

Explanation of Strike System at CMS

Dear Parents,

In order to be consistent across all grade levels at Cherokee Middle School, we wanted to make you aware of our Discipline Plan. All grade levels will be following this procedure. The system is based on “3 Strikes” or warnings for minor negative behaviors. Our goal is to work with your child to change negative behaviors in hopes they are more responsible, respectful, and safe while at school and in life. We also want your child to come to school each day “Ready to Learn.” The **3 Strikes** are our attempt to change negative behaviors before an office referral is warranted. Strikes are only given for minor misbehaviors; major misbehaviors receive referrals. Strikes reset every 9 week grading period, referrals do not reset.

Students may receive strikes for the following:

1. Inappropriate Conduct – Being disrespectful, irresponsible, or unsafe.
2. Not having assigned work or homework completed.
3. Not having appropriate materials for class.

Receiving a Strike is not limited to just the classroom. Students are expected to be responsible, respectful and safe in all parts of the building and at all times while at Cherokee Middle School. This includes hallways, cafeteria, morning and afternoon bus duty, on the bus, bathrooms, outside play areas and all related arts classes. If inappropriate behavior is being displayed, a student may receive a Strike from any Faculty or Staff member at CMS.

When a student receives a “strike”, it is documented in the student’s agenda on the day the student is issued the strike. Parents are to check and sign the agenda daily, thus receiving communication as to when students receive strikes. A conversation takes place between student and teacher when strikes are given, therefore the student is aware and knows when they receive a strike.

When a student receives three (3) Strikes, the student is scheduled to attend **1 hour of after school detention**. Detention will be held from 3:30 – 4:30, Monday – Thursday in a classroom.

Parents will be notified of the “3 Strikes” detention by a **Detention Slip that will be stapled in your child’s agenda on the current calendar week page.** The Detention Slip will need to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the homeroom teacher. If the homeroom teacher does not receive the Detention Slip prior to the assigned detention, a phone call will be placed to the parent and an additional day of detention will be assigned for being irresponsible. If a student misses their assigned detention, they will be required to make up that day plus an additional day. If they miss one of those days, it will result in an office referral.

After serving 2 detention hours, which is an accumulation of 6 strikes, an office referral will be issued for every 3 strikes earned thereafter within that 9 week period. Your child will then follow Office Referral Consequences which are found on the back of this sheet. The **Strikes WILL** reset at the end of the 9 weeks, but the **Office Referrals WILL NOT** reset at the end of the 9 weeks grading period.

It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure your child is picked up promptly at 4:30 on assigned Detention days. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to insure that our students at CMS are responsible, respectful and safe.

Please sign that you have read this Discipline Plan and that you are aware of the Referral Consequences on the back of this page and return this signed paper back to your child’s homeroom teacher. This document and the consequences can be found on the cms.roaneschools.com website for your review at a later date or when needed. Thank you for your participation in helping teach our students to be responsible, respectful and safe.

I, _____, parent of student _____ have read and have been made aware of the “3 Strike” behavior plan and understand the process and consequences for “3 Strikes” and for Office Referrals.

Please return this signed document to school with your child. Signed document is to be turned in your child’s homeroom teacher.