

DISCIPLINE

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Without rules and regulations to guide behavior, we would not be able to provide you with a safe environment, a sense of order, or the right you have to a quality education. The rules we establish are rooted in our core values of respect, honor, and potential. We believe very deeply in tolerance, inclusion, and the right of every student to prosper in an environment suitable for personal growth and sound moral development. As educators, we are obligated to intervene when we feel that student behavior contradicts or threatens the spirit or meaning of our core values. We ask that you embrace our school culture and use your talents and abilities to strengthen it for the betterment of all of us.

GENERAL GUIDELINES REGARDING SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY – to educate yourself as to the established norms of our school. Again they all stem from our belief in respect, honor, and potential. Treat others as you would want to be treated...do the right thing...be the best version of yourself.

CLASSROOM RULES: Teachers have the autonomy to establish their own standards for acceptable behavior within their classrooms. It is important for you to know and understand what is acceptable and unacceptable from each of your teachers.

CONSEQUENCES: The goal of any consequences imposed for inappropriate school behavior is to change behavior and promote positive future behavior. Consequences may include punitive actions, legal charges, counseling or mental health services, parent meetings, restitution, and other actions deemed necessary to stop the behavior. Consequences are cumulative...meaning that consequences will become progressively more severe with repeated offenses or occurrences.

MOST SERIOUS OFFENSES

- **DRUG & ALCOHOL** – It is our view that the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol destroys lives and is an immediate threat to the health and safety of our entire school community. We will utilize all available resources to establish and maintain a drug and alcohol free environment. Severe disciplinary consequences will result for anyone using, possessing, manufacturing, or transporting illegal drugs.
- **THREATS or ACTS of VIOLENCE** – Physical, emotional, or sexual acts or threats of violence. This would include repeated and purposeful attempts to demean, harass, isolate, or make others feel inferior, including any actions that occur online.
- **LACK of a CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT** – We feel, as an enrolled student, you are obligated to give a conscientious effort in the classroom and to respect our educational mission.

SUMMARY: As a school we feel our rules are not overly oppressive and they do not infringe upon your student rights. We also understand that you are teenagers and you will make mistakes. In those times, we ask that you are honest and accept responsibility for your actions, that you attempt to resolve conflict with others in a civil manner, and that you learn from the mistakes you have made.