



# TRI-CITIES HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and School Community,

In the spirit of Bulldog pride, I am committed to keeping you informed about the things we are doing here at Tri-Cities to maintain the safety and security of all staff and students. At Tri-Cities, it is always Students First, Safety First, and so I would like to address some of the concerning behaviors we have experienced over the last few weeks.

Bringing a gun or weapon onto a school campus, affiliating or participating in any gang related behavior and/or starting or participating in a group fight are all very serious offenses and compromise the health and safety of our students and the Bulldog PRIDE we maintain as our core value system here at Tri-Cities. These behaviors are often criminal offenses and are in clear violation of our Fulton County Schools' Student Code of Conduct. As such, I wanted to share our response to these behaviors.

Any student who is found to have a loaded weapon, other serious weapon on campus, exhibits gang affiliation or gang related actions and/or participates in a group fight on our campus will receive some or all the following consequences in accordance with local and State law and our Student Code of Conduct:

1. Charges files with School System Police or City/County Police
2. Immediate 10 day out of school suspension
3. Referral to a Student Tribunal hearing with a recommendation of **permanent expulsion from the Fulton County School System** – student will not be allowed to attend any Fulton County School permanently.
4. Permanent ban from any Fulton County School campus for any event including, but not limited to, graduation ceremonies, dances, athletic games and events, or any other school-based event.

To help ensure the safety of all our students and staff, we are also actively exploring the following action steps:

1. Unannounced K-9 dog sweeps that are specially trained to detect weapons
2. Random weapons checks school-wide and individual weapons check for any student suspected of having a weapon on campus
3. Per recent Department of Justice Department guidance, making reports to local police and/or the FBI for any student who makes a threat of violence against a staff member or school official

Please know that we stand by ready to support any student who may be struggling with any of the aforementioned behaviors and will strive to connect any student or family in need of resources to get the help they may need. Please feel free to contact any member of the Tri-Cities administration or your student's school counselors with any need for help related to the above that you may be experiencing. We also have an anonymous tip line to make report of suspected weapons, gang activity or potential group fights. The FCS tip line is available to all students using the Classlink icon on their device and parents/community members can make a report by downloading the Fulton County Schools app and clicking 'FCS Tip Line'.

Tri-Cities High School remains committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all of our students and staff and so I ask that you have a conversation with your student(s) about the seriousness of these behaviors. I also sincerely ask for your help in ensuring our students understand the gravity of what is at stake. Nelson Mandela said, *Education IS the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*

We very much value your partnership and input as we continue to strengthen the Bulldog PRIDE that we all value and expect from all our students. Thank you for your shared commitment to our ongoing tradition of strong community partnership, learning excellence, and Students First, Safety First!

In Bulldog Love,  
Dr. Ethel Lett, Principal