



# Unity Christian Academy

## Code of Conduct

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# FORWARD

Unity Christian Academy is founded on the belief that God is the source of all truth. The "Logos" is the principle of divine reason and creative order, and therefore, we exist to discover truth in creation, pursue wisdom from above, and cultivate virtue within our students. In some ways, we are to Beaufort County what a farmer is to his soil. We strive to continually restore our students to their intended fruitfulness, both in the Kingdom and in their life.

We believe that the greatest form of education includes a good home with virtuous parents, and because of this, we choose to operate only as an extension of this setup. In its simplest form, we are no more than relationships and can be no better than the trust between each. Parent to child, child to teacher, and teacher to parent (and its opposite flow) make up Unity; a triangle of relationships.

One of the ways our community seeks to cultivate virtue is by rejecting vice. The purpose of our Code of Conduct is to communicate the behavioral policies and expectations of the school in order to maintain a Christian environment conducive to the training and instruction of young people. It does not attempt to address every situation that may arise during the school year.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to serve Eastern North Carolina by providing a genuine Christian education that elevates academic standards, the character of our students, and the understanding of their faith.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to graduate authentic Christian leaders who discover truth in Creation, pursue wisdom from above, and cultivate virtue in one another.

## SCHOOL MOTTO

Pray for wisdom; Practice virtue.

# OFFENSE LEVELS OVERVIEW

The UCA Code of Conduct is divided into five (5) offense levels. As the severity of the offense and level increases, so too does the severity of the consequence related to the offense.

Level 1 Offense | Potential Detriment to Character without Harm to Others

Level 2 Offense | Minimal Detriment to Character and/or Harm to Others

Level 3 Offense | Moderate Detriment to Character and/or Harm to Others

Level 4 Offense | Severe Detriment to Character and Harm to Others

Level 5 Offense | Illegal Activity

*Level 5 Offenses are illegal and require school officials to notify local law enforcement. All violations of Level 5 rules will result in immediate expulsion from school and will be turned over to law enforcement for investigation and possible prosecution.*

# LEVEL 1 OFFENSES

## **Rule 1 - Inappropriate Appearance or Clothing (Dress Code Violation)**

Appearance and clothing which is in violation of the Dress Code found within the UCA Family Handbook will not be tolerated. Please reference page 17 and 18 of the UCA Family Handbook for Dress Code Violations and consequences.

## **Rule 2 - Out of Area**

Students should not be in unauthorized areas during the school day without permission from school staff.

### **1st Offense**

Up to one day of in-school suspension (ISS).

### **2nd Offense**

Up to three days of in-school suspension (ISS) or two days of out-of-school suspension.

### **3rd Offense**

Up to five days of in-school suspension (ISS) or five days of out-of-school suspension.

## **Rule 3 - Skipping School All Day or Skipping Assigned Classes During the School Day**

Students should be on campus and in their assigned classes when school is in session.

### **1st Offense**

Up to three days in-school suspension (ISS). Punishment may include but is not limited to before or after school detention, or lunch detention.

### **2nd and Subsequent Offenses**

Up to five days of in-school suspension (ISS). Punishment may include loss of driving privileges.

#### **Rule 4 - Tardiness to School and Class**

Please reference page 10 of our UCA Family Handbook for our Tardy Policy. If consistent tardiness begins to affect student well-being, UCA administration will reach out to the family to work toward a solution.

#### **Rule 5 - Nuisance Items (Laser pointers, poppers, and other items deemed inappropriate for school)**

Students should not possess items that are intended to create noise or cause disturbances to the learning environment. Students should not be in possession of items that would take away their individual attention from the subject matter at hand (games, toys, etc.).

##### **1st Offense**

Teacher will confiscate the inappropriate item and turn it over to school administration. Parents will be contacted and required to come and pick up the item from the office. Consequences can be up to one day of in-school suspension, with the possibility of before or after school detention or lunch detention.

##### **2nd Offense**

Teacher will confiscate the inappropriate item and turn it over to school administration. Parents will be contacted and required to come and pick up the item from the office. Consequences can be up to three days of in-school suspension.

##### **3rd Offense**

Teacher will confiscate the inappropriate item and turn it over to school administration. Parents will be contacted and required to come and pick up the item from the office. Consequences can be up to five days of in-school suspension. A parent conference will be mandatory.

#### **Rule 6 - Classroom Disruption or Distraction**

A student will maintain appropriate behavior so as to refrain from disrupting class, school or extra curricular activity and be prepared for instruction at all times. A student should not talk out in class or move from his/her assigned seat/area without permission, throw objects (except as directed by staff for an instructional purpose), horseplay, harass, tease or make rude noises.

**1st Offense**

Verbal warning and up to two days of in-school suspension (ISS) depending on the severity of the infraction.

**2nd Offense**

Up to five days of in-school suspension (ISS) or two days of out-of-school suspension depending on the severity of the infraction.

**3rd and Subsequent Offenses**

Up to three days of out-of-school suspension, with the possibility of suspension for the remainder of the year, depending on the severity of the infraction.

**Rule 7 - Food or Drink**

A student will eat and drink only in authorized areas of the school at the appropriate times, unless otherwise given permission by school staff or administration.

**1st Offense**

Teacher will confiscate the item, document the infraction, and return the item to the student at the appropriate time (lunch or after school).

**2nd Offense**

Up to 1 day of in-school suspension.

**3rd Offense**

Up to 3 days of in-school suspension and a mandatory parent conference.



## **Rule 8 - Littering After Food or Drink Consumption**

Students are expected to assist UCA staff in maintaining a visually appealing school and campus. Intentionally discarding paper, cans, or other forms of litter will be addressed in the following way.

### **1st Offense**

Student will receive a verbal warning and be directed to pick up the item in question and discard it in the appropriate container.

### **2nd Offense**

Up to one day of in-school suspension (ISS) and possible requirement for work detail around school property.

### **3rd and Subsequent Offenses**

Up to three days of in-school suspension (ISS) and possible requirement for work detail around school property.

## **Rule 9 - Electronic Devices (Cell Phones, Apple Watches, Air Pods, etc.)**

Wireless communication or electronic devices may include: Personal entertainment devices, cell phones, pagers, two-way radios, CD/MP3 players, electronic game players or games, media players, and similar devices.

Wireless communication or electronic devices will not be used during class time and will be turned off or to silent. Teachers may direct the use of wireless communication or electronic devices during class time if the use is of an educational purpose related to the curricula at hand. Students may use wireless communication or electronic devices outside of class time as designated by school administration, provided it does not violate any sections of the Code of Conduct.

**Any wireless communication or electronic device used inappropriately, displayed, or possessed in the "on" position will be confiscated.** Confiscated devices will be labeled with the student name and date confiscated. Parents will be contacted to have the device turned over to them after school hours.

### **1st Offense**

On the first offense, the parent will be notified at the end of the school day. With their verbal permission, the device will be given back to the student.

### **2nd Offense**

On the second offense, the parent will be notified at the end of the school day and the parent must physically come to the office to collect the device.

### **3rd and Subsequent Offenses**

On the third offense, parents must physically come to the office to collect the device and participate in a conference, and the student is no longer allowed to bring any electronic devices on campus for the remainder of the year.

**Note: If the student has inappropriately used the wireless communication or electronic device, the incident may be forwarded to law enforcement for determination if a crime has been committed.**

## LEVEL 2 OFFENSES

### **Rule 10 - Disrespect or Passive Defiance to a School Employee or Adult**

Students are expected to refrain from behaviors that exhibit inappropriate tone or attitude, eye-rolling, popping teeth, etc. to school employees or other adults visiting campus. Other behaviors not mentioned may fall into this category of disrespect or defiance. *(Note - Repeated violations of Level II Offenses can result in the student being expelled from attending UCA.)*

#### **1st Offense**

Teacher will address the student's inappropriate behavior privately with the student. The teacher will document the incident and make a parent contact to discuss the student's behavior.

#### **2nd Offense**

Teacher will document the incident and report it to school administration. Student may receive up to 1 day of in-school suspension.

#### **3rd Offense**

Teacher will document the incident and report it to school administration. Student may receive up to 3 days of in-school suspension.

## **Rule 11 - Academic Dishonesty and/or Misrepresentation of Information to an Adult**

Personal integrity and strength of character are valued attributes at UCA. Students are expected to be honest with all school employees at all times. Students are expected to refrain from cheating and submit his/her own work. Some examples of violations of this rule are: Tampering with report cards, official passes, notes or other school documents, in any manner, including changing grades or forging names to excuses, is prohibited. Making false statements, written or oral, to anyone in authority is prohibited. Plagiarism, violating copyright laws, or copying another student's test or assignment or allowing a student to copy their work, are prohibited. Consequences for violations may vary depending on the severity of the student action.

### **1st Offense**

The teacher will document the incident and the student will be given a zero for the work. A parent contact must be made and documented. If the offense is for misrepresenting important information to an adult, the consequence may be up to 3 days of in-school suspension.

### **2nd Offense**

The teacher will document the incident and the student will be given a zero for the work. A parent contact must be made and documented. The student may receive up to 5 days of in-school suspension.

### **3rd Offense**

The teacher will document the incident and the student will be given a zero for the work. A parent contact must be made and documented. The student may be given out-of-school suspension or face expulsion.

## **Rule 12 - Petty Theft**

A student will not steal or possess stolen property, or participate with others to do so. Stolen property includes any object that is possessed without the permission of the owner. School personnel will address situations of theft based on the age of the student and the severity of the incident.

### **1st Offense**

Parent conference with school administration. Repayment or replacement of item(s) stolen. Up to 3 days of in-school suspension.

**2nd Offense**

Parent conference with school administration. Repayment or replacement of item(s) stolen. Up to 3 days of out-of-school suspension.

**3rd Offense**

Parent conference with school administration. Repayment or replacement of item(s) stolen. Possible expulsion from school.

**Rule 13 - Failure to Report to Assigned Area or Out of Assigned Area**

Students are expected to comply with any and all lawful directives given by school employees. Students are expected to immediately report to any lawfully assigned area given by a school employee, which includes in-school suspension (ISS), lunch detention, after-school detention, or Saturday detention. Students who fail to report to any lawfully assigned areas, or are out of their lawfully assigned areas present a safety hazard to the student and school community.

**1st Offense**

Administration may choose to give in-school suspension (ISS) or up to 1 day of out-of-school suspension (OSS) depending on the age of the student and severity of the infraction.

**2nd Offense**

Up to 3 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS).

**3rd Offense**

Up to 5 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS) or possible expulsion.

**Rule 14 - Failure to Exhibit Christian Behavior**

As Christians, students are always expected to be kind and respectful to one another and behave in a way that would be pleasing to God. Any behaviors considered less than appropriate will be considered a violation of this rule. Examples of violations of this rule are, but not limited to: Unkind or disrespectful comments in conversation, teasing, picking, name calling, or taunting a fellow student (not rising to the level of bullying).

Students are also expected to refrain from inappropriate displays of affection toward one another which are considered to be inappropriate for a learning environment. Examples include, but are not limited to: hugging and kissing etc.

Students are also expected to refrain from unnecessary playful behavior. Rough housing, pushing, shoving in a playful manner are also considered a violation of this rule.

**1st Offense**

Up to 3 days of in-school suspension (ISS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 5 days of in-school suspension (ISS)

**3rd and Subsequent Offenses**

Up to 3 days of out-of-school with possible expulsion for repeat violations.

## LEVEL 3 OFFENSES

**Rule 15 - Student Confrontation - Verbal or Physical, but not rising to the level of Fighting**

Students are expected to refrain from any form of verbal or physical aggression toward another student, adult, or school employee. When a student feels a form of aggression is about to take place, they are expected to leave the area immediately and report the situation to the nearest school employee.

**1st Offense**

Up to 3 days of in-school suspension (ISS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 3 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**3rd Offense**

Up to 5 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possible expulsion for additional offenses

## **Rule 16 - Student Insubordination or Defiance**

A student will obey the lawful direction of any authorized staff member while in school, participating in a school activity or on school property. All students are expected to behave in a respectful manner. This includes, but is not limited to, complying with the direction or instruction of a staff member, not walking away from a staff member while being spoken to, speaking to staff in an appropriate manner and completing all assigned work.

### **1st Offense**

Up to 2 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS)

### **2nd Offense**

Up to 5 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS)

### **3rd Offense**

Up to 10 days of out of school suspension (OSS) with possible expulsion for serious violations

## **Rule 17 - Unsafe or Reckless Actions**

A student shall not commit any action that has the potential for physical harm to self or others. This includes striking matches, flicking cigarette lighters or using any instrument capable of producing fire on school property or at a school sponsored or school-related activity that is on or off school property. This rule will apply only when the unsafe behavior does not meet the standards of any other violation.

### **1st Offense**

Up to 3 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

### **2nd Offense**

Up to 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

### **3rd Offense**

Up to 10 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possible expulsion for serious violations

### **Rule 18 - Improper or Unsafe Vehicle Use**

A student will not operate any motorized or self-propelled vehicle on school grounds in a manner that is a threat to health and/or safety, or a disruption to the educational process. Driving to school is a privilege, which may be limited or revoked at any time by the school principal. A student will not park a motor vehicle on school premises unless he/she has complied with all school vehicle parking requirements. Parking permits must be visibly displayed and vehicles must be parked only in assigned spaces. Unauthorized vehicles may be towed.

#### **1st Offense**

Loss of driving privileges for 5 school days

#### **2nd Offense**

Loss of driving privileges for 10 school days

#### **3rd Offense**

Loss of driving privileges for the remainder of the school year

### **Rule 19 - Insulting, Disrespectful, Abusive, Profane, Obscene Words, Signs, Gestures, or Other Acts**

Students shall not direct insulting, disrespectful, abusive, profane, obscene words or gestures toward other students, visitors, or school employees.

#### **1st Offense**

Up to 5 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS)

#### **2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days of out-of-school suspension (OSS)

#### **3rd Offense**

Expulsion for the remainder of the year

## **Rule 20 - Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination, or Repeated Targeting of Peers**

Bullying and/or harassing behavior are strictly prohibited at Unity Christian Academy. It is the policy of UCA to maintain learning environments that are free from harassment or bullying. Students are expected to use appropriate language and conduct at school and school functions and possess only appropriate materials. This rule applies to cursing, possessing, sending, or receiving written materials or electronic text and/or images that convey an offensive, racial, derogatory, bullying or obscene message to another person. This includes but is not limited to references to race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion and/or physical or sensory disability, physical appearance or making offensive statements or gestures.

In addition, as with other disciplinary violations, any manner of bullying that occurs off campus may violate the Code of Student Conduct if it has a direct and immediate impact to the orderly and efficient operation of the school or the safety of individuals in the school environment.

Students who feel bullied, harassed or intimidated at school by an adult or another student or who witness such conduct should report it to the nearest school personnel.

### **1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

### **2nd Offense**

Expulsion for the remainder of the year

## **Rule 21 - Inappropriate Use of School Computers or Technology/Inappropriate Internet Use**

A student shall refrain from inappropriate use of school computers, technology devices or from using the UCA electronic network without proper authority. This includes unauthorized use of sign-on codes and the school telephone system, communication of threats or implied threats, bullying or harassment, and unauthorized attempts to contact any UCA computer site from any computer station.

A student will refrain from any activity or distribution of information from personal technology devices that would constitute a violation of a rule under the Code of Student Conduct or a violation of law, as, but not limited to, bullying or harassment on social media or other sites if the conduct has or may have a direct and immediate impact on the orderly and efficient operation of the school or the safety of individuals in the school environment. Publication of information on the Internet is considered distribution regardless of the location of the technology device from which the offending content was published.



**1st Offense**

Up to 5 days of in-school suspension (ISS) with loss of technology privilege during that time

**2nd Offense**

Up to 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with loss of technology privilege during that time

**3rd Offense**

Up to and including expulsion with loss of technology privileges for the remainder of the year

**Rule 22 - Inappropriate Item on School Campus**

A student is permitted to bring or possess only objects that have an educational purpose and will not distract from teaching or learning. Students are not allowed to possess items which could result in physical harm to themselves or other school community members. Examples of such prohibited items are, but not limited to: banned books or literature, inappropriate videos or games, toy guns, toy knives, firecrackers, poppers, noise producing objects, etc. School administration will determine if a confiscated object is deemed as an inappropriate item for school.

**1st Offense**

Confiscation of the item, parent contact with up to 5 days of in-school suspension (ISS)

**2nd Offense**

Confiscation of the item, parent contact with up to 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**3rd Offense**

Confiscation of the item, parent contact with possible expulsion

## LEVEL 4 OFFENSES

**Rule 23 - Pornography**

A student shall refrain from having any pornographic or profane material in his/her possession, including but not limited to pictures, magazines, CD's, DVD's, electronic text or images and sexually explicit or graphically violent materials (including but not limited to documents or instructions concerning the creation and/or the use of weapons).

**1st Offense**

Up to 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

**Rule 24 - Indecent Exposure**

A student shall not intentionally expose private body parts, including but not limited to the display of cleavage, or the buttocks (mooning or sagging pants).

**1st Offense**

Up to 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

**Rule 25 - Unjustified Activation of a Fire Alarm or Making a False Report of an Emergency**

A student shall not activate any fire alarm unless directed to do so by school employees, or unless there are reasonable grounds for a student to believe an actual emergency condition exists. At no time shall a student call in or in any other manner communicate a false report concerning a bomb, other explosive device, or any other emergency situation. Law enforcement and parents shall be notified.

**1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion. Law enforcement will be notified as deemed appropriate by administration.

## **Rule 26 - Use of Obscenity or Profanity Toward Adults/Staff or Extreme Disrespect**

At no time shall students direct obscenities or profanities toward a staff member or visiting adult. A student who raises their voice to a level of yelling toward, or at, a staff member or visiting adult will constitute extreme disrespect.

### **1st Offense**

Up to 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

### **2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

## **Rule 27 - Gambling**

Students shall not participate in any forms of gambling or games of chance/skill for money and or other items of value.

### **1st Offense**

Up to 5 days in-school suspension (ISS)

### **2nd Offense**

Up to 5 days out-of school suspension (OSS)

### **3rd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

## **Rule 28 - Fighting**

Students shall not fight other students. If a student is a victim of a sudden and unprovoked attack or fight, he/she may defend himself/herself long enough to disengage from fighting to report it to an appropriate school official. **Students who boost or instigate a fight will be subject to the same consequences as those who are actually involved in fighting. Law enforcement may be contacted at the discretion of the principal or his/her designee. Parents shall be notified.**

### **1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

### **2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

## **Rule 29 - Vandalism**

A student will not willfully, with or without malice, act alone or participate with others to damage or destroy property of another, including property belonging to the school, staff, students or other adults on campus or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property. A student or parent/guardian will be held financially responsible, as allowed by law for the willful or malicious destruction of property.

### **1st Offense**

Up to 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) and replacement or repair of damaged item(s)

### **2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion and replacement or repair of damaged item(s)

## **Rule 30 - Refusal to Allow Authorized Search**

School administration has the right to conduct a search of a student or his/her possessions that is reasonable in scope if the administration has a reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of a weapon, illegal substance or other items prohibited by or used in violation of law or the Student Code of Conduct.

A student must cooperate with and may not obstruct or interfere with a reasonable and authorized search of the student and/or his/her possessions based on reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of a weapon, illegal substance or other items prohibited by or used in violation of law or the Student Code of Conduct.

Lockers and desks are the property of the school and are assigned to the student with the understanding that he/she is responsible for all property placed in the locker or the desk. Lockers and desks shall be used only for storage of those items that are reasonably necessary for the student's school activities such as books, gym clothes, coats, school assignments, etc. A student must cooperate with and shall not obstruct or interfere with an authorized search of his/her locker or desk.

A student must cooperate with and may not obstruct or interfere with reasonable search of the student's vehicle and its contents when it is present on school property or at a school activity. These searches will be based on reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of a weapon, illegal substance or other items prohibited by or used in violation of law or the Student Code of Conduct. A violation of this rule may result in the student losing his/her parking privilege, in addition to other applicable discipline.

**1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension with possibility of expulsion

**Rule 31 - Sexual Harassment and Harassment Based on Race, Gender, or Ethnicity**

Students shall not direct unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other inappropriate oral, written, or physical conduct of a sexual nature to another student. Harassing conduct that is not sexual in nature but is directed against another student based on his or her race, gender, or ethnicity is also prohibited. All students must be allowed to work and learn in an environment free from harassment. **Law enforcement officials may be notified if deemed necessary by administration.**

**1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

**Rule 32 - Trespassing**

A student will not enter UCA property or a school facility without proper authority. This rule includes being on the UCA campus at a time to which the student is not assigned during the school day without the knowledge and consent of school administrators; loitering at the school after the close of the school day without any specific need or supervision; or being on the property of the school during a period of suspension or expulsion without the express permission of the principal. A student who is trespassing on school property may be criminally prosecuted. **Law enforcement officials may be notified if deemed necessary by administration.**

**1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

**Rule 33 - Engaging in Major Disruptions of the School Environment (Sit-ins, Walk-outs, Riots, Refusal to Disperse)**

Students shall not lead, participate in, or encourage others to participate in major group disruptions, which adversely disrupt the educational process. **Law enforcement and parents shall be notified.**

**1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

**Rule 34 - Hazing**

Students shall not commit any act of hazing. Hazing is defined as "To subject another student to physical injury as part of an initiation, or a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society, athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or similar group." Any student who aids or abets hazing shall be disciplined as a principal actor. **Law enforcement and parents shall be notified. Hazing could result in criminal conviction.**

**1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

**Rule 35 - Counterfeit Currency**

A student shall not knowingly distribute, produce or use counterfeit currency on school property or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property.

**1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

### **Rule 36 - Communicating Threats**

A student shall not threaten to strike, attack, or harm any person, or cause another person to become fearful by intimidation, through any medium, including threats made in person, through another person at the request of the perpetrator, on the telephone, in writing, through the use of gang paraphernalia, or by any digital communication (cyber-bullying) that pose a safety risk to the school environment. School administrators will determine the appropriate discipline response based on the age of the student perpetrator, the severity of the threat, the perpetrators ability to carry out such threat, and the overall disruption created to the student learning environment.

#### **1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

#### **2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

### **Rule 37 - Being Under the Influence of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs but not in Possession or Distribution**

Students shall not attend school or any school sponsored activity under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Students who are found to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any school sponsored activity will be found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. **Law enforcement and parents shall be notified.**

#### **1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

#### **2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

### **Rule 38 - Possession/Use of Tobacco Products, Vapes or E-Cigarettes**

Students shall not use (smoke, chew, dip) or possess any type of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices, including electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, and other electronic smoking devices, whether or not they contain tobacco or nicotine, on school property during the school day or at any school sponsored event. Possession of tobacco products is prohibited on the student's person, the student's belongings (bookbag, gym bag, etc.) and their vehicle while it is parked on the UCA campus.

**1st Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

**2nd Offense**

Up to 10 days out-of-school suspension (OSS) with possibility of expulsion

## LEVEL 5 OFFENSES

**The following rules are illegal and require school officials to notify local law enforcement. All violations of Level V rules will result in immediate expulsion from school and will be turned over to law enforcement for investigation and possible prosecution.**

**Rule 39 - Communicating a Bomb Threat**

A student should not make any report or notification, knowing or having reason to know the report is false (verbal or written), indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, or at any school-sponsored activity.

**Rule 40 - Extortion**

Students should not obtain through verbal or physical threats, coercion, or intimidation, anything of value (personal property, money, or information) from any other student or school employee.

**Rule 41 - Theft, Robbery, Burglary**

Students should respect school property and the personal property of other students, school employees, and other persons. Students should not steal, rob, attempt to burn school property and property of any other persons or entity, nor cause damage to such property.

**Rule 42- Breaking and Entering**

Students will not break into any school property. This will include any unauthorized entry into school property with or without destruction to the property. A student will not unlawfully enter any school property with the intent of committing a felony, to steal and/or take and carry away the property of another, or to attempt to commit the taking of property.



### **Rule 43 - Possession of a Deadly Weapon**

Students should not possess, handle, transmit or conceal any weapon (as defined by NC General Statute 14-269.2) or any other instrument that could cause bodily harm or be used to threaten bodily harm. Use of a laser pointer or similar device in a way that reasonably could or does cause harm or injury will be considered a violation of this rule.

A "weapon" includes any loaded or unloaded firearm, including a gun, pistol, or rifle; fireworks or explosives, including a bomb, grenade, or mine; ammunition; knife, including a pocket knife, bowie knife, switchblade, dirk, or dagger; or other weapon including a slingshot, slungshot, leaded cane, blackjack, metal knuckles, BB gun, air rifle, air pistol, stun gun or other electronic shock weapon, ice pick, razor or razor blade (except solely for personal shaving), or any sharp pointed or edged instrument except unaltered nail files and clips and tools used solely for preparation of food, instruction, and maintenance; a facsimile of a gun, incendiary device, or other object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or dangerous instrument.

No student should knowingly or willfully cause, encourage, or aid any other student to possess, handle, or transmit any of the weapons or facsimiles of weapons listed above.

### **Rule 44 - Possession and/or Distribution of Illegal Drugs or Alcohol**

Students should not possess, sell, or distribute marijuana, narcotics, stimulants, depressants, counterfeit forms of an illegal substance, alcoholic beverages, or any other unauthorized or illegal substance or drug paraphernalia. Prohibited substances are any synthetic substances that are listed on the schedules of controlled substances including but not limited to synthetic cannabinoids (K2 or Spice), MDPV (synthetic cocaine), MDPK (MTV, Magic, Maddie, Super Coke, PV), or Mephedrone (M4, Meph, Drone, MCAT)

### **Rule 45 - Sexual Offenses and Sexual Assault**

A student should not engage in or attempt to engage in sexual activity with another person by force, threat or fear.

### **Rule 46 - Participation in a Gang or Taking Part in Gang Activity**

No student shall commit any act that furthers gangs or gang related activities. A gang is any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts and having a common name, or identifying sign, color, or symbols. Conduct prohibited includes:

- Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs or other items with intent to convey membership or affiliation with any gang

- Communicating verbally or nonverbally (gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings) with intent to convey membership or affiliation with a gang
- Tagging, or otherwise defacing school or personal property with symbols or slogans intended to convey membership in or affiliation with a gang
- Requiring payment of protection, insurance, or otherwise intimidating, or threatening any person related to gang activity
- Inciting other students to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity
- Soliciting others for gang membership
- Conspiring to commit any violation of this policy or committing or conspiring to commit any other illegal act or other violations of school policies that relates to gang activity