

South Stanly High School

2022-2023 Student Handbook



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Mission

The mission of South Stanly High School is to become a School of Excellence... Academically, Athletically, Morally, and Socially. Success will be achieved through high academic expectations, character education, student centered learning and enrichment through all disciplines.

Vision

South Stanly High School will produce successful graduates by instilling a strong work ethic, holding high academic expectations and supporting the whole learner.

General Information

Tips for Student Success

- Conduct yourself in a manner that contributes to an orderly atmosphere and ensures the rights of individuals within the school.
- Be considerate of others and respectful to everyone.
- Become involved in school extracurricular activities.
- Give your best effort to academic and extracurricular pursuits.
- Accept responsibility for your actions.
- Contribute to open communication in a positive manner.

Disclaimer

South Stanly High School reserves the right to make necessary changes to this handbook throughout the school year. Any changes made will be preceded by school messenger, school website postings, and/or other forms of notifications

Bell Schedule

SSHS Daily Schedule		SSHS 2-Hour Delay Schedule	
7:30 - 7:50	Breakfast	9:30 - 9:50	Breakfast
7:55 - 9:20	1st Block	9:55 - 10:55	1st Block
9:25 - 10:10	Connections	11:00 - 11:25	Connections
10:15 - 11:40	2nd Block	11:30 - 12:30	2nd Block
11:45 - 1:35	3rd Block	12:35 -2:00	3rd Block
11:50-12:20	1st Lunch	12:40-1:05	1st Lunch
12:30-1:00	2nd Lunch	1:10-1:35	2nd Lunch
1:10-1:40	3rd Lunch	1:40-2:05	3rd Lunch
1:40-3:05	4th Block	2:05 - 3:05	4th Block

Student School Hours: 7:55 AM - 3:05 PM

Faculty and Staff School Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

[2022-2023 School year Calendar](#)

Change of Address/Phone Number

Please provide written notification to the school immediately of any change in address and/or phone number. Any change of address must be accompanied with supporting legal documentation such as lease agreement/utility bill/tax statement, etc.

Campus Visitors

Visitors must **check in and out at the office**. Visitors will register using Lobby Guard. Please bring a valid driver's license. The visitor pass must remain on the visitor at all times. Persons who are not authorized are considered to be loitering and could face a misdemeanor charge for trespassing and a fine. Please remember that teacher conferences should be scheduled in advance.

Car Riders

Morning car riders will enter in front of the school only. The bus lot and areas behind the school are off limits at all times. Do not drive or park on the grass. Afternoon car riders will be waiting on the bus lot side of the building. Staff will be stationed near the student parking lot, front courtyard, corner stop sign and bus lot to guide vehicles picking up car riders. Pull up to the stop sign in front of the school. Staff will direct you when to double the line. Staff will direct intervals of vehicles to move into the bus lot after bus riders have crossed the parking lot, and buses have room to exit the lot.

Bus Transportation

Students who reside in the SSHS attendance area may ride their assigned bus. Contact SSHS bus coordinator, Charlie Sheppard, with questions. Riding the bus is a privilege that may be revoked if bus rules are not followed. Students are expected to follow the SCS Code of Conduct while on the bus and at their bus stop. Any violation of the SCS Code of Conduct while on the bus may be handled in the same manner as if the student were still on campus. **Repeated and/or serious bus infractions may result in permanent loss of riding privileges.**

Driver Education

Driver's Education is organized by <https://www.ncdrivingschool.com/> or 1-800-375-6550 for registration. Upon registering for the driving portion of the driver's education class, a \$65.00 fee is required. *North Carolina legislation requires students to pass 3 out of 4 courses each semester to be eligible to receive a Driving Eligibility Certificate and **keep their driver's license**. Students who do not meet the criteria, drop out of school, or are given long-term suspension will be reported to NCDMV and **will have their permit or license revoked**.*

Lockers

If students wish to utilize a locker, they should request one from their Connections teacher or the assistant principal. Lockers should be kept clean and neat. The locker must be locked when not in use. Students may only use their assigned lockers. Students may not allow others to use their locker and are responsible for the contents of their lockers. Consequences for not following locker policies include loss of privileges, detention, or suspension. Lockers are the property of the school and may be inspected on a daily basis without notice.

Insurance

Students may purchase 24 hour accident and/or dental insurance coverage. Insurance premiums are paid directly to the insurance company by check or money order.

School Property

Textbooks, library books, athletic uniforms, or any other school-provided garment or equipment are provided to students at no charge. Such items are to be returned in good condition and may be checked at any time. Proper care and return of these items is the responsibility of the student. Lost or damaged items will result in fees being assigned to the student account.

Unpaid Fees

If any fees are acquired through damaged, lost, or stolen property (books, locks, calculators, lunch fees, athletic uniforms, etc.), it is mandatory that these are paid. Failure to settle fees may result in the following:

- Loss of parking privileges
- Non-participation in extracurricular activities and clubs
- The withholding of graduation tickets
- Exclusion from the graduation ceremony

School Cash Online

[School Cash Online](#) is an online payment system that allows parents to pay for student fees and school items. School Cash Online is our preferred method of payment.

First Aid – Medical

First Aid supplies are located in the main office. If a student must take medication while at school, a parent must bring the medication to the school along with the [SCS Physician's Authorization Medication Form](#) with specific instructions signed by the prescribing physician. **Students are not permitted to possess any medicine/drugs while at school.**

Sales, Distribution and Displaying of Materials

All items sold at SSHS must have the expressed written permission of the principal. All sales or signs not connected with the school are prohibited except with the principal's written approval. No student is permitted to sell items to staff or students during the instructional day.

No student is permitted to display or distribute materials on campus to adults or students without permission from administration or designee. This includes, but not limited to: flyers, objects, fundraising information, etc.

Drills

Fire and tornado drills, lockdowns, and evacuations will be practiced regularly at the school. Staff will review with students the proper procedures and locations for the drills. Maps and directions are displayed in each classroom. All students will be expected to follow proper procedures at all times.

Counseling Department

Students are encouraged to visit counselors for personal guidance and for information on grades, study help, and testing programs. The counselors are available to discuss any home, school, or social concerns. Everything shared with the counselors is confidential. ***However, the limits to confidentiality are if the student expresses an intent to hurt themselves, someone else, or of being hurt by another.***

Media Center Policy

The media center is to be used for studying, reading, research, and multimedia activities. The center is available for use before, during and after regular school hours. Students must have a pass to enter the media center. All books are checked out for a two-week period and should be returned on or before the due date. Media privileges may be lost due to inappropriate use. No food or drinks will be allowed.

[Chromebooks](#) and [Chromebook Student and Parent Responsibility Form](#)
[SSHS Chromebook Care Video](#)

Cafeteria

The school cafeteria will be open from 7:30 AM until 7:50 AM. The cafeteria will reopen during 3rd Block for lunch. **Students are not allowed to leave school for lunch.** Fast food and other food deliveries by other students, friends, family members, or door dash are not permitted. No food, lunches or deliveries will be accepted and held in the main office.

The waiver for free meals for all students during the pandemic has ended. Students must pay for their breakfast and lunch. Students are not permitted to charge for meals. SCS asks that all students who meet the [qualifying criteria](#) apply online at www.lunchapplication.com or contact your child's school for a paper application. [Money Matters for Child Nutrition](#)

Extras and snacks will be sold and money can be added to a students accounts by check or cash at the school or online at [K12 Payment Center](#).

During cafeteria hours of operation, all food, drinks, and trays must be returned to the cafeteria. Students may eat in the student lounge, however this privilege will be revoked if the cleanliness of the school cannot be maintained.

NO outside food is allowed at any time (No fast food or restaurant food).

Prom Guidelines

The SSHS prom is open to all juniors, seniors and their guests who must be under the age of 21; freshmen are not permitted to attend the Prom. All students and outside guests attending the prom will be subjected to background checks, discipline records and/or administrative referrals. All approvals will be at the discretion of the school administrators. **There will be no refunds once prom tickets are sold.**

Field Trip Guidelines

- All monies received will be non-refundable unless the school cancels the event.
- All fees must be paid before students may attend a field trip.
- Students may not participate in a field trip if it will cause the student to miss a class in which he or she is failing or is in jeopardy of failing during the current semester.
- Students who have six or more absences with a grade under an 80 will require administrative review prior to going off campus for a field trip.
- Students who have two or more suspensions (ISS, OSS or combination) during a nine week grading period may not attend a field trip during the same 9 weeks. This starts over each 9 week grading period.

Clubs and Honor Societies

- Anime Club
- Art
- Awareness Club
- Drama
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- National Technical Honor Society
- Pep/Marching Band
- Skills USA
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Quiz Bowl

National Honor Society (NHS)

The National Honor Society is based on these four pillars: Academics, Leadership, Character, and Service. The academic requirement is a 4.0 (weighted) GPA by the end of the previous semester. Only juniors and seniors who meet this requirement are invited to apply.

National Technical Honor Society

The National Technical Honor Society exists to honor, recognize and empower CTE students, encouraging higher scholastic achievement and cultivating a desire for personal excellence. The academic requirement is 3.25 overall GPA, with a 3.5 GPA in two or more CTE classes. Students must have good behavior and attendance. Only juniors and seniors who meet these requirements are invited to apply.

Stanly County Schools Student/Parent Handbook

[Student/Parent Handbook 22-23](#). This document is available online and will be taught and reviewed during the first ten days of school through the Connections Block.

Academics

10 point Grading Scale

Student Grade Point Averages (GPA) are calculated at the end of each semester in January and June. GPAs are calculated based on the following scale:

<u>A</u> 90 -100 = 4.0	<u>B</u> 80 -89 = 3.0	<u>C</u> 70 -79 = 2.0	<u>D</u> 60-69= 1.0	<u>F</u> < 60 = 0.0
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Honor Roll

Honor roll will be calculated at the end of the nine-week period as follows:
High Honor Roll (90-100 average per course) & Honor Roll (80-100 average per course)

Weighted Courses

Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Career & College (CCP) courses are weighted differently. The purpose of honors and AP courses is to provide the opportunity for advanced work and to promote rigorous academic study. These courses are designed for students who have demonstrated an advanced level of interest, learning, and achievement in a given subject area. Students should understand honors and AP courses are more demanding. They have requirements beyond those of standard courses. Honors, AP, and college transfer CCP classes carry extra weight on a student's GPA.

Honors Courses	0.5 additional quality points	4.5
AP Courses	1.0 additional quality points	5.0
College Transfer CCP Courses	1.0 additional quality points	5.0

Graduation Requirements

The board of education requires a total of **twenty eight (28) school credits** in various subjects for graduation. Course requirements depend on the course of study requirements and the student's pathway. To earn a unit of credit, attendance and academic requirements must be met. See Stanly County Schools' [High School Registration Handbook](#) for course offerings.

Latin Honor Graduates

Students who earn a GPA between 4.0 – 4.24 will receive cum laude (with praise) distinction. Students earning a GPA of 4.25 – 4.39 will receive magna cum laude (with great praise) distinction. Students earning a GPA of 4.4 or greater will receive summa cum laude (with highest praise) distinction.

Junior Marshals

Junior marshals participate in graduation activities. Academically top ranked juniors will be identified at the beginning of the Spring semester after grades are finalized for the Fall semester of the junior year to serve as junior marshals.

Final Exams

All classes will have a final exam which counts 20% of the student's overall grade. **No exams can be exempted.**

Integrity Violations

Cheating, plagiarism, falsification of assignments and signatures, and making false statements are considered integrity violations that result in consequences as outlined in the SCS Student Code of Conduct. Teachers who find a student has cheated will communicate with the student and parent, as well as report the violation to administration. Students may be given a 0 on the assignment without the opportunity to redo. Administration will address individual students should the cheating occur repetitively and/or in other classes.

Parent Communication

In order to maintain constant communication between the school and home, time sensitive messages for parents will often be phoned home using an automated phone system. Such messages include student absences, sport changes, emergency updates, bus changes, and school delays/closing. School Website & marquee will be updated routinely.

PowerSchool - SCS Parent Portal: [PowerSchool Parent Login](#)

Parents can access real-time information including attendance, grades, and detailed assignment descriptions. If you do not have access to your child's PowerSchool portal, confidential access codes can be obtained in person at the school from our school data manager. Parents must provide a photo ID to obtain their Parent Portal access codes.

Grades in PowerSchool will be updated on a weekly basis by the classroom teacher. Teachers will use the following weighted grading categories: Major 50%, Minor 30%, and Daily 20%. When work is not submitted, a 1 is entered in PowerSchool, which signifies that the work can be made-up. A zero entered in PowerSchool and the comment "work was not submitted" means the assignment cannot be made up.

Parents have access to Canvas, our learning management system, [Canvas Parent Login](#). How to create a parent account: [Creating a Canvas Parent Account](#). Both PowerSchool and Canvas have apps for your cell phone.

Progress Reports & Report Cards

Progress Reports will be distributed within the classroom by the teacher of record. Report Cards will be given to students during the Connections Block.

Quarter	Progress Reports Home	Report Cards Home
1	September 27	November 4
2	December 7	January 27
3	February 23	March 31
4	May 8	June 16

Student Expectations

Attendance [SCS 4400 Attendance Policy](#)

Attendance in school and participation in class are integral parts of academic achievement and the teaching-learning process. Through regular attendance, students develop patterns of behavior essential to professional and personal success in life. Regular attendance by every student is mandatory. Student success in school is directly related to attendance.

A student must be present for a minimum of 45 minutes in each class to be in compliance with NC attendance laws. In order to receive graduation credit for any class, a student must attend 82 class sessions per semester, per block. A student who **exceeds ten absences, which includes all absences, excused or unexcused**, in a class may receive an 'FF' mark for their final grade. An 'FF' indicates that the student did not receive credit for the course due to attendance.

Absences

When a student must miss class, he or she will take a written excuse signed by a doctor or parent to the data manager or main office receptionist upon return. This must be done **within 2 school days**. If too many absences accumulate, a note from home will not necessarily excuse the absence, and a doctor's note will begin to be required. [NC General Statute](#) addresses consequences for unexcused absences.

An absence may be excused for any of the following reasons:

- **Illness or Injury:** An absence is excused when the absence results from illness or injury which prevents the child from being physically able to attend school.
- **Quarantine:** An absence is excused when isolation of the child is ordered by the local health officer or by the State Board of Health.
- **Death in the Immediate Family:** An absence is excused when it results from the death of a member of the immediate family of the child. For purposes of this regulation, the immediate family of the child includes, but is not necessarily limited to, grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters.
- **Medical or Dental Appointments:** An absence is excused when it results from a medical or dental appointment of a child and the approval of the appropriate school official is gained prior to the absence, except in the case of an emergency.
- **Court or Administrative Proceedings:** An absence is excused when it results from the attendance of a child at the proceedings of a court or an administrative tribunal if the child is a party to the action or under subpoena as a witness.
- **Religious Observances:** An absence may be excused if the tenets of a religion to which a child or his parents adhere require or suggest the observance of a religious event. The approval of the absence should be granted unless the religious observances, or the cumulative effect of religious observances, is of such duration as to interfere with the education of the child.
- **Educational Opportunity:** An absence may be excused when it is

demonstrated that the purpose of the absence is to take advantage of a valid educational opportunity, such as travel. Approval must be obtained from the principal prior to the absence. Full consideration (without requiring reports/projects) should be given to excusing absences of students of deployed Military Personnel and Emergency Responders while parents are home on leave. [Educational Opportunity Form](#)

- **Absence related to Deployment Activities:** A student whose parent or legal guardian 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 for the purpose of visiting said parent or legal guardian.
- **Temporary or occasional absences** for other reasons in accordance with local school board policies may be excused, provided that the student has been in attendance at least one-half of a school day.

Suspensions are considered excused absences. **However, they will count toward the total of ten absences a student can miss.**

It is the responsibility of the student/parent to obtain pre-approval from the principal for all parent initiated educational field trips a minimum of two weeks in advance. Forms may be obtained from the receptionist.

Tardiness

South Stanly High School places a high priority on school attendance. Studies prove that daily attendance has a direct impact on student achievement. Therefore, we aim to have every student arrive on time and attend a full school day.

Students are tardy to school if they arrive after the start of the school day. If a student is tardy to school, they **MUST** report to the office to obtain an admit slip to class.

Tardies will only be excused for legitimate reasons such as appointments, emergencies, or illness. Excuses, such as sleeping in, missing the bus, or ride not showing up, do **NOT** constitute excused tardies. Students who are late to school should bring a note from their parent or guardian.

Tardy to Class: Students are tardy to class if they are not seated with necessary materials when the bell rings for each block. Tardiness is considered a disruptive behavior resulting in loss of instructional time.

Consequences for Tardiness:

1st Tardy: Verbal Warning

2nd Tardy: Verbal Warning

3rd Tardy: Verbal Warning & Parent contact by teacher

4th Tardy: Parent contact by teacher and office referral. Administration will assign lunch detention.

5th or more tardies: Parent contact by teacher and office referral.

Administration will assign lunch detention, after-school detention, or other consequences as determined by administration.

Student Early Sign-outs

Attendance and instructional time are important to academic success. Students are not permitted to leave class to check out unless they have a note from a parent that has been approved by an administrator / designee. The note must contain a telephone number for contact as well as the following: student's full name, date, reason and time for leaving. Medical office excuses/appointment cards are accepted documentation.

Please bring check-out notes to the office for approval **upon arriving at school**. Parents/guardians may be contacted to obtain permission for a student to leave campus. Hall passes to the office for signing out will be given at this time. In order to reduce disruption to instruction, the office will call students out of class to sign-out in emergency situations only. Any student failing to sign out in the office prior to leaving may receive a discipline referral.

Students without a current SSHS parking permit must be signed out in the office by someone who is on their contact list. No student will be permitted to leave SSHS with someone who is not on the current contact list and/or with parental contact.

Hall Passes

Students will need to have an orange hall pass when coming to the office to use the phone, go to guidance, the nurse, or sign out. Students in the hall should be asked to return to class or office if they do not have an orange pass.

Trespassing (after hours)

No student or group of students will be allowed to enter SSHS campus after the normal school day without written permission from the principal. The only exceptions will be athletic practice/games, clubs/organization meetings, or any other extra-curricular activities. All offenders will be charged by the Stanly County Sheriff's Department.

Student Motor Vehicle Regulations

Student drivers must purchase and display a school-parking permit, which costs \$40.00 for the school year. All students will park in the designated area(s).

- Juniors/Seniors will purchase passes first. Additional passes will be given as available for other student drivers.
- Speeding, reckless operations, or making excessive noises with a motor vehicle may result in a police citation, suspension from driving on campus and/or suspension from school. **The speed limit is 10 mph.**
- **No student may return to their vehicle without an orange note from a main office staff member during the instructional day.**
- Students in the parking lot without written permission will be classified as skipping school/unauthorized areas and will be disciplined as such.
- All vehicles parked on school property are subject to search at any time or when administrators have reasonable suspicion.
- Students must exit their vehicles immediately when arriving on campus and must leave campus upon returning to their vehicles at the end of the instructional day.

- All school rules apply to the parking lot.
- All bus traffic has the right of way on campus.
- Under the “R U Buckled” program, students will be required to wear seatbelts when entering and departing from campus.
- SSHS assumes no liability for any damages done to vehicles while parked on campus.
- If a student graduates early or no longer has a seated class on campus, the parking pass will be returned to the school at the end of the fall semester (Jan).
- Any student who attempts to drive to school during a parking suspension may be written up for insubordination. Parking privileges may be revoked for the remainder of the year.
- No student is permitted to park on campus without completing registration paperwork, making payment and being assigned a parking pass.
- Administrators reserve the right to revoke driving/parking privileges.

Reasons Parking Privileges are suspended or revoked

- Repeated tardiness to school / extreme absenteeism.
- Leaving campus without permission, or taking other students off campus when they did not have permission.
- Reckless driving or unsafe movement.
- Speeding and/or spinning tires: MAXIMUM SPEED ON CAMPUS IS 10 MPH.
- Not following proper traffic patterns or driving through the bus lot.
- Causing an accident while driving on campus (at any time - day or night).
- Passing cars in the parking lot.
- Smoking in your vehicle or allowing others to smoke in your vehicle.
- Repeated violations of the Stanly County Code of Conduct.
- Any offense deemed unsafe by administration and/or their designees.

Dress Code Guidelines

The Stanly County Board of Education believes that the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students. The board requests that parents outfit their children in clothing that is conducive to learning. Generally, dress and grooming standards as determined by the student and his or her parents will be deemed acceptable. However, students must adhere to the appearance and clothing standards established by policy.

The board prohibits any appearance or clothing that does the following: violates a reasonable dress code adopted and publicized by the school; is substantially disruptive (for information on gang-related attire, see policy [4328](#), Gang-Related Activity); is provocative or obscene; or endangers the health or safety of the student or others.

In addition, the board requires that student appearance and clothing comply with the following standards:

1. Undergarments must be covered at all times.
2. Pants must be fitted at the waist, and pant legs must not drag the floor.

3. Belts must be buckled and threaded properly through belt loops.
4. Dresses, skirts, shorts, and similar garments must be long enough to cover the area through the mid-thigh.
5. Hats or other head coverings, such as sunglasses, visors, toboggans, bandanas, or sweatbands, must not be worn inside or outside the school building during the school day. Exceptions will be made for designated occasions with approval of the principal and for medical or religious reasons.
6. Shirts or tops must not expose areas of the chest or torso.
7. Chains or other objects dangling from pants or from other items of clothing are prohibited. Key chains, if worn, must be under the shirt.

Each administrator may add more specific guidelines about dress for his/her school in the school's student handbook and/or parent newsletters.

SSHS will enforce the following specific guidelines:

- No blankets

Consequences (within the same 9 week period):

- 1st Offense: Before receiving disciplinary consequences, a student who is not in compliance with this policy or a school dress code will be given a reasonable period of time to make adjustments so that he or she will be in compliance. Notification to parents/guardians.
- 2nd Offense: Detention as assigned by administration may include silent lunch, ISS, etc. May include up to 3 days of detention.
- 3rd Offense: Detention or suspension as assigned by the administration.

Cell Phone Procedures

Policy Code: [4318 Use of Wireless Communication Devices](#)

Classroom	Hallways, Common Areas, & Cafeteria
As students enter the classroom they MUST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silence their phone • Put the phone in the caddy (numbered) • Remove ear buds and put them away (caddy or bookbag) 	Noise from earbuds must not interfere with the safe operation of school therefore, students are permitted to use only ONE earbud while moving through the halls and in common areas.
Students are NOT permitted to take their phones to the restroom. The phones MUST remain in the classroom during the instructional block.	Students ARE permitted to use their phones during class changes and lunch in accordance with board policy.

Teachers may authorize individual students to use the phones for instructional purposes, provided that they supervise the students during such use.	*The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged electronic devices.
Phones will be returned to students at the end of the block provided students follow the procedures.	

Students are **NOT** allowed to record, photograph, communicate on social media, or share with others events that occur on school grounds (including fights, bullying or harassing behaviors, and/or elicit behaviors). These situations will be handled by Administration per the SCS Student Code of Conduct.

Consequences for Noncompliance of Cell Phone (electronic devices) Procedures:

- 1st offense
 - Cell phone/Electronic Devices taken by teacher and returned to student at the end of the class.
 - The incident will be recorded using Educator's Handbook as a minor.
 - The classroom teacher will make contact with the Parent/Guardian and ensure parents/guardians are aware of the cell phone procedures and policy.
- 2nd offense
 - Cell phone/Electronic Devices taken by teacher, placed in a sealed envelope and given to administration.
 - The classroom teacher will record the incident using Educator's Handbook as a minor.
 - Parent/Administrator conference.
 - The Parent/Guardian must pick up the cell phone/electronic device from the front office.
- 3rd and subsequent offenses
 - Cell phones/Electronic Devices taken by teacher and stored in a signed sealed envelope and given to administration.
 - The classroom teacher will record the incident using Educator's Handbook as an office referral.
 - Administration will assign an in school consequence such as ISS.
 - Possible referral to Problem Solving Team.
 - The Parent/Guardian must pick up the cell phone from the front office.

Additional consequences may be given when other violations of the Code of Conduct are present.

- **Such As:**
 - Insubordination: Refusal to comply with staff directions (giving phone to staff member).
 - *(See Code Of Conduct for additional consequences)*

Discipline and Behavior Philosophy

South Stanly High School is committed to assuring a school climate that is appropriate for learning and ensures safety. Creating and maintaining a positive school and classroom climate contributes to positive student behavior. South's discipline philosophy consists of five essential components:

- high expectations for student behavior
- clear and understandable rules
- fair and equitable enforcement of these rules
- reasonable consequences for infractions of rules &
- consistent acknowledgment of positive behavior, effort, and improvement on the part of our students.

All discipline procedures will adhere to guidelines identified in the [Stanly County Schools Code of Student Conduct 2022-2023](#). This document is available online and will be taught and reviewed during the first ten days of school through the Connections Block and will be retaught throughout the year.

Suspensions

The principal or designee has the authority to suspend a student who disregards school rules and violates the code of conduct. Parent conferences may be required upon return to school. During the out of school suspension period, the student is banned from attending/participating in any school event/activity that takes place on a NC public school site. Students have the right to make up missed coursework and assessments within three (3) school days of returning from suspension.