

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy Mandatory Reporting of Student Crimes Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Pataula Charter Academy (PCA) and Spring Creek Charter Academy (SCCA) enforce the provisions of state law as related to the mandatory reporting of student crimes on the school's main campus as well as any other property that counts as an extension of the campus such as bus stops and other places where school sponsored events are being hosted.

Definitions:

The School – For the purposes of this policy “The School” shall include the main campus or any property that is considered an extension of the grounds of the school including bus stops and other places where school sponsored or school related activities or events are being hosted.

Weapon - As defined by the law, and for the purpose of this policy, is a broad term that includes many instruments, including but not limited to: firearms, knives, bludgeoning and flailing equipment, projectiles, and stun guns. Weapons under the law do not include baseball bats or other sports equipment for legitimate athletic purposes or firearms when used for organized sport or training.

Narcotics and Stimulants – For the purposes if this policy shall be defined as any narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs amphetamines, barbiturates, cocaine, marijuana, controlled substances, anabolic steroids, look-alike drugs, or intoxicants of any kind. (Use of a drug authorized by a medical prescription from a registered physician, and handled in accordance with the proper administrative procedures should not be considered a violation of this policy.)

Policy Statement:

PCA/SCCA will take every step appropriate to ensure the safety of its students, teachers, staff, and school administration. As such, PCA/SCCA shall enforce the following regarding the reporting of student crimes:

In accordance with state law O.C.G.A. 20-2-1184 any PCA/SCCA employee who has reasonable cause to suspect that a student at the school committed any of the following acts at the school or at a school function must immediately report the act and name of the student to the school's principal or other administrator:

- Aggravated assault;
- Aggravated battery;
- Carrying any unauthorized weapon on school property, at a school function, or within a school safety zone; and
- Possession and other activities regarding Narcotics and Stimulants.

The principal or other administrator receiving this report who has reasonable cause to believe the report is valid must immediately address the situation as defined in administrative procedures as well as make an oral report to the appropriate police authority and district attorney.

Any person required to make a report under this law that knowing and willingly fails to do so is guilty of breaking the law and may be prosecuted.

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