



The Board of Education adopts this Student Discipline/Code of Conduct to establish standards, policies, and procedures for positive student development and student behavioral expectations on school grounds and, as appropriate, for conduct away from school grounds. Every student enrolled in this district shall observe promulgated rules and regulations and the discipline imposed for infraction of those rules.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOLS CHART OF DISCIPLINE

Minor Violations to Student Code of Conduct

Infraction	1st Occurance	2nd Occurrence	3rd Occurance
Using an electronic device in an inappropriate manner	2 Administrative detentions	Device confiscated and 3 Administrative detentions	Device confiscated 1 day suspension
Improper school attire (does not meet safety standards and/or is disruptive to school environment)	Parent/Guardian notification and student must change clothing	1 Administrative detention (parent/guardian notification)	2 Administrative detentions (parent/guardian notification)
Ignoring teacher directive	1 Administrative detention	2 Administrative detentions	Parent Conference
Horseplay in or outside of school grounds	1 Administrative detention	2 Administrative detentions	3 Administrative detentions and parent conference
Inappropriate language	1 Administrative detention	2 Administrative detentions and parent conference	TBD

Inappropriate language/sexual comment/innuendo (If severe enough, will be considered harassment)	2 Administrative detentions and parent conference	1 Day Suspension with parent conference upon return	TBD
Parking in a restricted area	Student must move car and receive a warning	Student must move car and 1 Administrative Detention	Loss of driving privileges for 1 week
Unsafe driving on school grounds	1 week loss of driving privileges - Parent notified	4 weeks loss of driving privileges - Parent notified	Loss of driving privileges for the year
Failure to wear Student ID	Warning	1 Administrative detention	1 Administrative detention

Lateness to school does not define the qualities of a student at the Middlesex County Magnet Schools. While lateness may be out of a student's control, excessive lateness can develop into poor educational habits. The following are consequences in place to curb excessive lateness to school.

5 Cumulative Lates	10 Cumulative Lates	15 Cumulative Lates	20 Cumulative Lates	25 Cumulative Lates
1 Administrative detention	4 Administrative detentions Parent conference	1 day suspension Parent Conference 1 Administrative detention for each late thereafter	2 day suspension Parent Conference 1 Administrative detention for each late thereafter	3 day suspension Parent Conference 1 Administrative detention for each late thereafter

Major Violations to Student Code of Conduct

Infraction	1st Occurance	2nd Occurance	3rd Occurance
Cutting class	1 day suspension	2 day suspension parent conference upon return	3 day suspension parent conference upon return
Truancy	1 day suspension Parent Conference	TBD Parent Conference	TBD Parent Conference
Plagiarism/Cheating/ Honor Code Violation	Zero grade for the assignment Parent notification	TBD	TBD
Fighting	2 day suspension	4 day suspension	10 day suspension Administrative hearing
Theft	2 day suspension	4 day suspension	10 day suspension Administrative hearing
Leaving School Grounds	1 day suspension	2 day suspension parent conference upon return	3 day suspension parent conference upon return
Inappropriate use of technology/ chromebook (See acceptable use policy)	2 Administrative detentions and suspension of privileges	1 day suspension and suspension of privileges - Parent conference upon return	2 day suspension possible removal of career program and parent conference
Posting inappropriate info on internet (social media sites included)	4 Administrative detentions - Possible HIB referral	2 day suspension parent conference upon return - Possible HIB referral	TBD - Possible HIB referral and possible removal of career program
Threatening another student	1 day suspension and parent conference	2 day suspension and parent conference	4 day suspension and parent conference
Insubordination	1 day suspension and parent conference	2 day suspension and parent conference	4 day suspension and parent conference
Poor behavior on School Bus	2 Administrative Detentions	4 Administrative detentions Parent Conference	TBD Possible removal from bus

Use of profanity towards staff	3 day suspension	4 day suspension	10 day suspension Administrative hearing
Threatening Staff	Up to 10 day suspension Administrative hearing		
Harassment, intimidation or bullying	3 day suspension parent conference upon return	5 day suspension parent conference upon return	10 day suspension Administrative hearing
Smoking/Vaping on school grounds [^]	3 day suspension parent conference upon return	4 day suspension possible \$250 fine	10 day suspension Administrative hearing
Vaping Paraphernalia	2 day suspension parent conference Drug and medical assessment	3 day suspension parent conference Drug and medical assessment	5 day suspension parent conference Drug and medical assessment
Vandalism/ destruction of property (includes graffiti)	Parent conference Parent responsible to cover cost of damages Consequence TBD based on severity of damage	Parent conference Parent responsible to cover cost of damages Consequence TBD based on severity of damage	Administrative hearing
Inappropriate references to race, gender, sexual orientation, etc.	2 day suspension parent conference upon return	4 day suspension parent conference upon return	10 day suspension parent conference upon return Administrative hearing
Conduct detrimental to the daily operations of school	TBD - Possible Administrative hearing		

[^]The 2006 NJ Smokefree Air Act as amended in 2010 ("Act") defines "smoking" to include "electronic smoking devices" (NJSA 26:3D-57). The Act bans "smoking" (which includes electronic smoking devices) on all K-12 public and private school property (NJSA 26:3D-58). NJSA 26:3D-62 lists the fines, ranging from \$250-\$1000 (the Act is at http://njgasp.org/sfaa_2010_w-ecigs.pdf).

Extreme Violations to Student Code of Conduct

Infraction	Disposition
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	5 day suspension Parent Conference Drug and Medical Assessment Possible referral for treatment
Alcohol/Drug Possession	5 day suspension Parent Conference Drug and Medical Assessment Possible referral for treatment
Arson	10 day suspension Police Report Administrative Hearing
Assaulting Staff	10 day suspension Police report Administrative hearing
False Alarm (Fire, Lockdown)	10 day suspension Police report Administrative hearing
Weapon Possession/Dangerous Instrument	10 day suspension Police Report Administrative Hearing
Bomb Threat	10 day suspension Police Report Administrative Hearing

Policy and/or State mandates:

If any Board of Education policies were adopted or State mandates/laws changed after the printing of this document, or if anything in this regulation were found to be in conflict with any existing policies or mandates/laws, those policies or mandates/laws would supersede the consequences outlined and actions defined within this handbook.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION:

For all violations of the code of conduct resulting in a disciplinary action, parents will be notified in writing and, when necessary, in person as to the occurrence and the consequences.

The list of minor and major violations of the Code of Conduct may not include all possible behaviors that will warrant a response by the school. A total list of all possible behaviors is not feasible. At all times the staff and administration will consider responsible behavior to be the

goal for all students. Behavior that is not safe, courteous and respectful will not be considered acceptable and will be appropriately addressed.

In all situations of student misconduct, administration has the final decision as to the interpretation of the code of conduct in reference to the infraction and the appropriateness of each consequence. When deemed necessary, administration will adjust the consequences in keeping with the best interests of the students. Administration will involve the police department to report an incident and/or file charges when appropriate.

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