FAQ

*Frequently Asked Questions about the Parent / Student Handbook*

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| Can my child carry his backpack from class to class?   * *While students are encouraged to carry a backpack to and from school, they* ***ARE NOT*** *permitted to carry during the school day.* * *Pg. 33* | May I bring my bottle of water from the food court as long as I have the lid on it?   * *Students may not carry food or drinks from the food court* * *Pg. 41* |
| What are the rules about what clothes we can wear in the middle school?   * *Examples – clothes that are* ***not*** *permitted* * *Tops expose midriff (stomach area)* * *Spaghetti straps/halter tops* * *Hats or bandannas* * *Excessively long pants/short shorts* * *Clothing that shows drugs/alcohol/profanity* * *Parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing* * *Pg. 39* | My parents want me to carry a cell phone for after school activities. Am I allowed to have a phone at school?   * *Students may NOT carry a cell phone during school hours.* * *If a student has a cell phone for after school, it must be kept OFF, in his/her packpack, in the locker.* * *Pg. 39* |
| Can I listen to my iPod during school hours?   * *Electronic devices are NOT permitted to be used during school hours.* * *Some examples of prohibited electronic devices are… handheld games such as DS or PSP; iPod, radio, cell phone, CD player* * *Pg. 39* | When I have a headache, my mom usually gives me a Tylenol. If I have a headache at school, can the nurse provide Tylenol for me.   * *Over the counter medicines like Tylenol still require written permission from the parent/guardian along with a doctor’s signature.* * *You’ll take that written permission to the nurse.* * *You must bring it in – in the original bottle – and take it along with the written permission to the nurse.* * *Pg. 51* |
| What can I use to put up pictures in my locker?   * *Students may use magnets but may NOT use tape or stickers.* * Students may NEVER open the locker of another student without their permission * *Pg. 50* | Is each student assigned his/her own textbook?   * *Students will be assigned a textbook and the number in that book will be recorded in a log.* * *Students sign for that book and are responsible to keep it in good condition and return that same boo at the end of the year.* * *Students who do not return a textbook are responsible for the cost of replacing the book.* * *“School Issued Materials” Pg. 57* |
| How much homework should I expect to have?   * *Homework REINFORCES what is learned in the classroom.* * *Students can anticipate 60-120 minutes of homework each day* * *Pg. 48* | May I bring invitations to school to pass out for a party?   * *Students are NOT permitted to bring invitations to personal events to school for distribution.* * *Pg. 50* |

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| What is considered an “excused” absence?   * *Common “excused absences” are…* * *Illness, death in the immediate family,* * *Religious holidays, family educational trips* * *Pg. 20* | What is considered an “Unexcused” absence?   * *Common “Unexcused” absences are…* * *Missing the bus, oversleeping, shopping, automobile failure* * *Pg. 22* |
| How many days do I have to turn in a note for my “excused” absence?   * *3 days*   Where do I take my note?   * *Student Center Pg. 20* | What happens if I don’t turn in a note in three days?   * *If you don’t turn in a note, your “excused” absence becomes an “unexcused” absence. Students will receive a 50% for any work completed during an unexcused absence.* * *Pg. 21* |
| Whose responsibility is it to figure out what work I missed when I’m absent?   * *It is the student’s responsibility to speak to his/her teachers to get the work that was missed due to an absence. This includes an absence from class because of band lessons, field trips and early dismissals. Pg. 19* | How many days do I have to complete the make-up work?   * *A student has make-up days equal to the number of days he/she was absent. If she is absent for 3 days, she has 3 school days from the day she returns to school, to complete the make-up work.* * *Pg. 81* |
| CODE OF CONDUCT --- LEVELS OF DISCIPLINE | |
| Level 1 Offenses   * This level of discipline involves the most minor offenses and typically are handled by the individual staff member (often the classroom teacher.) Possible consequences are found on page 91 * *Examples of Level 1 offenses include but are not limited to… disruptive behavior, dress code violation, eating food outside of the cafeteria, and cheating.* * *Cheating requires that a student receive a “0” grade, parent notification and written notification to the principal.*   *My son gave another student his homework. Why did my son get a “0” for cheating?*   * *Cheating is defined as obtaining answers or knowingly providing answers.* | Level 2 (II) Offenses   * *This level of discipline involves the behavior that tends to disrupt the learning climate of the school and are handled by the administrator. Possible consequences are found on page 92.* * *Examples of Level 2 (II) behaviors include but are not limited to… Continuing level 1 behaviors after being corrected, verbal fighting, use of electronic devices, lying to teachers or administrators, inappropriate language not directed at a person.* |
| Level 3 (III) Offenses   * *Offenses at this level are generally more serious in nature. Possible consequences are found on pg. 94* * *Examples of Level 3 (III) Behaviors …include but are not limited to…physical fighting, use of inappropriate language directed at a person, defiance of a staff member, theft, threats, defiance of a staff member* | Level 4 (IV) Offenses   * *Offenses at this level involved acts of violence directed toward persons or property. Possible consequences are found on page 95.* * *Examples of Level 4 (IV) behaviors include physical assault on a staff member, causing false alarms, threats to staff members, physical attack on staff members, violation of the weapons policy* * *Is it true that a pretend gun or a shocker violates the weapons policy?*   ***Yes****. Look-alike weapons are listed in the weapons policy along with shockers, knives, pellet guns* |