

# Walnut High School - Demerit Program

Character, citizenship and integrity are integral parts of life at Walnut High School. Students are expected to be responsible citizens who exhibit these qualities and respect the rules that govern our community. When students fail to make appropriate choices, then, they are held accountable for their actions. Students who violate school rules are subject to the consequences outlined in the Walnut High School Student Handbook as well as this Demerit system.

The Demerit system is an objective method of monitoring the behavior and citizenship of students while providing valuable lessons in responsibility, accountability and social development. Demerits are assessed for violations of the Walnut High School Student Handbook. The accrual of an excessive number of demerits will result in student exclusion or disqualification from identified activities.

Demerits are recorded on the student's disciplinary record but do not become a part of the students' permanent record or transcript. Offenses that result in suspension will automatically disqualify a student from all extracurricular activities for the duration of the suspension and will become a part of the permanent record.

Any student guilty of cheating, violating testing conditions or academic dishonesty as outlined in the Walnut High School Student Handbook may be disqualified from any academic awards, graduation awards and/or honor societies. Letters of recommendation from the school may be withdrawn based on these violations.

Walnut High School uses progressive discipline to encourage appropriate student behavior. Students are counseled, given warnings, detentions, on campus suspensions and formal suspensions in an effort to change behavior. Each consequence is given a demerit value that eventually will result in a student losing various privileges. Demerits are cumulative and remain a part of the student's active disciplinary record for one academic year. There will be a probation period at the beginning of the next school year. More information about this is on the next page.

## **Below is a list of consequences and their demerit value:**

Detention	= .5 Demerits/day of detention Saturday Work Adjustment
Program	= 1 Demerits
Isolated Classroom Experience (ICE)	= 2 Demerits
Formal Suspension	= 3 Demerits/day of suspension

*Any single disqualifying offense may exclude a student from any of these activities:*

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>MAX # OF DEMERITS ALLOWED</b>
Homecoming Dance	4
Winter Formal	10
Sadie Hawkins	12
Jr./Sr. Prom	18

Freshman, sophomores, and juniors who accumulate 10 points at the end of the year will begin their next year on probation for 6 weeks. During this time they will not be permitted to participate in any of the above activities. If at the end of 6 weeks they have earned less than 4 demerits, they will be off of probation.