FORT DODGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO FORT DODGE MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Dear Students,

Our school is a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) school.

PBIS is program of school-wide strategies for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, students excel in their learning. Fort Dodge Middle School is proud to be a P.B.I.S. school!

We have created a unified set of clear expectations for the behavior that we expect in all areas of our school.

We expect all students, staff, and visitors to follow these expectations.

Be Kind
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

We will explicitly teach these expectations and acknowledge them frequently with positive reinforcement.

We believe that by practicing good behavior, we will build a school community where all students can succeed and grow.

We look forward to a positive year!

Fort Dodge Middle School Staff
MINOR VS. MAJOR REFERRALS - FORT DODGE MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF STRIVES TO KEEP STUDENTS IN CLASS AND INSURE A SAFE PRODUCTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. In order to accomplish this goal, FDMS utilizes Positive Behavior Intervention Support to intervene when disruptions occur. Discipline is divided into two categories, classroom managed (minors) and administrative managed (majors). A teacher will fill out a minor referral if a student fails to fix the problem. The chart below lists examples of major and minor offenses. As follows you will find a list of consequences for minor and major offenses as well as a chart defining what constitutes a major vs minor behavior.

MINOR REFERRALS - Teacher/Staff Managed:

Inappropriate Language
- Yelling after a reminder
- Using hurtful words
- Using nonverbal profanity (gestures)

Fighting/Physical Aggression
- Pushing in line
- “Play” fighting
- Invading personal space purposefully
- Throwing small object with no intended target
- Pushing back toward someone who initiated contact

Defiance
- Refusing to comply with adult requests after redirection

Disrespect
- Arguing with adults after redirection
- Making a mess in the restroom
- Honesty issues

Disruption
- Keeping others from learning through noises/actions after redirections

Harassment/Teasing/Taunting
- Name calling
- Talking about others
- Spreading rumors
- Invading someone’s privacy

Technology Violation
- Inappropriate use of cell phones during 8:00-2:50
- Inappropriate (but not serious) use of computer

Property Misuse
- Using materials in an unintended, unsafe way

MAJOR REFERRALS - Office Managed:

Inappropriate Language
- Using profane language directed at another
- Repeated use of hurtful words
- Sexual words or innuendo

Fighting/Physical Aggression
- Hitting (closed fist) punching
- Throwing any object at someone Pushing to the ground
- Kicking, biting, hair pulling, spitting Initiating/Instigating a fight
- Threatening gesture with dangerous object (bat, stick, rock)

Defiance
- Being in an unsupervised area of the building
● Refusal to follow class to destination (exploratories, assemblies)
● Total refusal to comply/shuts down.requires removal from situation by an adult
● Leaving any area/property without permission or prior arrangement

**Disrespect**
● Aggressive, public arguing after redirection

**Disruption**
● Screaming throughout the building Throwing chairs, tables, desks…
● Threatening an unsafe action
● Harassment/Teasing/Taunting Direct threat toward others
● Organized teasing toward a student inappropriate touching
● Exposing privates
● Sexual comments

**Technology Violation**
● Sexting
● Profanity
● Altering documents
● Inappropriate websites

**Property Damage**
● Intentionally breaking school property
● Destroying classmate’s property/Vandalism

**Theft**
● Taking/stealing another’s property

**Possession of a Controlled Item**
● Possession of drug paraphernalia
● Possession of pornographic material
● Possession of alcohol, tobacco or drugs
● Possession of a gun, knife, other weapon, matches, lighters, combustible items or any item capable of causing bodily harm or property damage.

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**BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES**

**Classroom Managed**
● 1st offense: Teacher will conference with the student in an attempt to redirect the student’s behavior.
● 2nd offense: Teacher will conference with student and contact guardian.
● Continued offense: The continuation of behavior turns it from a minor behavior offense to a major. An office referral will be written by teacher, parent contact will be made, and an appropriate consequence will be given.

**Office Managed**
*The following steps will be followed whenever a student is suspected of violating a school rule or policy:*
● STEP 1: Investigate the incident by interviewing involved parties.
● STEP 2: Allow students the opportunity to tell his/her side of the incident.
● STEP 3: Administrative/staff member makes his/her best professional judgment given the facts and identifies the appropriate consequences.
● STEP 4: Notify the student of these consequences either in verbal or written form.
● STEP 5: Notify the parents and allow opportunity for a conference. A Remedial Discipline Plan may need to be developed.

**Disciplinary Actions**
It is the expectation of Fort Dodge Middle School students that their behavior be outstanding. When it is not, consequences will be enforced in a fair and consistent manner. All schools rules apply at any time a student is on district grounds and at all school sponsored functions. Any infraction will result in disciplinary action as listed in this document.
Detention- (Time served outside of school day)

- **CLASSROOM DETentions**: Detention may be given to a student by a teacher for minor behaviors. The teacher will contact parents to set up the detention time. If the student does not fulfill the expectations of the classroom detention, the teacher may issue a school detention. Detentions may include a morning detention, lunch detention, or after school detention from 2:50-3:15.

- **OFFICE DETentions**: Administrative detentions will occur after school between the hours of 2:50 and 3:50.

Procedures for Detention include:

- Office Detention will primarily be used as an office managed consequence for majors and other persistent behaviors.
- Office Detention may be used by teachers on an as needed basis with administrative permission. See your grade level administrator if you need to utilize an office detention. Teachers utilizing this will be responsible for contacting parents and making transportation arrangements for the student.
- Students who skip detention will have their owed time doubled for their violation and then escorted to the detention room by an administrator or staff member for their next session.
- Restitution may be assigned for selected students where they will be taken around the building to assist the custodial staff.

Suspension- Specifically, the Board of Education has determined that certain acts or conduct are disruptive, being clearly dangerous to the welfare, safety, or morals of other students, or are contrary to the authority of school personnel, or both, and may constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion. The effect of a suspension is that the student will be denied admission to school for a specified number of days. During that time, the student will not be on the school grounds, nor will the student be allowed to participate or attend any extracurricular activities. Students on school grounds during a suspension are subject to being cited for trespassing. Any class work missed as the result of a suspension is the responsibility of the student. Consistent with District Policy, the student has the opportunity to make up schoolwork during the period of suspension.

School Board Policies

Search and Seizure Policy

#500.8

School owned property and our students are held in public trust by the Board. To maintain order and discipline, promote an appropriate educational environment, and protect the safety and welfare of our students and staff, searches may occur. Searches may be done of students, the property of the students, while they are on District property, and District property provided to as a courtesy.
STUDENT SERVICES

Counseling
Our Professional School Counselors provide a comprehensive, developmental, and sequential program to assist all our students. The counselors, while focusing their efforts on problem prevention, will also work closely with parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, and students on problem solving. The counseling program will be effective and provide appropriate contact with all students through the year.

Breakfast/Lunch/ID Cards
Fort Dodge has a computerized meal program. Students can bring money for their meal account to the cafeteria in the morning or parents can enter money into the account online.
Student’s ID card is required daily for the student to eat hot lunch or they will need to punch in their unique 4 digit #.

Student ID/Lunch Cards
Student ID Cards and Lanyards – A school identification card will be handed out to all students at the beginning of the school year. Students will use their ID cards for entry to FDCSD activities (if an activity pass is purchased).
The cost of a replacement ID card is $3.00

Attendance
If a student is ill or unable to attend school, a parent/guardian must call the school and report the absence to the office. We have voicemail to receive calls at any time of day or night. An automated voice message will contact the parent/guardian after 9:30am a notification of absence if the student has not previously been excused. Students will be required to bring a written note or call the office explaining the absence. Attendance is calculated by minutes. Therefore, any tardies (to school or class) count towards daily absences. Excessive absences will result in a letter to the Webster County Attorney’s office.

Tardies
Please note that tardies to school or to individual classes are a part of student attendance. If a student arrives after 8:00am he/she is considered tardy to school. The student will need to stop in the Student Services office to get a tardy pass to their first period class. Upon entering the student will give their teacher the tardy slip. For classes throughout the day, students are expected to be in the room by the time the tardy bell rings. Students should abide by their team’s specific tardy policy beyond that. If a student is late for an excused reason, they should have a pass from the staff member they are coming from. If there are a number of tardies, students will be given a reminder of the expectations, then a warning of possible consequences, and then a consequence. Chronic tardiness may lead to delayed passing or being escorted by an adult between classes.

Student Check Out/In
Students may check out of school for a doctor or dental appointment with a written note from home. Please bring the note to the office to be signed by office personnel before school begins. The office has the right to verify the note. Students need to check out and in at the office when it is time to leave for the appointment and upon their return. A note should include the following information: Student’s name, date, time and reason for dismissal, and the signature of the parent/guardian. At the time of dismissal the student must show the approved note to the teacher to be excused and then proceed to the office to check out. If a student is late to school due to an appointment, he/she must stop at the office immediately upon entering the building.

Cell Phones
Cell phones should not be seen or heard between the hours of 8:00-2:50. If the cell phone is seen or heard between the hours of 8:00-2:50, the staff member will take the phone for the remainder of the day.
Gum & Candy
Outside food, drink, and candy are not allowed at FDMS. Gum is allowed. There may be exceptions to these rules per teacher discretion.

Requesting Homework
If a student will be absent for two or more days, an assignment sheet can be completed by the team. Please request homework first thing in the morning so that we have time to gather assignments. The assignments may be picked up in the office during school hours.
Student Services phone number is: 515-574-5711.

Telephone Messages
Students will not be allowed to use the telephone unless granted permission by the office personnel or teachers. The use of the telephone will be granted for emergencies only. Students are not allowed to use cell phones during the school day (8:00-2:50). Parents/guardians need to communicate with their child about before and after school activities and arrangements before sending them to school. The office staff will take messages for students and deliver them toward the end of the day.

Change of Telephone Number & Address
The school attempts to keep accurate records of students’ addresses and telephone numbers. Please contact us with any changes immediately to help maintain these accurate records.

Commercial Deliveries
Due to the severity of allergies and allergic reactions to several commercial products, the policy of Fort Dodge Middle School is to not accept any deliveries made to students (i.e. flowers, balloons, food, etc.). This creates problems in the classroom, on the school bus, and among other students. Please note that any deliveries made to the school will not be accepted and returned to the place where the item was purchased.

School Newsletters
Each month our newsletter will be posted online on the Fort Dodge Community Schools website under the Middle School section. The newsletter will feature upcoming events and academic information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper copy from the Administration Office.

Weather Condition Alerts
Please do not call the office to inquire about dismissals or cancelled events due to bad weather. All school information concerning dismissals or canceled events will be broadcast over the local radio stations. You can call the weather information line at: 574-7577 for further information. Also, please feel free to contact the District Administration Office if you would like to receive dialer notifications via text or calls for your convenience.

Parking
Parent parking is available on the south side of the middle school building. Moped parking is also located on the south side of the building near the auditorium entrance.

Pick Up & Drop Off
Students enter or exit cars from the right lane and NEVER from the left lane. The left lane is for traveling in once students are picked up or dropped off. Please pick up and drop off at the far west auditorium doors; students will both enter and leave the building through the auditorium doors. If being picked up in the parking lot, stay on the north (school side) sidewalk until you see your ride. Then, use the crosswalk allowing the crossing guards to stop traffic for you.
**Student Health**
Students who become ill or injured during the school day must report to the nurse’s office to see the nurse unless an emergency exists. No student will be sent home unless a parent/guardian has been notified. Students will not be allowed to call or text home without permission from the nurse. Doctor prescribed medications that need to be taken during the school day will be kept in the nurse’s office in a locked cabinet. The medication must be in an original prescription container with name, prescription, dosage, and instructions for the day.

**Bicycles/Skateboards/Scooters**
Bicycles, skateboards, and scooters must be parked in the designated areas at all times. The school cannot assume any responsibility for loss, theft, or damage. Under no circumstance is any student to borrow or tamper with another student’s bicycle, skateboard or scooter. All of these must be walked while on the school grounds. Please bring a lock.

**Lost and Found**
The lost and found box is located in the Student Services Office. If you find a lost article, please turn it in to the office. If you have lost an article, check with the office immediately. Please put your name on all items you bring to school. Do not bring large amounts of money or any valuables to school. Items not claimed in a reasonable amount of time will be gifted to local charitable organizations.

**Physical Education**
All students are required to participate in physical education. Students need tennis shoes but only 7th and 8th grade students are required to change for class. These students will need a t-shirt or sweatshirt, athletic shorts or pants, socks and athletic shoes that tie. A student must have a doctor’s written statement for an extended excuse from class. Students will be assigned a locker for P.E.

**Hall and PE Lockers**
Lockers are provided as a convenience and are considered school property. School staff has the right to look into any locker at any time. Students are responsible for keeping their lockers clean and orderly. No non-school sponsored decorations are allowed on the lockers. Students are not to share their locker combinations with others. Locker assignments, combinations, and changes will be handled through the Middle School Administration Office. Only locks issued by the school may be used on lockers.

**Library Services**
The library media specialist or the associate will help you in using the library media center. You are encouraged to make full use of all LMC resources and to seek assistance from the staff as needed.

**Field Trip Rules**
During any field trip the student’s conduct will be such to promote an excellent perception of the students and the Fort Dodge Community Schools.

- The student’s behavior at all times will reflect a positive image.
- The student will keep the field trip advisor informed of his/her location and will follow their directions with courtesy and respect.
- If an accident, injury, or illness happens during a field trip the student will report it to the field trip advisor immediately.
- If any theft or vandalism occurs on the trip, the student and his/her parents will be responsible for the damages or payment.
- Alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products are forbidden at any time on school property, in school vehicles, or at school events.
- The student will follow the school rules and bus rules as well as state and federal laws.
Dress Code
There is a strong connection between appropriate appearance and overall success in the school setting - both academically and behaviorally. It is the responsibility of Fort Dodge Middle School students and their parents/guardians to make sure the dress code policies set forth by the school and district are met. The overall expectations for dress code is that what a student is wearing to school is not a distraction to their education or the educational opportunities of others. It is expected that students wear clothing that is tasteful, appropriate, clean, and safe at all times.

If it is determined by either staff or administration that what a student is wearing is a distraction to their education or the educational opportunities of others, they will be sent to the office for a conference. Final determination of dress code violations will come from administration or their designee.

While the district realizes that the primary responsibility for appearance rests with the students and their parents, the staff and administration reserve the right to determine what is acceptable and what is not. The policy and procedures related to appropriate appearance are intended to establish an understanding that the school is a workplace and that what may be appropriate outside the school may not be appropriate in school.

Wearing any of the following items will result in having a change of clothing provided by parent/guardian:

- Any attire or accessories promoting products that are illegal for use by minors (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or related products).
- Clothing with words or pictures that display explicit or inferred sexual material, profanity, lewd sayings, or violence.
- Any articles with words or pictures that are derogatory, discriminating, or harassing to any protected classes.
- Clothing or accessories that are dangerous or could be used as weapons.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, or any other item of headgear not intended to be worn inside a building, with the exception of headgear worn for religious or health purposes.
- Exposed undergarments.
- Tops that are strapless.
- Exposed midriffs - the bottom of the shirt/blouse must meet the top of the pant/skirt/shorts.
- Clothing that exposes navel, upper or lower buttocks.
- Articles of clothing that may be gang related.
- Pajama tops or bottoms, or slippers are not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
Chromebook Use

Philosophy
It is the philosophy of the Fort Dodge Community School District to foster digitally responsible citizens ready for the 21st century world and a workplace that does not yet exist. We recognize that instructing our students in the appropriate use of technology is necessary for their continued success beyond the walls of our school. Students in grades 5-12 will have access to devices during the school day. Students in grades 7-12 will have access to devices to take home and use outside of school hours. The school district retains sole right of possession of the provided devices. Chromebooks are intended to promote technology literacy, pursuant to the Iowa Core Curriculums guides on 21st Century Skills, and is intended for educational use.

Ownership of the Chromebook
Chromebooks are the property of the Fort Dodge Community School District and are lent to students for educational use. The FDCSD and its staff retain the right at any point to ask for the return of a loaned device.

OS Security
Students are responsible for any apps/extensions/programs that are not installed by a member of the staff. Students are responsible for what is produced or done with an app/extension/program on the device, regardless of who installed it. Students are responsible for backing up their data to protect from loss. Users of school owned devices have no rights, ownership, or expectations of privacy to any data that is, or was, stored on the Chromebook, school network, or any school issued applications and is given no guarantees that data will be retained or destroyed.

Privacy
Students have no expectation of confidentiality or privacy with respect to any usage of a Chromebook or school owned device, regardless of whether that use is for school-related or personal purposes, other than as specifically provided by law. The school may, without prior notice or consent, log, supervise, access, view, monitor, and record use of student Chromebooks at any time for any reason. By using a Chromebook, students agree to such access, monitoring, and recording of their use. The district may also monitor the internet traffic of any device connected to its networks.

Devices in Classrooms
- Individual teachers will be allowed to make the decision as to how devices will be utilized in their classroom. If a device causes a disruption to the learning environment there may be a consequence.

Students should:
- Utilize their devices for educational and learning purposes
- Use their devices to create new content and communicate new ideas that promotes a kind, responsible, safe, and respectful message
- Observe and respect license and copyright agreements.
- Report any damage or malfunction of the device to their teacher

Inappropriate Use of Technology
- Loosely defined an inappropriate use of technology is any use of a device that prevents or distracts an individual student or group of students from learning, is used in violation of district policy, local/state/national/international law, or to view/download/distribute age/school inappropriate materials.
- Students who continue to use a device in such a way that it disrupts the learning environment for themselves or others may lose or have limited access.

Students may not use network resources or devices:
- For accessing, viewing, downloading, displaying, transmitting, creating, or otherwise possessing or disseminating material that contains pornography, child pornography, obscenity, or sexually
explicit, pervasively lewd and vulgar, indecent or inappropriate language, text, sounds or visual depictions

- To access web sites or other content blocked by the District, via codes or any other method.
- To alter, add or delete any files that affect the configuration of a school Device other than the Device assigned for personal use
- To conduct any activity that violates school rules, FDCSD Board Policy, or the law (this includes adhering to copyright laws)
- To access the data or account of another user

Personalization
- Students can personalize the device so long as the personalization does not damage its integrity. Meaning that if the device were turned in tomorrow, any personalization needs to be removed with no visible marks, in the same condition as it was issued.
  - In 7th & 8th grade: a log-on to a chromebook downloads a Google profile.
  - In 5th & 6th grade: must plug into assigned slot on cart at the end of each day.

Charging Devices
- We want to encourage our students to plug their device in before they go to bed each night. A fully charged device should last close to a day of average use. While there may be places to plug in a device throughout the day, the school is not providing each student an individual charging station at school and students should not expect a charging location will be available.
- Things that help sustain the battery:
  - Running as few apps and tabs at one time as possible
  - Turning down the screen brightness
- Things that run down the battery
  - Keeping many browser tabs open at once or all day
  - Constantly streaming music
  - Streaming videos from the internet
  - Keeping screen brightness up
  - Having many different and active extensions

Downloading Programs/Extensions
- So long as the downloading of a program or extension does not violate district/local/state/national/international policies/law, students will be able to download and use programs and extensions that do not interfere with safe operation of the device or the learning environment
- Generally speaking a chromebook cannot run the same programs as a windows or apple computer. In the future some chromebooks may have access to the Google Play Store, which has access to Android apps, however at the time of writing this is not yet possible
- Unless in the public domain all music must be paid for. Services that allow you to download or distribute music, not in the public domain, without paying for it are illegal.
- The district will maintain security and monitoring software on the chromebooks, and will employ web-filtering software on the chromebooks to help maintain the privacy and safety of our students and the integrity of the chromebooks

Audio/Video/Photographs
- Unless it is at the direction of a FDCSD staff member students and community members should refrain from taking audio/video/photographs on FDCSD property to protect to ensure a safe and respectful environment that protects the privacy of our students. Violations will be documented per building guidelines.

Loss of Privilege
- If a student is in violation of technology policies they may be subject to a reduction or loss of device/access privileges. In such a case that that loss of privilege occurs a student will need to complete an alternative assignment.
District Compliance

TITLE VI (Civil Rights Act),
TITLE IX (Sex Discrimination and Harassment),
AND – SECTION 504

**Affirmative Action Compliance**
The District’s Compliance Coordinator for Affirmative Action is Lisa Negus. She can be reached at 574-5657 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge.

**Physical/Sexual Harassment Procedure**
The District’s Designated Investigators of Physical/Sexual Abuse of Students by School Employees are Dr. Stephanie Anderson (Director of Student Services - Elementary), and Dr. Kirsten Doebel (Director of Student Services - Secondary). They can be reached at 576-1161 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. The alternate is Corey Moody. He can be reached at 574-5469 or 819 North 25th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

**Affirmative Action Compliance**
The District’s Officers for Harassment Complaints and Allegations are Dr. Stephanie Anderson (Director of Student Services - Elementary), and Dr. Kirsten Doebel (Director of Student Services - Secondary). They can be reached at 576-1161 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

**Racial/Sexual Harassment Procedure**
The District’s Compliance Coordinator for Affirmative Action is Lisa Negus. She can be reached at 574-5657 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge.

**Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 Compliance Officer**
It is the policy of the Fort Dodge Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, ancestry, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, physical attributes, religion, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, veteran’s status, actual or potential parental, family or marital status in its programs, services, and employment practices.

If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact Dr. Stephanie Anderson (Director of Student Services - Elementary), and Dr. Kirsten Doebel (Director of Student Services - Secondary), Central Administration Office, 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501, (574-5678) or contact the Civil Rights Midwestern Division for U.S. Department of Education Office, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-4544. (Alternate for Section 504 is Lynnae Harvey, Director of Special Education/Special Needs, 574-5675).
FORT DODGE MIDDLE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We believe in building student athletes at FDMS, by emphasizing and holding high standards for attendance, academics and student behavior. The following is a brief summary of board policy 502.7:

It is a privilege to participate in extracurricular activities in the Fort Dodge School District. It is expected that students will conduct themselves in an exemplary fashion in recognition of this fact. They shall project a positive image and be a role model of good conduct on and off school property at all times (24 hours a day, seven days a week) during their participation in an activity. The term “extracurricular activities” shall apply to all performing or competitive athletics and activities.

The privilege to participate in extracurricular activities may be lost by a breach of discipline standards as outlined in the Student Discipline Policy, Policy 500.5. (For an all-inclusive list, please view the student discipline policy)

Examples of Breach of Discipline:

Issues that result in a Major Referral will be subject to the Code of Conduct at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.

Non-negotiables: The following infractions will result in automatic enforcement of the Code of Conduct: Fighting, possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons.

School Attendance.

♦ Illness: Students who miss more than ½ of the school day due to illness will not be eligible to participate in a contest, practice, game or any school sponsored event held on the same day. This includes taking part in after school practice sessions. Students missing for medical or dental appointments will be required to provide written verification of this from the provider.

♦ Other Reasons: Students who miss school for reasons other than illness must have their absences excused prior to the day they will miss, either in writing, by phone, or in person to be eligible for that day’s events as either a participant or a spectator. The Coach has the discretion to allow participation on the day of the event, without an excused absence from the prior day, only after direct contact with the student’s parents.

♦ Truancy and unexcused absences: Will eliminate a student’s eligibility to participate until the student resumes attendance and truancy or unexcused absence is resolved.

Students who violate the Discipline Policy may be excluded from participation in extracurricular activities for a minimum of one quarter of a competition and a maximum of the rest of the season with discretion for intermediate levels dependent upon the severity and frequency of the occurrence or occurrences. If the student makes an attempt to rectify the situation (depending on the issue) by receiving counseling, rebuilding the relationship with the teacher, making up missed class time, or other solutions determined by the discipline committee, then the student can ensure the suspension is reduced to no less than 1 game/meet. (This is dependent on the severity and frequency of the occurrence or occurrences.)

Discipline Committee: *Middle School Principal *Faculty Member - Athletic Coach
*Faculty Member – Music/Band/Teacher *Athletic Director or Designee

A “student with a disability” and an IEP, or a student with a specific behavior/attendance plan developed by the school is judged based on progress made toward IEP goals or that plan. A student who has an individualized education program shall not be denied eligibility on the basis of academic performance if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, toward the goals and objectives on the student’s IEP program.

In cases where a violation has been established, either by admission or sufficient evidence, the suspension period will start with the date of the violation. In other cases which are delayed because of litigation; the suspension period will start the day following the decision.

A student found in violation of conduct regulations shall meet with the building principal or his designee. At this meeting the student shall be informed of his/her punishment and his/her right of appeal.

Along with the discipline policy, a student participating in extracurricular activities must maintain passing grades. If a student’s grade is posted at or after mid-term or term as an F, that student will be academically ineligible for a minimum of one week and a maximum of six weeks with discretion for intermediate levels dependent upon the severity and frequency of the occurrence or occurrences. The student will be required to attend a study table with the teacher in which the student has an F, at least twice a week before they attend practice. Students will be required to bring a copy of their grades to their coaches/band or choir director 2 weeks before midterm and 2 weeks before term. The coaches/band or choir director will review each student’s grade and remind them of the expectations. They may also require a study table at their discretion, to give the student a chance to raise their grade before it gets to a suspension. If a student says they have turned in an assignment that is marked missing, the student must get a signature from that teacher stating they have turned it in and what the revised grade will be.