



# Barton Chapel Elementary School

*"Where ALL Means ALL"*



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## **Complaint Procedures Prohibiting Fraud, Waste, Mismanagement, Corruption or Misuse of Funds**

### **Purpose**

In compliance with White House Executive Order 12731, the Richmond County School System provides all employees, clients, vendors, and individuals with confidential channels to report suspicious activities. The Richmond County School System shall not tolerate fraud, waste, abuse or corruption of any kind and has an established system for the reporting and investigating of suspicious activities.

### **A. Grounds for a Complaint**

Richmond County Board of Education if that individual, organization or agency believes and alleges that a violation of a Federal or State statute or regulation has occurred that applies to a program operated by the School System and supported by Federal or State funds including: **Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title I, Part, D; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title VI, Part B; the McKinney-Vento Act; School Improvement 1003(a) and 1003(g) (SIG); and IDEA.** The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one (1) year prior to the date that the complaint is received, unless a longer period is reasonable because the violation is considered to be systemic or ongoing.

### **Definitions**

means the intentional deception perpetrated by an individual or individuals, or an organization or organizations, either internal or external to Richmond County Schools that could result in a tangible or intangible benefit to themselves, others, or the locality or could cause detriment to others or the locality. Fraud includes a false representation of a matter of fact, whether by words or by conduct, by false or misleading statements, or by concealment of that which should have been disclosed, which deceives and is intended to deceive.

means the intentional or unintentional, thoughtless or careless expenditure, consumption, mismanagement, use or squandering of resources owned or operated by the locality to the detriment

or potential detriment of the locality. Waste also includes incurring unnecessary costs because of inefficient or ineffective practices, systems, or controls.

means the excessive or improper use of something, or the employment of something in a manner contrary to the natural or legal rules for its use; the intentional destruction, diversion, manipulation, misapplication, maltreatment, or misuse of resources owned or operated by the

includes dishonest proceedings, bribery, debasement, alteration, or perversion of integrity. Corruption threatens equal access, quantity and quality of education.

**Examples of Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Corruption (Not all-inclusive)**

- Personal use of district-owned vehicles
- Long distance personal phone calls
- Personal use of district owned supplies or equipment
- Violations of system and/or state procurement policy
- Excessive or unnecessary purchases
- Falsification of official documents (timesheets, leave reports, travel vouchers, etc.)
- Contract fraud
- Serious abuse of time
- Inappropriate expenditures
- Embezzlement
- Theft or misuse of school funds or property
- Neglect of duty
- Bribery

**Statement of Administrative Regulations:**

Any and all reports of suspicious activity and/or suspected fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption, shall be investigated. The Richmond County School System shall not tolerate fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption of any kind, and any reported cases of suspected fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption will be thoroughly investigated to determine if disciplinary, financial recovery, and or criminal action should be taken.

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**COMPLAINT FORM**

**To Report Fraud, Waste, Mismanagement, Corruption or Misuse of State or Federal Funds for Programs Operated by the School System**

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**ALLEGATION**

Please provide as much information as possible. Detailed, complete and accurate information will improve the Superintendent's ability to respond to your allegation. If you do not know the answer to a question, you can leave the space blank.

**STATEMENT REGARDING ALLEGED VIOLATION**

Please provide a statement regarding the alleged violation of a requirement of a federal or state statute or regulation that applies to an applicable program. Please provide details of the alleged fraud, waste, mismanagement, corruption or misuse. Examples of facts and circumstances may include items such as: (1) a description of the misconduct; (2) how you know about the allegation; (3) how and when the misconduct was discovered; (4) where the misconduct occurred; (5) the amount of money involved; (6) how long the alleged misconduct occurred; (8) attempts by the alleged violator(s) to hide the misconduct; and (9) any other information you believe may be relevant.

**DATE ON WHICH VIOLATION OCCURRED**

When did the misconduct occur? If the misconduct occurred over time or is currently ongoing, enter the actual or approximate start date.

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Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Corruption Procedure



**CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE COMPLAINANT**

Please provide your contact information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

**If employed by the Richmond County Board of Education, please provide Department/School, supervisor and job site location:**

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**PLEASE SUBMIT FORM TO:**  
**Richmond County School System**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
**864 Broad Street**  
**Augusta, GA 30901-1215**