

Middle School Discipline Policy

Hebrews 12:5-11 tells us that the Lord disciplines His children out of love; as a father should discipline his son. Care must be taken in our human relationships that love is the motive for discipline.

Discipline and punishment is not necessarily the same thing. Discipline is the teaching of responsible behavior. Punishment is action toward a child to discourage improper behavior. Our discipline is based in love and is intended to help students develop self-discipline.

Attention

An “Attention” is a rewards system for students who follow the rules and do what they should. They will be recognized by having their names listed in the Messenger as students who have had no offenses per quarter. They will also participate in the honors/homework hero coupon.

White Slips

We use a system of White Slips in order to clearly communicate with students and parents when a student makes a poor behavioral decision. Our system follows these simple rules:

- For each poor behavioral decision, a white slip will be sent home to be signed by parents and returned the next day.
- After the 3rd and 6th white slip, we will call home to discuss the slips and a detention will be served.
- After the 9th white slip an in-school suspension will be served
- If a student reaches this level the parents, staff, and administration will need to meet to discuss positive changes that can be made to help the student make more consistent, better decisions.
- The infraction count is cleared and the student will start with a clean record at this point.

Examples of poor behavioral decisions

Speech - Excessive talking, talking out of turn, unkind speech towards classmates, disrespect

Purity - See dress code (No flip-flops. Chapel dress: no denim, no tee shirts, Boys – collared shirts, no sweat shirts, Girls – dress pants, skirts, or dresses)

Reckless Behavior - Pushing, shoving, racing, tripping, late to class

Electronics - Cannot be on and/or seen between 8:30 and 3:00. If you are caught with cell phones, ipods, mp3, cameras or any video game out during this time, it will be confiscated. Your parent must contact the office before it will be returned.

Property - Desks, lockers, work areas kept neat and clean, books covered, no gum chewing

Serious Behavioral Issues

Behavior that has escalated beyond simple poor judgment will be directed to the administration to determine appropriate consequences. Consequences will vary based on the level of severity, past behavior, and parental input.

Examples of serious behavioral issues

Violence - Physical contact with intent to cause harm

Speech - Verbal abuse, profanity, sexual harassment, belligerence toward authority, lying, threats (bomb, towards others)

Property - Vandalism, theft, destruction of property (school or others personal property), forgery, plagiarism

Contraband - No weapons, no drugs, no smoking

*Detentions will be served the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise indicated. Detention will be from 3:30-4:30.