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Wake County Starts New School Policy

The Wake County School Board has enacted a new school policy concerning actions for which students may be expelled or suspended. This hardline, set penalty code preplaces principal discretion for every individual case.

Under the new system, students may be expelled for the remainder of the year for any one of seven different offenses: 1. an assault on a school employee, 2. an assault on a student with a weapon, 3. the possession of a firearm, 4. the possession of drugs or alcohol, 5. an attack by two or more students on another student, 6. the extortion or intimidation of a student or a school employee, and 7. the disruption of school by use of force or violence.

In addition, a student can be suspended for up to 10 days for

theft or destruction of school property. Any second offense would lead to expulsion for the remainder of the year. Students expelled or suspended may have a hearing through a grievance procedure.

The board also approved a coalition between school officials and the police department. Principals must now inform the police when a student breaks the law at school, and police will be obligated to inform the principal when a student commits a criminal act at an after school event, such as a football game.

Present Rocky Mount Rules

Principal Elton Newbern said, "Wake County is about six or seven years behind us." The Rocky Mount School Board enacted a similar policy in

March of 1971.

Under present policy a student may be suspended for up to 10 days or expelled for the remainder of the year according to the severity of the offense for any of the offenses cited above, for failure to give proper identification to a school employee, for failure to attend class, for repeated failure to obey a school official, or for blocking any pedestrian or vehicular pathway.

Any suspended or expelled student may appeal his case through a grievance process, and any students expelled during the first semester automatically has his case reviewed before the second semester, so the principal and superintendent can determine if he deserves reinstating for the second semester.



BATTS AND BRANTLEY: Kaye Batts and Candace Brantley will attend a leadership conference in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Barbara Taylor, who taught the two last year, poses proudly with them.

Photo by Hutchisson

Batts, Brantley To Attend Conferences

Kaye Batts and Candace Brantley will participate in the 1978 Presidential Classroom, a study program in Washington, D. C.

Kaye will attend the conference during the week of Feb. 11-18. Candace will go in June, she does not know the specific time yet.

The one week program will consist of students from across the nation and overseas.

Students will attend seminars that will be taught by government officials. Tours and discussions will focus on the many operations and responsibilities of our federal government.

The main objective of the program is to foster leadership potential and the mature decision-making process.

The cost of the trip is \$275. Kaye raised the money through donations from local clubs and people.

"I am very excited, I have never flown on an airplane before," said Kaye about her feelings on going to Washington.

Candace Brantley said that she volunteered for the trip because she is interested in

government. She also said that the program might help her decide if she wanted to go into politics as a profession.

Kaye learned about the trip through Mrs. Taylor. She told Candace about the trip because she knew she was interested in government.

Candace received help to pay for her trip through the Lions' Club and Kiwanis.

When Candace was asked about her feelings on going to Washington in June, she said, "I am looking forward to going but I am scared about going to Washington by myself."

Coming Up

Wesleyan Performance Dates
Night Must Fall
January 24-28, 30-31

Fiddler On the Roof
April 18-22, 26-28

Scholastic Aptitude Test Dates
January 28
March 11
June 3

Student Holidays
January 26-27
March 27-31
April 10
June 9



SECOND SEMESTER OFFICERS: The new class officers are [kneeling] Connie Hinnant and Valerie Lewis. Standing are Mary Ward Robbins, Celia Horne, Chris Valentine, Emerson Harrison, Erica Byrd, Charles Chung, Gail Moore, and Keitha Lawrence. Absent from the picture are Natalie Barnes and Johnathan Davis.

Second Semester Officers Elected

The school elections on Jan. 10 and the run-off elections on Jan. 12 decided who the class officers for the second semester would be.

The sophomore winners and the offices they won are: Valerie Lewis, Treasurer, Natalie Barnes, secretary; Connie Hinnant, vice-president; and Johnathan Davis, president.

The junior victors and their respective offices are: Keitha Lawrence, treasurer; Gail Moore, secretary; Charles Chung, vice-president; and Eri-

ca Byrd, president.

Those in the senior class who assume are: Mary Ward Robbins, treasurer; Celia Horne, secretary; Chris Valentine, vice-president and Emerson Harrison, president.

Emerson Harrison said about his being elected that it was a real honor, he was "very surprised" and that he wanted to thank all the people who supported him.

Erica Byrd said that she was really excited. She says she will enjoy working in this position and that she was really honored.

Mary Ward Robbins said also that she was really excited, and that it was a close race. "I am looking forward to serving," she stated.

Connie Hinnant said she was surprised and honored. "I am looking forward to this," she said.