all subjects once each semester.
3. Exams will be limited to two (2) per day and will be two hours in length.
4. The exam will count 20% of the total semester grade. **State End-of Course exams are administered in May and count as 20% of the yearly grade.**

HSAP South Carolina High School Assessment Program

HSAP consists of two tests-one in English Language arts and one in mathematics. SC law mandates that all public school students pass HSAP to be awarded a high school diploma. The HSAP tests are based on the SC curriculum standards in English language arts and mathematics. These tests assess what students are expected to know and be able to do in each subject.

Who takes HSAP tests?

1. Students who are in the second year of high school after their initial enrollment in ninth grade.
2. Students who are beyond their second year of high school after initial enrollment in the ninth grade but have not passed a part or parts of HSAP.
3. Students who skipped the ninth grade or attended another type of ninth grade and who now are in the second year of high school.

EOC Testing South Carolina End-of-Course Testing

All students who are enrolled in English I, Physical Science, Algebra I, and U. S. History **must take a state exam at the end of the course** in May that determines the students' mastery of state standards in those subject areas. **The exam grade is averaged as 20% of a student's yearly grade in the course. The EOC requires year long preparation; therefore, parents must work closely with teachers to help students attend classes regularly.**

Announcement Policy

The Public Announcement (PA) system will be used sparingly to make emergency announcements.

Lunch Procedure

Students are reminded that we have a closed-campus policy and students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch. During lunch, students are expected to remain in the lunchroom area. Purchases may be made from the School Store. Students may eat only in the lunchroom. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS MAY BE TAKEN INTO THE HALLWAY OR INTO CLASSROOMS EXCEPT BOTTLED WATER.** The restrooms in the cafeteria area are the only ones available during lunch. All other areas are off limits. Students are expected to be considerate of fellow students waiting in line for their lunches. Line breaking or saving places in line is not allowed. Students will leave all areas clean. Students who leave trays or trash will be disciplined.

NO CUPCAKES, CAKES, BALLOONS, BIRTHDAY PARAPHENELIA, ETC., WILL BE ALLOWED.

Cafeteria

Student Prices		Adult Prices	
Lunch	\$1.75	Lunch	\$3.00
ReducedPrice	\$0.40	Breakfast	\$1.80
Breakfast	\$0.85		
ReducedPrice	\$0.30		

Career Centers and Fine Arts Center

Students may choose to attend the Career Centers or the Fine Arts Center. These students must adhere to school rules and school district policy when in route to and from school or when in attendance at the Centers.

Transportation is provided based on need and demand. Bus riders are to board in the bus parking lot at 8:25 A.M. or 12:45 P.M. FAC/ DCC/GSCC students who return before class change are to report to the cafeteria until the period ends. Students who return in the afternoon are not to enter the building until after 3:30 P.M..

Students may apply for permission to drive or ride to the Fine Arts and Career Centers at the respective centers. Drivers may receive permission to report directly to the Career Center or Fine Arts Center. Principals at both schools must grant this permission. Students

who drive to a center in the afternoon may leave at 12:45 P.M.. Students who drive are expected to report directly to the center or the school. **Career Center and FAC students will not attend all assemblies and pep rallies. Attendance at assemblies will be left to the discretion of the administration at the Career Center, the Fine Arts Center, and Southside High School.**

Rules for Attendance at Games and Other After School Activities

1. All Southside fans are expected to treat visiting teams and officials as guests and to extend to them our every courtesy. Students are expected to behave according to school rules any time they are attending a school-sponsored activity.
2. The Southside staff and administration strive to ensure the safety and security of all students. The school asks therefore that students be picked up promptly after the evening activities. Football games are generally over by 10:00 P.M. All students are expected to be off campus by 10:15 P.M. Basketball games are generally over by 9:45 P.M. **All students are expected off campus by 10:00 P.M.**

Please speak to sponsors of any after-school or evening activity to get information on beginning and ending times for activities or field trips. **We expect all students to be picked up within 15 minutes of the ending time of any activity or field trip.**

Clubs and Organizations

The following clubs and organizations may be available for students who wish to become involved and who meet the non-athletic eligibility requirements when necessary: Academic Team, Aikido Club, Band, Chess Club, Drama Club, Foreign Language Honor Societies, French Club, German Club, Interact, InvenTeam, Kitty Hawk Honor Society, JROTC Explorers, Model Rocketry/Airplane Club, Mu Alpha Theta (Math), National Art Honor Society, National Forensics League (NFL), National Honor Society (NHS), SAM Team, Spanish Club, Youth and Government and Tiger Ambassadors. Others may be offered with teacher sponsorship. Please check the SHS website for more information.

Open Forum during Non-instructional Hours

Please see Administration.

Band

The Southside High School band program consists of the marching band, concert band, and color guard. All students are required to audition for placement in each ensemble. In addition, each student is expected to provide his or her own instrument. All band members are required to be enrolled in a band class that meets during the school day in addition to attending required after-school rehearsals. Band is a co-curricular activity which means after school rehearsals and performances, which meet outside of the normal school day, are an extension of the classroom. Membership in the band program is comprehensive. Students are required to participate in both marching and concert band. All questions should be directed to Mr. Wingate (864) 355-8780.

Chorus

Southside High School Choral students are required to purchase a chorus uniform—Please see Chorus instructor.

Girls: White blouse, black skirt or pants, black hose and shoes.

Guys: White collared shirt, black pants, black shoes and socks.

All choral members are required to be enrolled in a choral class that meets during the school day in addition to attending required after-school rehearsals and performances.

These rehearsals and performances are an extension of the classroom.

Athletics:

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Student participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege (not a right) that a student earns through proper conduct and academic achievement. A student may be denied the privilege of participating in an extracurricular activity and/or an event when the student's conduct is not consistent with District Policy; the District's Behavior Code and/or academic standards; the conduct expectations and/or academic standards of Southside High School; and/or the conduct expectations and/or academic standards of the particular activity. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, athletic teams, academic clubs/teams, prom, graduation exercises, and attendance at any school function outside of the normal school day.

The athletic program is a vital part of our school. It provides physical and mental training for participants, and recreational and social outlets for students, parents, and visitors. The program is supported entirely by gate receipts, making it important for everyone to assist in making our athletic contests desirable events to attend for both students and visitors.

Students interested in going out for athletic teams should check with coaches about six weeks before a particular sports season in order to begin practice on time and to establish eligibility. In general, a student must have a physical, a birth certificate, meet eligibility requirements, have insurance, and must not play on any team except the school team during the season of the sport for which he/she has been certified. **Auditing a class does not establish eligibility.** Students cannot quit one sport to join another sport before the season ends for the first sport. Also, if students are dismissed from one sport for disciplinary reasons, they may not join another sport before the season ends for the first sport. A complete list of requirements for eligibility is available from the Athletic Director.

The following sports may be provided (if funded):

- Cross Country (Boys & Girls).... middle - high school
- Soccer (Boys & Girls).....middle through high school
- Cheerleading.....9,10,11,12
- Varsity Football..... 10, 11, 12
- Junior Varsity Football.....8, 9, 10
- Varsity Basketball (Boys & Girls)..... middle - high
- Jr. V. Basketball (Boys & Girls).....8, 9
- Varsity Baseball.....10, 11, 12
- Varsity Tennis (Boys & Girls)..... middle - high
- Varsity Track (Boys & Girls)..... middle - high
- Volleyball (Girls).....middle through high
- Varsity Softball (Girls).....middle through high

Athletic Insurance

All participants of high school athletic programs, including cheerleading, are required to purchase athletic insurance through the school. Because this policy is mandatory, it covers only injuries received during practice for or participating in a high school sport. If students have any questions, please see the Athletic Director. Students will not be allowed to try out, practice, or become a member of the team without this coverage. Refunds will not be given for any reason. The no refund policy also applies to physicals. This required policy should not be confused with the school time / 24 hour plan which is optional and covers all school time injuries including all athletic injuries **except football**. The school time / 24 hour plan is optional. The School District of Greenville County will provide insurance to its athletes through the plan endorsed by the South Carolina High School League. The plan was designed as a prudent way to insure the medical welfare of student athletes. The plan will also cover all athletes even if they are on the baseball and basketball teams as well as

football. Cost of this policy for 2008-2009 which covers all participants in all South Carolina high school league sports was \$30.00. The cost has not yet been determined for 2009-2010. **The league and its insurance carrier require that each student athlete be covered with this policy.**

Prom

The Southside High School prom is held during the spring of each year. Formal or semi-formal attire is required. Juniors and seniors may purchase a ticket for themselves and a ticket for **one** guest. Any person who attends the prom must have a ticket. **There will be no refunds if a person later decides not to attend.** The tickets to the prom will be distributed upon purchase. Announcements will be made about the deadline for purchasing tickets. After the deadline passes, no ticket will be sold. Tickets must be presented at the door in order to enter the prom. The ticket is valid for the prom only. Junior class officers will assist the sponsor in making decisions about the prom. Junior and Senior students will vote on the theme and the colors for prom. **No student with outstanding debts will be allowed to purchase tickets or attend the prom.** Start planning now for a successful prom.

National Honor Society

1. National Honor Society (NHS) is an honorary organization dedicated to the achievement of the highest levels of scholarship, service, character, and leadership.
 2. Members are chosen on the basis of scholarship, service, character, and leadership.
- Procedures for choosing NHS member:

- a. During the summer of each year, the advisor will examine the permanent record cards of all juniors to determine eligibility. Those juniors with a 3.5 GPA or better (not rounded off) in academic subjects only will be considered. (Academic subjects include English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language. No electives such as journalism, art, music, business, or home economics will be counted.) Students must be enrolled in regular, advanced, or honors level classes.
- b. The student's disciplinary record will be reviewed for approval. A student must have had no suspensions (in or out of school) or documented disciplinary problems that would reflect on his/her character (e.g. cheating or theft).
- c. Those eligible students will then be invited to fill out an application giving their leadership and service background, which will be evaluated by the advisor according to a point system.
- d. The list of eligible students will be submitted to a faculty council for approval. The five-member faculty council is appointed by the principal and may not include

an administrator or advisor. (The advisor is a nonvoting member.) A student who receives four votes will be invited to join.
See the webpage and/or sponsor (Dr. Cliff) for details.

Tiger Ambassadors

Tiger Ambassadors serve as spokespersons for Southside High School. Each year there are approximately twelve students chosen to represent our school in the community. The ambassadors attend functions with the principal and other educators. They also serve as models of our school and our community. The selection of Tiger Ambassadors is based on academic achievement, positive involvement, potential leadership, and public speaking ability.

Selection criteria are as follows:

1. Grade 10, 11, or 12.
2. Grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
3. Regular school attendance.
4. Involvement in school activities.
5. Ability to speak to a group of people.
6. Knowledge of programs at Southside.

A student who wishes to become a Tiger Ambassador must complete an application and return it to the sponsor of the group (Ms. Sullivan). The application must include three references from a teacher, counselor, media specialist, or administrator. If chosen as a finalist, the student will participate in an interview.

Student Council Association 2009-2010

Student Body Officers

President: Shatarri Scott
Vice President: Kerstian Dowdy
Secretary: Gary Fan
Treasurer: Paavan Gami

Senior Class Officers

President: Brittanie Allen
Vice President: Nima Attar
Secretary: Sammie Hynd
Treasurer: Kaia Sawyer-Deforest
Class Representative: Jamielia Franklin

Junior Class Officers

President: Sedarria Crawford
Vice President: Tina Crockett
Secretary: Anand Shah
Treasurer: Victoria Young
Class Representatives: Tejoria Mayes and Carrie Tian

Sophomore Class Officers

President: Sameia Robinson
Vice President: Diamond Boling
Secretary: Evanna Evans

Freshman Class Officers

Will be determined in the Fall 2009 Elections

Media Center

The Media Center is open from 7:45 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and provides a large collection of print and non-print materials for use in doing research for your classes as well as for your enjoyment. **Passes are required at all times including lunch.** Most materials can be checked out; however, those that cannot may be used in the Media Center. Materials may be checked out for varying amounts of time. Books from the regular collection are circulated for two weeks and may be renewed if no one else has requested them. Reference books may not be checked out. Books that have been placed on reserve are checked out for overnight only. They may not be checked out until after school and must be returned before first period the next morning. Magazines are not circulated and may only be used in the media center. For students' convenience there is a photocopier in the Media Center. Students may make Black and White copies for 15 cents each. A Color printer is available with copies costing 50 cents a page.

Media Center Computers

The School District of Greenville County Student Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

The School District of Greenville County has developed a computer network that connects all schools to each other, the District Office, and the Internet. "Acceptable use" of this network is use that is consistent with the instructional goals of the District. The District takes precautions by using filtering software to keep inappropriate Internet sites out of the classroom. Electronic teaching and learning tools and online access are designed to support your education. If you break "acceptable use" rules, you may lose the privilege to use both classroom computers and/or the Internet. Further disciplinary and/or legal action may be taken at the discretion of school administration.

*Please note that students who do not have access to the internet will not be able to access web based programs that teachers may be using in class. **Your child has agreed to the terms and conditions of this document upon acceptance of the school district handbook. Violation of any of the terms or conditions will result in disciplinary action.***

- **Treat computer equipment with care and respect** – Willful destruction of any computer equipment or software will be considered vandalism, and may warrant the involvement of local law officials.

- **Any written text, graphics or executable files created, downloaded, displayed, or exchanged with another student or teacher must be education-related and not offensive in any way.**
- **Do not use school computers for illegal activities such as planting viruses or hacking.**
- **Do not use school computers for commercial purposes.**
- **Do not use school computers for going to restricted websites or use proxy sites to access otherwise blocked websites. Ie: Myspace, Facebook, etc.**
- **Do not use school computers to download or play music.**
- **Follow copyright laws at all times** – See District copyright policies for more information. If you have questions about the legality of using software, text, graphics, or music you find online, ask your teacher or media specialist for guidance.
- **Keep your password secret** – You will be held responsible for all computer activities associated with your password. For example, if you share your password with your friend and he/she signs on as you and breaks one of the rules outlined above, you may be held responsible.
- **All online communication must be polite and not threatening or offensive in any way** – The District has the right to review any email sent or received using District equipment and email accounts. Email accounts should be used for educational and district purposes only.
- **Do not give out personal information on the Internet.** Never give out your phone number, social security number, full name, age, home address, or any other personal information.
- **Home directories are provided to students for educational related work.** Students should not store personal or non-school related work in home directories. The District reserves the right to review the contents of student’s home directories.

Computers in the Media Center are networked for access to the card catalog and the Internet. The resources on-line include:

- ***South Carolina Occupational Information System (SCOIS) –
COLLEGE AND CAREER INFORMATION**
- ***DISCUS**

Fines are charged on material, which are not returned on time. They are as follows:

- ***Books and magazines – 10 cents a day**
- ***Reference and Reserve Books – \$1.00 per day**

Notices concerning overdue materials are sent to students in their Fourth Period class. These materials need to be returned as soon as possible. Replacement costs are charged for lost items. **There is a \$20.00 minimum charge for all hardcover books that are lost.**

Students may come to the Media Center at any time during the school day. Passes are required at all times. Passes must specify the reason for being in the Media Center. Passes may only be issued by teachers for work in their subject areas. Students will be expected to work on the assignment listed on your pass. Failure to do so will mandate a return to class. Upon arrival in the Media Center, file the pass and sign the attendance register. **Students may not leave the Media Center without permission after having signed in. Students will not be allowed to go to lockers, to the bathroom, to the water fountain, to the telephone, or to the nurse except in an emergency. Bring all necessary materials and be prepared to work.**

Food and drinks are not allowed in the Media Center. Students who talk excessively or disturb others will be sent back to class. Usage privileges may be suspended or other disciplinary actions may be taken for misbehavior or failure to follow Media Center rules.

Southside Alma Mater

Hail, Alma Mater,
Southside High School, Hail!
Long may you reign victorious,
Long your Honor shine.

Refrain

Hail, Alma Mater,
Laurels carried high;
Southside High School we praise thee
With heart and hand and voice!

As we tread our pathway,
Striving for our goal;
Let God's guiding hand be
Ever ours to hold.

Loyal to our colors,
Loyal to our creed;
Loyal to our dear Southside
Ever will we be.

Tiger



Pride