



Slater-Marietta Elementary School

Student and Family Handbook
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Greenville County School District Policy and Procedures Section

Attendance

In South Carolina, all children are required to attend a public or private school or kindergarten beginning at age five (5) and continuing until their 17th birthday. If a child is not six years of age on or before the first day of September in a particular school year, parents and guardians may choose not to send their children to kindergarten; however, they must sign a waiver which may be obtained at the local school.

In accordance with the South Carolina Compulsory School Attendance law, the School District of Greenville County has adopted uniform rules to ensure that students attend school regularly. Each day that students are not in school, they miss hours of valuable instruction and opportunities for learning that they will not have again. 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. A student is considered in attendance when present for at least three (3) hours of a school day.

All absences beginning with the first shall be approved or disapproved by the board's designee, the building principal. In making this decision, the principal shall be guided by the procedures as presented herein. Decisions regarding approval of absences and eligibility for credit may be appealed in accordance with district policy.

Any student who misses school must present a written excuse, signed by his or her parent or legal guardian or a health care professional, for all absences within three (3) days of the student's return to school. The written excuse should include the reason for and the date of absence. If a student fails to bring a valid written excuse to school, his or her absence will be recorded as unlawful. School will use the criteria below when deciding whether an absence is lawful or unlawful.

Lawful Absences

- Absences caused by a student's illness and whose attendance in school would endanger his or her health or the health of others. These absences must be verified by a physician statement within three (3) days of the student's return to school.
- Absences due to an illness or death in the student's immediate family verified by a statement from the parent within three (3) days of the student's return to school.
- Absences due to a recognized religious holiday of the student's faith when approved in advance. Such requests must be made to the principal in writing.
- Absences for students whose parents/guardians are experiencing a military deployment. Specifically, absences when the parent or legal guardian of a student is an active-duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be excused as long as such absences are reasonable in duration as deemed by the principal so that the student can visit with his or her parent or legal guardian relative to such leave or deployment of the parent or legal guardian.
- Absences due to activities that are approved in advance by the principal. This would include absences for extreme hardships. Such approval should be prearranged when possible.

Unlawful Absences

- Absences of a student without the knowledge of his or her parents
- Absences of a student without acceptable cause with the knowledge of his or her parents
- Suspension is not to be counted as an unlawful absence for truancy purposes

Absences

For students in grades K-12, principals shall promptly approve or disapprove any student's absence in excess of ten (10) days, whether those absences are lawful, unlawful, or a combination of the two. Absences in excess of ten (10) days will not be considered excused with a parent/guardian note unless accompanied by official medical documentation or otherwise approved by the principal as a lawful absence.

Carnegie Credit

The school year consists of 180 school days. To receive credit, high school students or students in middle school taking courses for graduation credit must attend at least 85 days of each 90-day semester course and at least 170 days of each 180-day course, as well as meet all minimum requirements for each course.

In order to receive high school credit after the 10th unlawful absence, "seat time recovery" is required for every subsequent absence that is unlawful. (Note: the 10 unlawful absence limit applies to each 180-day course and should be considered 5 days for each 90-day course and 3 days for each 45 day course.) A student may have up to 10 absences excused by a parent note in each 180-day course and 5 days excused by a parent note in each 90-day course. Parent notes in excess of 10 in a 180-day course, and 5 in a 90-day course, will be considered unexcused unless accompanied by official medical documentation or is otherwise approved by the principal as a lawful. A student must attend the majority of a class session during a school day to receive credit for that class.

Truancy

Although the state requires students to only attend 170 of the 180-day school year, parents and students should be aware that SC Code of Regulations-Chapter 43-274 stipulates that a child ages 6 to 17 year is considered truant when the child has three consecutive unlawful absences or a total of five unlawful absences.

Student Arrival and Dismissal

Each school is responsible for overseeing the development of protocols and supervision that are tailored to the age and needs of students at each school facility. The protocols will include:

- Staff assigned to specific locations and related responsibilities;
- The area in which students will be retained awaiting designated transportation;
- Plan for supervision when a parent/escort is unable to pick up their child at the appropriate dismissal time.

Student Behavior Code

The District expects students to conduct themselves in an orderly, courteous, dignified and respectful manner. This requirement refers to their actions toward other students and teachers, their language, their dress and their manners.

Students have a responsibility to know and respect the policies, rules and regulations of the school and District. Violations of such policies, rules and regulations will result in disciplinary actions. The school directs students to the District's Behavior Code set forth in [Policy JCDA](#) and this handbook. Schools are authorized to incorporate the use of electronic devices, including cell phones, tablets and other similar devices, into the school environment when appropriate to enhance learning and student achievement. Students are prohibited from using electronic devices to capture images, record or otherwise use electronic devices in a manner that harasses, humiliates, threatens, embarrasses, intimidates another person or otherwise violates law. Students may not use electronic devices to access and/or view websites, internet, or other content or images that are inappropriate or otherwise blocked to students at

school while on school property or at a school-sponsored event. Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of electronic devices.

Personal electronic devices cannot be used by students during the instructional day absent authorized permission by the principal or principal's designee for unique events. All personal devices must remain out of sight of others and be silenced during this time. The instructional day for elementary schools shall be from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The instructional day for middle schools shall be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The instructional day for schools that have combined levels of instruction, such as K-8 schools, shall be determined by the principal or principal's designee in accordance with the instructional activities of the facility.

It is the philosophy of the District to handle all student disciplinary matters at the lowest supervisory level possible and in the most reasonable manner possible. Disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with appropriate procedural rights being afforded to students and their parents/guardians as provided by State law, State Board of Education regulation, and/or the policies of this District.

The Board and the administration offer the following listing of offenses and the required or recommended dispositions for the information of students, parents/legal guardians and school personnel.

Levels of offenses

Students who engage in an ongoing pattern of behavior that is disruptive to the orderly operations of the school shall be recommended for expulsion. The following is a general listing of offenses and the required or recommended disciplinary actions which should be taken as a result of such offenses being committed.

Disorderly conduct - Level I

Disorderly conduct is defined as any activity in which a student engages that tends to impede orderly classroom procedures or instructional activities, orderly operation of the school or the frequency or seriousness of which disturbs the classroom or school.

Acts of disorderly conduct may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- classroom tardiness
- cheating on examinations or classroom assignments
- lying
- blackmail of other students or school personnel
- acting in a manner so as to interfere with the instructional process
- abusive language between or among students, to include profane language
- failure to complete assignments or carry out directions
- use of forged notes or excuses
- violation of school bus regulations
- cutting class
- school tardiness

- truancy
- use of obscene or profane language or gestures
- other disorderly acts as determined at the school level, which are not inconsistent with Board policy

The administration may apply sanctions in cases of disorderly conduct which may include, but are not limited to, the following

- verbal reprimand
- withdrawal of privileges (a privilege, as defined by the Greenville County School Board, is a student's opportunity to participate in any function of the school beyond attending class, riding buses

- Detention
- In school/out of school suspension
- Other sanctions approved by the Board or administration

Disruptive conduct - Level II

Disruptive conduct is defined as those activities engaged in by student(s) which are directed against persons or property and the consequences of which tend to endanger the health or safety of themselves or others in the school. Some instances of disruptive conduct may overlap certain criminal offenses, justifying both administrative sanctions and court proceedings.

The administration may reclassify disorderly conduct (Level I) as disruptive conduct (Level II) if the student engages in the activity three or more times.

Acts of disruptive conduct may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- fighting
- vandalism (minor)
- stealing
- use or possession of laser pointers, fireworks, smoke bombs, pepper-style sprays, and other similar devices or materials
- threats against others
- trespass
- abusive language to staff, to include profane language
- other disruptive acts which interfere with the educational process
- refusal to obey school personnel or agents (such as volunteer aids or chaperones) whose responsibilities include supervision of students
- possession or use of unauthorized substances, including tobacco and tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, non-prescription drugs, "look-a-like" drugs, and drug paraphernalia, including rolling papers
- illegally occupying or blocking in any way school property with the intent to deprive others of its use
- inappropriate verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature
- misuse of District technology resources
- gambling on school property
- unlawful assembly
- disrupting lawful assembly

- harassment, intimidation or bullying
- intimidating, threatening, or physically abusing another student
- any other acts as determined at the school level that are not consistent with Board policy

The administration may apply sanctions in cases of disruptive conduct which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- in-school suspension
- withdrawal of privileges (a privilege, as defined by the Greenville County School Board, is a student's opportunity to participate in any function of the school beyond attending class, riding buses and participating in the school District's food service program)
- temporary removal from class
- out-of-school suspension
- referral to outside agency
- assignment to alternative school
- expulsion
- restitution of property and damages, where appropriate, should be sought by local school authorities
- other sanctions as approved by the Board or administration

Criminal conduct - Level III

Criminal conduct is defined as those activities engaged in by students (whether or not they result in criminal charges) that result in violence to themselves or to another's person or property or which pose a direct and serious threat to the safety of themselves or others in the school or to the security of District resources. These activities usually require administrative actions which result in the immediate removal of the student from the school, the intervention of law enforcement authorities and/or action by the Board.

Whenever a student is engaging or has engaged in activities including, but not limited to, one of the acts specified below, while on school property or at a school sanctioned or sponsored activity which a principal or his/her designee has reason to believe may result, or has resulted, in injury or serious threat of injury to a person or to his/her property, the principal or his/her designee is required to notify law enforcement officials.

Acts for which principals must recommend students for expulsion include, but are not limited to, the following:

- bomb threat
- possession, use or transfer of weapons - a weapon is defined as a firearm (rifle, shotgun, pistol or similar device that propels a projectile through the energy of an explosive); a knife, razor, bludgeon, blackjack, metal pipe or pole, brass knuckles (to include multi-finger rings); incendiary or explosive device; or any other type of device or object which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death.
- sexual offenses (which include sexual acts that do not result in a criminal offense)
- arson
- distribution, sale, purchase, manufacture, use, being under the influence of, or unlawful possession of alcohol or a controlled substance, as defined in S.C. Code Ann. §§ 44-53-110 through 44-53-270. (See Policy JCDAC)
- threatening to take the life of or inflict bodily harm upon a school employee or member of their immediate family
- ganging ("Ganging" or participating as a member of a gang and inflicting a violent act of bodily harm, however slight, upon another person will not be tolerated.
- A "gang" shall consist of two or more persons acting together for and with the purpose of committing an act of violence against

another person. "Participation" also includes any act that interferes with or hinders a staff member from stopping the infliction of bodily injury that is the objective of the gang.)

- Unauthorized access, use, or attempted access or use of District computer systems

Additional acts for which principals may recommend students for expulsion include, but are not limited to, the following:

- vandalism (major)
- theft, possession or sale of stolen property
- disturbing the schools
- possession, use, or transfer of "look-a-like" weapons
- assault and battery
- extortion
- any other acts as determined by the Board

NOTE: In determining whether a student is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, the student's appearance, behavior, manner, presence of an odor of the substance, and statements made by the student as to the use of controlled substances or alcohol may be considered without regard to the amount of alcohol/controlled substance consumed.

The principals must recommend students for expulsion if they have committed offenses which are underlined above. If a student commits an offense that is not underlined, the principals may recommend the student for expulsion when the circumstances warrant it. The administration may apply sanctions in cases of criminal conduct which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- withdrawal of privileges (a privilege, as defined by the Greenville County School Board, is a student's opportunity to participate in any function of the school beyond attending class, riding buses and participating in the school District's food service program)
- out-of-school suspension
- assignment to alternative school
- expulsion
- restitution of property and damages, where appropriate, should be sought by local school authorities
- other sanctions as approved by the Board or administration

Dress Code

Students are expected to dress and be groomed in such a way as to not distract or cause disruption in the educational program or orderly operation of the school. Personal appearance of students should promote health and safety, contribute to a climate conducive to teaching and learning and project a positive image of the District to the community. Students should dress for the educational setting and not the recreational one. The principal may create further guidelines regarding student dress which are consistent with the parameters below.

- Clothing and/or hair should not be so extreme or inappropriate to the school setting as to disrupt the education process. Therefore, clothing deemed distracting, revealing, overly suggestive or otherwise disruptive will not be permitted.
- Wearing accessories or clothing that could pose a safety threat to oneself or others is not allowed.
- Hoods, hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
- Attire must not evidence membership or affiliation with a "gang" in any negative sense of the term.
- Proper shoes must be worn at all times. No bedroom shoes or slippers are permitted

- Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent or offensive.
- The length of shorts and skirts when standing upright must come to the bottom of the student's fingertips
- Holes in garments or exposed skin are prohibited above the required short/skirt length
- Clothing that inappropriately exposes body parts is not permitted. Students shall not expose undergarments.
- The width of top straps must be at least the width of a student ID card (2.125 inches)
- Pants must be worn at the natural waistline and undergarments are not to be visible. Pants and slacks must not bag, sag, or drag. Pajamas are prohibited.
- No clothing, jewelry, or tattoos are permitted that display profanity, suggestive phrases, or advertisements for, or messages or pictures depicting or suggesting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sex.
- For middle school student ID cards must be worn and visible

In the event the administration determines a student's dress is inappropriate for school in accordance with this policy, schools will either have clothes available to provide to students who are in violation or will permit the students to have clothes brought to the school to correct the dress code violation. Students will wait in a designated location until that violation of the dress code is remedied. Students who would like to make a request for accommodations to the dress code related to a disability or religious belief should notify the school's administration of that request in advance.

Students shall be subject to the following consequences for violating the dress code.

- 1st Offense: Warning/Parent Contact
- 2nd Offense: Detention
- 3rd Offense: Referral for Additional Discipline

Transportation

Discipline

In order to ensure the safety of all students riding buses in Greenville County Schools, appropriate behavior is required for all students. Transportation to and from school is an extension of the classroom and should be considered part of the school day. The issue of safety requires students to be on their best behavior while on school buses or vehicles.

Violations of school bus rules will be addressed in the manner listed below.

The School District Behavior Code (Board Policy JCDA) is in effect for all students at all times when being transported on school buses to and from school or school activities. Thus, while students may lose the privilege to ride the bus due to their conduct as contained below, the student may also be disciplined in accordance with the District's Behavior Code up to and including being recommended for expulsion.

Level I Offenses - Disorderly Conduct

- Refusing to follow driver directions
- Getting on or off the bus at an unauthorized stop without permission
- Standing or sitting improperly while the bus is moving
- Intentionally riding the wrong bus without permission from the principal
- General horseplay
- Making loud noises

- Profanity/Obscene Gestures
- Littering
- Possession of tobacco products, e-cigarettes or vaping devices
- Delaying bus services by tardiness, loitering, etc.
- The school administration may classify a Level I offense as a Level II offense if the infraction seriously jeopardizes the health and/or safety of others.

Level I Consequences

- 1st Referral -- Warning and parent contact
- 2nd Referral -- In school punishment, parent contact and/or one (1) day bus suspension
- 3rd Referral -- Suspended from bus up to three (3) days and parent conference
- 4th Referral -- Suspended from bus up to five (5) days and parent conference
- Additional Level 1 referrals will result in administrative review and may be accelerated to a Level II consequence.

Level II Offenses

- Use of tobacco products, e- cigarettes, or vaping devices
- Throwing objects out of bus
- Profanity directed at staff
- Rude, discourteous behavior directed at staff
- Vandalism [restitution may be required]
- Harassing, threatening or intimidating another student
- Fighting
- Stealing
- Inappropriate verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature
- Other safety violations that may interfere with the safe operation of the school bus
- The school administration may classify a Level II offense as a Level III offense if the infraction seriously jeopardizes the health and/or safety of others.

Level II Consequences

- 1st Referral -- Suspension from bus up to ten (10) days and parent conference
- 2nd Referral -- Suspension from bus up to ten (10) days and parent conference
- 3rd Referral -- Suspension from bus up to thirty (30) days, possible removal and parent conference

Level III Offenses

- Possession, use or transfer of weapons
- Sexual offenses (which include sexual acts that do not result in criminal offense)
- Arson
- Impeding the operation of a school bus

- Distribution, sale, purchase, use or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance
- Threatening to take the life of or inflict bodily harm to a school employee
- Ganging
- Bomb threat

Level III Consequences

- Any referral - Minimum thirty (30) days suspension from bus and possible removal from bus for remainder of school year and parent conference.

Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities will be disciplined in accordance with federal and state law including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as set forth in the procedures developed by the administration.

Procedures for Transporting 4k, 5k and 1st Grade Students

For safety reasons, all K4, K5 and 1st grade students will receive a numbered ID tag from the school prior to boarding the bus in the afternoon. The tag must be visible to the driver. As the student departs the bus in the afternoon, the driver will collect the student's identification tag. The driver will retain the tag and deliver all tags to the school the following morning. The school will distribute the tags to the respective teacher or staff member so the tags can be put on the student before afternoon bus dismissal.

Each 4K, 5K and 1st grade student must wear a bus tag while being transported from school for the entire school year. The student tag shall include the following information:

Front:	Back:
Student Name	Student address
Route Number	Unique number
	Student designee name (4th grade or above)

Parent Responsibilities:

The parent/guardian is responsible for properly registering their student(s) at the designated school and ensuring that all information provided on required forms is accurate and current. The parent/guardian is responsible for updating this information at the school whenever changes occur.

The parent/guardian must be present at the regular bus stop both during the morning pickup and afternoon drop-off of their 4K, 5K or 1st grade child. The parent/guardian will be given four (4) numbered cards to distribute to any designee to be at the bus stop in their place. The designee may be another adult or student designee (4th grade or higher). A Bus Tag Application is to be furnished by the school, completed and returned by the parent/guardian to the school before the student rides the bus. One person may serve as designee for multiple children. The parent/guardian is ultimately responsible for the safety and conduct of his/her child at the regular school bus stop.

If a 4K, 5K or first grade student is preparing to depart the bus at their assigned stop, whether alone or in a group, and the parent/guardian/designee with the numbered card is not present at the bus stop, the student will be returned to his/her elementary school. When a student is returned to the elementary school, school staff will contact the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian cannot be located, the matter could be referred to Greenville County Schools Law Enforcement Division, appropriate local Law Enforcement Agency, and/or the Greenville County Department of Social Services (DSS).

Incidents of the parent/guardian/designee with the numbered card not being at the bus stop for afternoon drop-off will result in all transportation services being discontinued according to the following schedule:

Anti-Bullying and Safe Schools

The District is committed to fostering an environment that both promotes learning and prevents disruptions to the educational process. In order to create and maintain an atmosphere that promotes learning and prevents disruption, the District has implemented the following procedures to address student concerns, complaints, and grievances in regards to bullying, discrimination, harassment, intimidation or misconduct as provided in Board Policy and Administrative Rule JCDAG. All formal complaints of any allegation of bullying, discrimination or harassment will follow the below process, except for complaints filed on the basis of sex (Title IX), which will follow the procedures contained in that Section II below.

Reporting Bullying, Harassment & Discrimination

Any student who believes that he/she has been subject to harassment, intimidation, bullying or misconduct by other students, employees of the District or third parties in the school setting should immediately inform the school's administration and may also file a formal complaint under Board Policy and Administrative Rule JCDAG.

All complaints should be filed with the principal or his or her designee within sixty days of the date of the alleged incident using the Complaint Form attached to Rule JCDAG. Complaints may also be filed by a student's parent. If the allegation is against the school's administration, the student or parent should file a report directly with the District's Ombudsman. Anonymous reports may be made, but those reports must provide the District with adequate information in order to begin an investigation.

Additionally, students and parents should immediately report any concerns related to employee interactions with students that are inconsistent with the requirements and expectations contained in Board Policy GBV pertaining to staff and adult interactions with students. Concerns that should be immediately reported to a school's administration include potential mistreatment of students and other conduct by employees that could constitute inappropriate interaction or communication, including those sexual in nature.

Investigation

Complaints will be investigated promptly, thoroughly, and confidentially. The investigation shall include appropriate steps to determine what occurred and to take actions to end the harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prevent such misconduct from occurring again. A meeting will be scheduled within ten working days of the complaint with the complainant to discuss the complaint. The student and his/her parent(s) shall be informed in writing of the outcome of the investigation but all discipline of students and staff will remain confidential. The written notice will also outline the complainant's right to appeal.

Appeals

An appeal related to disability discrimination or harassment should be made to the District's Section 504 coordinator. An appeal regarding color, race, or national origin discrimination or harassment should be made to the District's Title VI coordinator. The email contact information for the Section 504 Coordinator and Title VI Coordinator is Section504@greenville.k12.sc.us and TitleVI@greenville.k12.sc.us. Both may also be contacted by mail at Post Office Box 2848, Greenville SC 29602 or by phone at 864-355-3100.

The appeal shall state the reasons for which the complainant is appealing the initial decision. The coordinator will examine the evidence presented by all the parties, and may conduct a meeting with both the complainant and the school principal or designee if needed. The coordinator must provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days of receiving the complainant's written appeal. The coordinator shall inform the complainant of the right to appeal to the Superintendent or his/her designee. If a coordinator or the Superintendent or his/her designee is alleged to be involved in the complaint, the District will appoint an objective and impartial administrator to address the complainant's appeal at that level.

If a student or parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the action or decision of the Coordinator, they may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or his/her designee within 10 working days of the decision of the Coordinator. The appeal shall be in writing and shall state the reasons for the appeal. The superintendent or designee, in his or her discretion, may choose to have a meeting with the complainant and the coordinator. The Superintendent or designee shall provide a written determination to the complainant and take appropriate action within 10 working days after the receipt of a written appeal.

Title IX Complaints (Sex-Based Discrimination/Harassment)

The District, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and its corresponding regulations ("Title IX"), does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education program or activities. Title IX prohibits sex-based harassment, which may include acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex even if those acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature. The District prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex in all of its programs and activities by its employees, students or third parties.

Reporting & Investigation

Any student (or parent/guardian of student) who believes they have been the subject of sex-based harassment or discrimination should contact the school's administration immediately. A formal complaint may be filed in accordance with Administrative Rule JCDAG. Even if a formal complaint is not filed related to a Title IX concern, the District must still conduct a thorough review into the concern and implement appropriate supportive measures and disciplinary consequences and provide a written summary to the student/parents related to its efforts and actions.

The District prohibits retaliation or reprisal in any form against a student or employee who has filed a report. The District also prohibits any person from falsely accusing another person.

Additional information pertaining to Title IX, including contact information for the District's Title IX Coordinator, training received by District employees, and the process for appeals can be found under [Title IX](#) on the District's website.

Homework

When homework is given, assignments shall reflect the following guidelines:

Homework shall include one or more of the three generally recognized types of homework: Practice: reinforces newly acquired skills taught in class

Preparation: helps students prepare for upcoming lessons, activities, or tests

Extension: provides challenging, often long-term opportunities for enrichment that parallel class work

Homework shall be carefully planned and explained to the students. Content and duration of homework shall be personalized to accommodate the age, grade, ability, and readiness of the students. Homework shall be assigned with awareness of the home resources available to the student and the family and alternative options offered, where necessary. Since involvement in extracurricular activities is encouraged and valued, homework assignments that are lengthy shall be scheduled as far in advance as possible.

Because homework at the high school level varies according to a student's course load and schedule, high school students should spend sufficient time on homework to master the content of the subject matter. Completed homework assignments are to be reviewed by the teacher or designee; appropriate instructional follow-up shall occur.

If homework is graded, the homework shall count no more than 10% of the overall quarterly grade at the middle school and high school levels.

Because they require a greater amount of time and effort than daily assignments, grades for long-range assignments shall not count as part of the homework

percentage, but should be considered in the time allocated for homework.

Parents and students shall be informed at the beginning of the school year and at the beginning of second semester, if appropriate, of the district homework policies and classroom homework expectations.

Students are encouraged to spend some time each day reading a variety of materials independently.

Uniform Grading Scale

The Uniform Grading Policy approved by the State Board of Education is effective for all students enrolled in unit-bearing classes, including those offered at the middle school level.

The SC Grading Scale is as follows:

A= 90-100; B= 80-89, C= 70-79, D= 60-69, F= 0-59

WF= 50, FA=50, P= no value, WP= no value, AU= no value, NP=no value [SC Uniform Grading Scale](#)

Prekindergarten

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal and social growth• Approaches to learning• Physical development and health• Language arts and literacy• Mathematics	+ Exceeds standard = Meets standard # Making Sufficient Progress - Not Yet making Progress Blank-Not taught or assessed
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Kindergarten and First Grade

Student progress in kindergarten and first grade is reported for South Carolina Academic Standard as follows:

Academic Skills Indicators:

Reading Writing and Language Communication Science Mathematics Social Studies	M=The student consistently meets or exceeds end-of-year expectations for this standard P=The student shows expected growth/progress in meeting this end-of- year standard B=The student is beginning to progress toward meeting this end-of-year standard N=The student needs intensive support at school and home to develop this end-of-year standard <i>If left blank, this standard was not addressed or assessed during this reporting period</i>
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Successful Learner Characteristics:

Interacts positively with adults and peers Shows initiative and eagerness to learn Participates and works well in a variety of settings (whole class, small groups, independently) Demonstrates organizational skills Sustains attention in a variety of settings Demonstrates perseverance in various tasks/situations Follows multiple-step directions	4=The student consistently demonstrates the characteristics 3=The student demonstrates the characteristics most of the time 2=The student demonstrates the characteristics some of the time 1=The characteristic is not yet evident
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Related Arts Indicators:

Art Music Physical Education	M=Meets related arts standards P=making progress towards related arts standards standards
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2nd-12th Grade Scale

The following grade scale will be applied to students in grades 2-12.

A=100-90 B=89-80 C=79-70 D=69-60 F=59-50

For Carnegie Unit courses please refer to the state Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) for quality points and state regulations guiding credit-bearing courses.

Grading Floors

Elementary School Students (Grades 2-5)

A floor of 50 will be applied to quarter report cards for elementary students (2-5). The floor will not be applied to Interim Progress Reports.

Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

A floor of 50 will be applied to all grades for middle school students (6-8)

High School Students (Grades 9-12)

A floor of 50 will be applied to quarter report cards for High School Students (9-12). The floor will not be applied to Interim Progress reports.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that affords parents (including legal guardians) and students over 18 years of age (eligible students) certain rights with respect to students' education records. "Student education records" include any records maintained by a school or the district that are directly related to the student. These rights are:

- The right to inspect and review a student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible

students should write a letter to the school principal and identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access to those records and will notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where they may inspect them.

- The right to request an amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend an education record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading by writing the school principal. In that letter, they should not only clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, but also specify why they believe it is inaccurate or misleading. They should also provide any evidence to support their claim. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a district-level hearing regarding the request for amendment. The school will provide additional information regarding the district's hearing procedures when they notify the parent or eligible student of the decision. After the hearing, if the district still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his/her view about the contested information.
- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. FERPA allows the district to disclose education records to school officials with a legitimate educational interest in the information contained in the record without consent from the parent or eligible student. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health and law enforcement staff); a person serving on the School Board; and a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor or therapist). A school official has a legitimate educational interest if that official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request and without consent, the district forwards and discloses education records to officials of another school district in which a student seeks/intends to enroll, specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes, appropriate parties in connection with financial aid, organizations conducting certain studies for the school, accrediting organizations, to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena, to appropriate offices in cases of health and safety emergencies, and to state and local authorities within a juvenile system.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the federal agency that administers FERPA is as follows: Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-5920

*An eligible student is defined as a student who reaches 18 years of age or attends a post-secondary school.

Directory Information

Information that the District has designated as "directory information" regarding a student may be released to outside organizations without prior written consent from the parent/eligible student. The District defines directory information as a student's name, photograph, grade level, school to which he/she is assigned, years of attendance at that school, awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, student email address, and weight and height of athletic team members. Outside organizations requesting directory information include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, the law requires that local high schools must provide military recruiters, upon request, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. If you do not wish for the District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the School in writing no later than 30 calendar days after the first day of school.

Student Speakers at School-Sponsored Activities

The School District of Greenville County is committed to maintaining an educational environment in which students of all backgrounds, beliefs and religions are welcome and treated with equal dignity and respect. The District will neither advance nor inhibit religion. In accord with the United States Constitution, the District protects private expression, including religious expression, by individual students as long as that expression does not create a disruption to or interfere with the educational environment.

Student speakers at school-sponsored activities, including graduations, may not be selected on a basis that either favors or disfavors religious speech. Where student speakers are selected on the basis of genuinely neutral, evenhanded criteria and retain primary control over the content of their expression, that expression is not attributable to the school and therefore may not be restricted because of its religious or secular content. In contrast, where school officials determine or substantially control the content of what is expressed, such speech is attributable to the school and may not include prayer or religious content. A school, however, may prevent or remove a speaker if the content of their speech is obscene, contrary to the District's behavior code or substantially disruptive to the school environment.

School Insurance

Student accident insurance is offered as a service to parents. The available insurance coverage includes school-only or 24-hour coverage. Coverage, cost, and enrollment information is provided on the District's website.

[Insurance](#)

Voluntary student accident insurance is different from athletic insurance, which is required.

Parent's Right to Know

As the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in Greenville County Schools, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and instructional assistants who instruct your child.

Federal law allows you to ask for the following information about your child's classroom teachers and requires the District to give you this information in a timely manner:

- whether a teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- whether a teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- the baccalaureate degree major of a teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree;

If you would like to receive this information, please call the Human Resources Department.

Student Use of Technology

Students must use school technology in an appropriate manner and in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Rule EFE. This school technology includes District email, network, equipment, and assigned devices to students, and the District in accordance with applicable law may monitor all school technology.

Students will be disciplined in accordance with the District's Behavior Code (JCDA) for any misuse of school technology. While the District implements

filters and safeguards for school technology, the District cannot guarantee that these measures will detect or prevent inappropriate use of technology by students. Parents and students should immediately contact the student's school with any concerns pertaining to the use of technology.

Board Policies and Administrative Rules

All current policies of the Greenville County School District Board of Trustees and administrative rules can be found on [Board Docs](#) on the District's website.

Slater-Marietta Policies and Procedures Section

OFFICE

The office is open from 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday - Friday, during the school year. Please be reminded that the building closes promptly at 3:45 p.m. each day.

- Students should not be dropped off or left outside alone prior to 7:00am!
- Law enforcement will be called to pick up students who are still in the building after 3:00 if a parent or guardian is unable to be reached.

Articles Prohibited at School

Articles that are hazardous to the safety of others or interfere in some way with school procedure may not be brought to school. Expensive articles, including electronic games, CD players, iPod's, MP3 players, and toys should not be brought to school. If guns/knives of any type, weapons (this includes toy weapons), lighters, tobacco, or inappropriate literature are brought to school, serious consequences will follow.

If these items are brought, they will immediately be confiscated, given to administration and a parent will be required to come to the school and pick up the item.

Rolling book bags are not allowed at Slater Marietta.

A person who finds a student in possession or use of a cell phone in violation of Greenville County Schools policy must report the student to the school principal. The principal or his/her designee must confiscate the device. The device will be returned to the student's parent/legal guardian according to the terms set forth below. Confiscated cell phones must be returned to a parent/legal guardian prior to the end of the school year. A student who violates this policy regarding use and possession of cell phone is subject to discipline as follows:

- **First offense** - confiscation of the cell phone and after a conference held the next school day with the parent/legal guardian, the cell phone will be returned to the parent/legal guardian. The parent/legal guardian must sign an agreement acknowledging their understanding of Board Policy JDCA and the penalties for subsequent violations.
- **Second offense** - confiscation of the cell phone and after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the cell phone will be returned to the parent/legal guardian 30 calendar days after the confiscation.
- **Third and subsequent offenses** - confiscation of the cell phone and after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the cell phone will be returned to the parent/legal guardian 60 calendar days after the confiscation.

Tardies

It is very important that students start their day on a positive note. This means being on time to school! Students are expected to be in their classrooms by 7:45 a.m. If they arrive in the classroom after 8:00 a.m., they are considered tardy and must receive a note from the office to enter class. Excessive tardiness will be addressed by school administrators, noted in student records, and reported to the district attendance officer. **Students on special permission will only be allowed to continue at Slater Marietta if attendance is not an issue.**



EARLY DISMISSAL

If it is absolutely necessary to request early dismissal, the parent must send a note in the morning stating the reason and the time the child will be picked up. No early dismissals are allowed after 1:45 each day. Medical and dental appointments should be made after school hours when possible. No child will be called to the office until his/her ride arrives. A child is not allowed to leave the school grounds during school hours unless signed out in the front office by an authorized adult listed on the child's dismissal card. Be prepared to show your driver's license to office personnel. Parents should not go to the classroom to pick up students. Greenville County does not allow permanent early dismissals.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

We strongly encourage parental involvement at Slater Marietta. Parents may visit in classrooms, but the visit needs to be arranged ahead of time with the teacher, so the least amount of disruption to the instructional program may be offered. We always strive to protect the time for learning at SMES. Upon entering the building, a visitor should sign in at the front office, provide a driver's license, and receive a visitor's tag. Be sure to wear the visitor's tag at all times while on school grounds. Only the main entrance of the school nearest to the office should be used. **If parents plan to chaperone a school sponsored field trip, they must register as a volunteer in advance through the visitor check-in system in order to be cleared through the sex offender registry.**

HEALTH ROOM AND MEDICATIONS

A nurse is in the Health Room from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily. Medication may be given at school only if the following guidelines are met. This is a district-wide policy developed for the safety of your child.

- Parents must provide ALL medication. The health room does not supply any medication for students. This includes Tylenol, antibiotic ointment, Calamine lotion, etc.
- Each parent is responsible for providing any medication needed by their child during the school day. Parents must complete the Parental Permission for Medication form for ANY medication to be given at school. This form is available in the health room or online at the Greenville County Schools website.
- All medications, including over the counter medication, must be brought by the parent to the health room in the original container. Do not bring medication in plastic sandwich bags.
- A parent may provide written authorization for over-the-counter medication to be kept and administered in the health room using Form Med-3.
- Prescription medication must be brought by a parent to the health room in the prescription bottle. Form Med-1 must be provided before any prescription medication may be left at the school. This form must be signed by the parent and the physician.
- All medication must be kept in the health room. Students cannot keep medication with them.
- If your child must self-administer emergency medication at school Form Med-2 is required before medication is brought to school.

- Medication brought to the health room by a student will not be given to the student. The medication will be held until a parent picks it up and provides the appropriate paperwork for the administration of the medicine.
- Please remember the health room does not give any medication to a student that has not been provided by the parent or guardian.
- All Health Service procedures, guidelines, and required forms are available in the Health Room or may be accessed on the following website: <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/gcsd/depts/stuserv/health.asp>.
- If your child has an illness such as asthma, allergies, or diabetes, it is your responsibility to provide us the appropriate medication to properly treat your child in an emergency.
- Students must be fever free (less than 100 degrees) for 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.
- Students must be free of vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

Breakfast and Lunch Information

Nourishing and balanced lunches are prepared daily in the school cafeteria. Students may eat the school lunch, or they may bring a lunch from home. Fast food and carbonated drinks are not allowed in the cafeteria. This regulation must be strictly enforced for adults and children.

Both and breakfast and lunch is provided free of cost due to the Universal Free School Meals Act. Extra items such as chips, Switch drinks, and ice cream are available to purchase once students have completed their meal.

Breakfast is provided daily from 7:00-7:30 in the cafeteria. After 7:30, students will be able to get a bagged breakfast to take with them to the classroom. Breakfast will be provided until 8:10 for late students.

Lunchtime Visitors

SMES parents are welcome to join us for lunch throughout the year! However, we do ask you to send in a note to your child's teacher and let us know if you will be purchasing a cafeteria lunch as lunch is not free for staff or guests. Also, let us know which lunch you will be purchasing since we have several options each day. Our crowds are large and our meals are cooked by lunch counts submitted. Parents may pay for their lunch in the cafeteria line. Please remember: **Fast food and carbonated drinks are not allowed in the cafeteria at lunchtime.** As a way to ensure our children adequate time to eat lunch, we have implemented a "no talking" policy for the first 10 minutes of the lunch period. Students and adults are asked to refrain from talking during the silent period.

BIRTHDAYS

Parents are allowed to provide a class treat during lunch for their child's birthday. This must be scheduled with the teacher in advance in order to avoid having multiple treats on the same day. In an effort to support our healthy school initiative, please consider the option of selecting a healthy treat. Other celebratory items such as drinks, balloons, and goodie bags are not allowed. For birthday celebrations outside of school, children may distribute party invitations. Teachers are not permitted to facilitate the distribution of birthday party invitations. It is the responsibility of the student.

Guidance

The elementary guidance program is an integral part of the total educational process. Activities are designed to address typical personal, social, and academic concerns faced by children. Large group guidance activities help children learn skills before problems occur. Guidance services

include small group counseling, individual counseling, consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, and crisis intervention. The counselors also coordinate various services, including parent seminars and workshops, student recognition, new student orientation, and academic testing. Parents are given copies of standardized test scores in the fall of the following school year. Parents have the right to view their child's permanent record and may do so by making an appointment with the guidance counselor.

Personalized Learning

All students at Slater Marietta will be issued a Chromebook to use for online learning for class assignments and assessments. Technology use is promoted and utilized frequently within the school setting. Students are responsible for taking care of their Chromebook and the charge cord that will be issued to them on the first week of school. **Chromebooks will not be sent home at night except in cases where an eLearning Day is a possibility.** Lost or broken devices and accessories are the responsibility of the students, therefore any damage to the device or charge cord will be billed to the legal guardian.

Bell/Daily Schedule

7:00 am - 7:15 am	Students should be dropped off at their designated area. They should not be walked to their classrooms. Those arriving before 7:15 should report to the cafeteria for holding until 7:15. No students are allowed in the building before 7:00 a.m.
7:15 am-7:45 am	Classrooms are opened and teachers are in their classrooms. Students are dismissed from their holding area to report to class for morning warm-ups.
7:45 am	SCHOOL BEGINS. Students should be in their classrooms and ready to begin the school day. If children are not in their classrooms by 8:00 a.m., they are considered tardy. Students should check in at the office so a tardy slip can be issued for the child to enter class.
1:45 pm	Latest time to issue an early dismissal
2:15 p.m.	Dismissal for buses and vans, car riders and walkers

Backpack Information/Student Progress

Greenville County Schools uses the BACKPACK online platform to maintain communication with parents. ALL parents are required to sign up for a Backpack account before the school year begins. A backpack for parents account provides parents, guardians, or contacts with a central place to sign in to do the following:

- View their student's information including demographics, attendance, classes, grades, lunch balances, and test scores
- Apply or register their student to Special Focus schools and programs (Fine Arts Center, Career Centers, etc.)
- Receive alerts and notifications regarding their students

- View their student's school and contact information
- Manage parent and contact information for their students

Information on how to activate your account will be inside your child's back to school folder, or you may ask our front office staff for assistance.

School ID Requirements/Procedures

All students at Slater Marietta are required to wear an identification card in lanyard from each school day. Students will be given an ID card at the beginning of the school year and should wear the ID throughout the school day. Replacement lanyards and ID cards can be purchased in the front office for \$7.00.

Students need their ID for breakfast, lunch, book check-out, and dismissal.

Any student who does not have his/her ID at dismissal will not be allowed to exit the building without a parent coming to the school to provide identification and to purchase a new ID card and lanyard.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING

In the event that an emergency dismissal is required, a bulletin is broadcast on the TV and radio. Information can also be obtained by calling 355-3100 at the Greenville County Schools office. Parents should prearrange with their children as to what they should do in the event of an early/emergency dismissal. If school must be canceled or delayed, this information will also be on local TV, radio, and the district website: <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us>. Please do not call the school office.

NOTES REQUIRED *Important*

A note is always required, if your child:

- is absent due to illness, death in the family, or in advance of a religious holiday
- is tardy
- needs to be picked up before dismissal (please designate dismissal time)
- needs to take medicine during the day
- needs to be excused from recess or physical education
- changes from usual transportation home or to daycare (*Changes should be infrequent)

Curriculum Nights and Special Events

During the 2024-2025 school year, our school will host several community events. Dates of the events are below. Please make plans to attend specified events.

September 13:

- Grits for Grands: 7:00am-7:45am

September 26:

- Literacy Night for Parents: 6:00pm-7:30pm (staff attends)

November 19-20:

- Thanksgiving Meals

January 10:

- Morning with Mom: 7:00am-7:45am

February 13:

- I Love Math Night! -6:00pm-7:30pm (staff attends)

March 1:

- Real Men Read: Schedule TBD

April 16:

- K4/K5 Round Up: 3:00-4:00 Theme: Ice, Ice Baby!) For rising K4 and K5 parents during the 25/26 school year!

Greenville County Schools Student Calendar 2024-25

December 2022

This is a Year-Round Modified School Calendar in accordance with SC Law Section 59-1-425.

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5K-12 Important Dates

5K-12 School Start/End Dates

First Day	August 8
Last Day	May 23

Student Holidays

Labor Day	September 2
Teacher Professional Dev.	October 14
Teacher Professional Dev.	November 4
Election Day	November 5
Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29
Winter Break	December 23-January 3
Teacher Professional Dev.	January 6
MLK Day	January 20
Presidents' Day	February 17
Teacher Professional Dev.	March 14
Spring Break	March 17-21
Student/Teacher Holiday	April 18

Student Half-Days

Half-Day	December 20
Half-Days	May 22-23

Grading Periods

End 1st Quarter	October 11
End 2nd Quarter	December 20
End 3rd Quarter	March 13
End 4th Quarter	May 23

Report Cards

1st Report Card	October 21
2nd Report Card	January 9
3rd Report Card	March 27
4th Report Card	Mailed

Other Important Dates

High School Graduations	May 19-23
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4K Calendar

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2dey2ty3>

Testing Calendar

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2y5bhway>

Registration Information

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2heusc9f>

eLearning Days

As an eLearning District, if it is necessary to close school on a day of student attendance due to inclement weather, up to the first 3 and any subsequent days will be made up through eLearning. The make-up will occur on the day of closure. (This statement required per State Department of Education interpretation of SC Statute 59-1-425)

Religious Observances

School officials cooperate with students and employees when they need to be absent to participate in religious observances. Students missing school are given an opportunity to make up work without penalty. Employees may use personal days (or vacation if applicable) to observe religious holidays.



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