

September 16, 2011

Parents or guardians,

I am writing in regard to a change in White County High School's policy dealing with students fighting. The current policy states:

“White County High School has the following policy regarding fighting or assaulting another student:

First offense – 5 days suspension

Second offense – 20 days alternative school

Third offense – Recommended expulsion”

After dealing with several fights at the beginning of this school year, we have asked for and received approval from the White County Board of Education to amend the policy. Effective Monday, September 19, 2011, the fighting policy will be as follows:

“White County High School believes that violence on school grounds is a threat to the safety of students, faculty and staff. Therefore, students that engage in a fight or assault another student shall be punished as follows:

First offense – 20 days alternative school

Second offense – 30 days alternative school

Third offense – Recommended expulsion”

Our students need to know that we take this very seriously and will not tolerate fighting in our school. As a parent or guardian there are a couple of things that you need to be aware of if a student is sent to the alternative school. First of all, the student is not allowed on school grounds during this time and is NOT allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activities at WCHS. Secondly, you are responsible for transportation to the alternative school for your student. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter and I sincerely hope that this will serve as a strong deterrent to violence in our school.

Sincerely,

Grant Swallows
Principal
White County High School