

FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE, AND CORRUPTION 2026-2027



Discovery Regional High School

Each employee at Discovery Regional High School receives a copy of this policy annually and must sign to confirm receipt and understanding.

Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption Procedures

PURPOSE: In line with White House Executive Order 12731, Discovery Regional High School offers confidential channels for employees, clients, vendors, and individuals to report suspicious activities.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Fraud:** A false representation of fact, by words, conduct, or concealment, used to misappropriate property or funds from local, state, or federal sources.
- **Waste:** The careless or thoughtless expenditure or mismanagement of resources, leading to unnecessary costs or detriment to the district.
- **Abuse:** Excessive or improper use of a policy or resource, or misuse of authority, which can occur in financial or non-financial contexts.
- **Corruption:** Dishonest actions, including bribery or alteration, threatening the integrity of educational access and quality.

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: All reports of suspicious activity or suspected fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption will be thoroughly and promptly investigated. Discovery Regional High School has zero tolerance for such acts and will determine appropriate actions, including disciplinary measures, financial recovery, or criminal proceedings, as necessary.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Reports must be handled with strict confidentiality. Only those involved in the investigation will have access to information. Informants may remain anonymous but are encouraged to cooperate fully and provide detailed evidence of fraudulent acts.

PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Suspected fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption related to any programs must be reported to the Superintendent or their designee at the Central Office, 221 N. Robinson Street, Lenox, GA 31637.
2. Employees, including temporary staff and contractors, must report any suspected activities to the Superintendent or designee at the same address within the next business day. Reports can be made confidentially.

3. The Governance Board or its designees will conduct thorough and prompt investigations of any reported suspicious activities involving employees, providers, contractors, or vendors.
4. Additional information may be requested from the person reporting the activity.
5. Regular meetings should emphasize reporting responsibilities and channels.
6. This policy must be visibly posted at all schools and facilities and on the Discovery Regional High School website (www.discoveryregional.org).

Employee's Printed Name

Employee Signature

Date

Employee Certificate Number

Discovery Site Location
