Magnolia Intermediate School
Discipline Policy

Classroom Behavioral Interventions_____

Discipline in the public schools of our nation continues to be a matter of great concern to educators and parents alike. Since discipline is essential to academic progress, the teachers and staff at Magnolia work together to encourage productive behavior in a firm, fair, consistent manner.

Our school discipline plan is based on the premise that teachers are here to teach and students desire to learn. Therefore, no student will be allowed to stop the teacher from teaching or interfere with the learning of other students.

When students make a personal choice to obey established rules, positive consequences will occur, such as verbal praise, notes of recognition to the students and parents, special activities, etc.

When a student makes a deliberate choice to disobey an established rule, some or all of the following interventions may be used at the teacher's discretion:

Conference with student
*Refocus
Parent contact by teacher
Teacher assigned Lunch Detention
Parent/Student Teacher Conference
Written behavioral contract
Classroom visitation by the parent

*A Refocus area may be assigned in the classroom or in an alternate supervised classroom as part of the classroom management program.

When these interventions fail to bring about proper conduct, the student will be referred to a school administrator for disciplinary action to be administered according to the guidelines.

Definition of Terms _____

1. **Lunch Detention:** Teacher or administrator assigned detention to be served during lunchtime.
2. **Community Service:** Administrative assigned work project to be served during lunch or after school.
3. **After School Detention:** Administrative assigned detention to be held for one hour after school.
4. **Saturday School:** Student attends study center for four hours on Saturday morning from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Students will be under the supervision of a Saturday School Teacher.
5. **Home Suspension:** Removal of student from school for 1 – 5 days. Students are not to enter upon any Pleasant Ridge School district campus or any adjacent street during the suspension period.
6. **School Attendance Review Board (SARB):** The purpose of the School Attendance Review Board is to provide for intensive guidance and coordinated community services to meet the special needs of students with school attendance and/or school behavioral problems.
7. **Expulsion:** The student loses privilege of attending Magnolia Intermediate School for a period of time up to one year as determined by the School Board.
8. **On Campus Suspension (OCS):** Student is suspended from classes and is housed in a room separate from the rest of the student population. Students are supervised by a school employee

Grounds for Disciplinary Action _____

A student may be suspended or expelled upon a first offense for violations of Education Code, Section 48900, or whenever it is determined that the student's presence in school causes danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process.

a. Causing, attempting, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
b. Possessing, furnishing or selling a firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object.
c. Possessing, selling, furnishing, using or being under the influence of any illegal drug, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
d. Offering, arranging, or negotiating to sell any controlled drug, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.
e. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
f. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school property or to private property.
g. Stealing or attempting to steal school property or private property.
h. Possessing or using tobacco.
i. Committing an obscene act or engaging in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
j. Offering or selling any drug paraphernalia.
k. Disrupting school activities or willfully defying the valid authority of school personnel.
I. Knowingly receiving stolen school property or private property.
m. Possessing an imitation firearm.
n. Committing or attempting to commit sexual assault or battery.
o. Harassing, threatening or intimidating a student who is a witness for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness or retaliating against a student for being a witness.

Education Code Section 48900.2 Sexual Harassment
Education Code Section 48900.3 Hate Motivated Behavior
Education Code Section 48900.4 Intimidating/Harassing Behavior

Truancy Procedure

I. Parents will be notified regularly by the school concerning truant **absences**. Students who are truant from school will be assigned Saturday School.
2. If a student is truant three times, parents will be contacted and an attendance letter sent home.
3. Further truancies could lead to one or more of the following actions:
   (a) classification of the student as a habitual truant.
   (b) referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB).

Cheating

Cheating is defined as any use or attempt to use the work efforts of another student to benefit their grade status with or without the consent of that student. Both (or all) students involved in the incident should be held accountable for the consequences. (i.e., zero on papers, or student involved share the points of one assigned grade on the work). Remember, cheating cheats *you* of knowledge.

Academic Performance

Students are expected to complete all assignments regularly. If a student fails to comply it may result in an academic performance violation. Classroom policy shall dictate performance expectations

When teacher interventions fail to bring about proper conduct, a discipline referral will be written and the student will meet with a school administrator for disciplinary action.

Administrative Interventions
The following pages list consequences that students can expect if they choose to violate school rules. It is to be used as a guide and is not binding upon school authorities, except as prescribed by the governing board and legal authority.

Tardies
Students must be seated in the classroom when the bell rings. Students will receive consequences for tardies to class for each trimester.

1st tardy	Warning and documentation by teacher
2nd tardy	Lunch detention and signed parent detention slip
3rd tardy	Lunch detention and teacher/parent direct notification
4th tardy	Referral and 1 hour after school detention
5th tardy	Referral and OCS
6th tardy	Referral and 4 hours Saturday School, Parent administrative conference

Infraction

1. Class disruption beyond steps in classroom management system
2. Hands off policy
3. Abusive or profane language
4. Public display of affection (e.g. hugging, holding hands, kissing)
5. In unauthorized area
6. Failure to attend lunch detention
7. Class truancy or class walk-out
8. Abuse of hall pass
9. Refusal to identify oneself, giving a false name, or falsifying information to school personnel
10. Forgery
11. Throwing of objects (rocks, pebbles, pencils, etc.)

Consequence

1st Violation	Community service/parent contact
2nd Violation	1 hour after school detention
3rd Violation	Parent/Teacher/Administration conference with behavior contract written
4th Violation	OCS
5th Violation	Home suspension
6th Violation	SARB

Infraction/Consequence

12. Academic Performance Violation	1st Violation	Noon detention/parent contact
	2nd Violation	After school Detention
	3rd Violation	OCS
	4th Violation	SARB contact
13. Violation of Dress Code (Parent will be contacted for a change of clothes, or a school tee shirt will be provided)	1st Violation	Documentation and parent contact
	2nd Violation	Lunch detention
	3rd Violation	1 hour of after school detention
	4th Violation	2 hours of after school detention
14. Littering on School Grounds	All Violations	Work detail
15. Misuse of cell phone/ Electronic devices	1st Violation	Confiscation, return to parent only
	2nd Violation	Confiscation, parent conference, contract needed
	3rd Violation	Lose privilege of having electronics at school
16. Failure to attend after school detention	1st Violation	1 day OCS
	2nd Violation	1 day Home Suspension
	3rd Violation	2 days Home Suspension
17. Chewing Gum	1st Violation	Warning
	2nd Violation	Work detail
	3rd Violation	Work detail, parent conference

The following infractions require an immediate referral to an administrator without previous teacher or staff intervention:

Infraction/Consequence

1. Pantsing / Extreme Hands Off Policy	1st Violation	1 day OCS
	2nd Violation	1 day Home Suspension
	3rd Violation	3-5 day Home Suspension
2. Fighting	1st Violation	1 – 5 days Home Suspension
	2nd Violation	3 – 5 days Home Suspension
3. Promoting a fight	1st Violation	1 hour After School Detention
	2nd Violation	1 day OSC
	3rd Violation	1 day Home Suspension
4. Refusal to disperse during a fight	1st Violation	1 – 3 days Home Suspension
	2nd Violation	3 – 5 days Homes Suspension
5. Leaving School Grounds without proper clearance	1st Violation	1 day OCS
	2nd Violation	1 day Home Suspension
	3rd Violation	2-3 days Home Suspension
6. Open Defiance or Challenge to authority	1st Violation	Suspension for remainder of day and next
	2nd Violation	3 – 5 Days Homes Suspension
7. Possession of Matches or Lighter	1st Violation	2-3 days Home Suspension
	2nd Violation	3-5 days Home Suspension
	3rd Violation	Recommend expulsion
8. Possession of Tobacco or Smoking	1st Violation	2 – 5 Days Home Suspension
	2nd Violation	Recommend expulsion
9. Suspended student who comes on campus or a school sponsored event	1st Violation	Extended suspension for 1 day
	2nd Violation	Extended suspension for 2 days
10. Abusive, Profane or Inappropriate language directed to a staff member	1st Violation	1 – 5 days Home Suspension
11. Possession of stolen property	1st Violation	1 – 5 days Home Suspension
12. Theft or attempted theft of Private or School property	1st Violation	1 – 5 days Home Suspension, recommend
	2nd Violation	Restitution or replacement, Police Report

13. Gambling	1st Violation	1 – 2 days Home Suspension or Saturday School depending on circumstances.
14. Activating a Fire Alarm	1st Violation	3 – 5 days Home Suspension, referral to the Fire Marshall
15. Commit an Obscene Act or Engage in habitual Profanity and Vulgarity	1st Violation 2nd Violation 3rd Violation	1 day OCS 1 day Home Suspension 2 - 5 days Home Suspension
16. Possession of Fireworks or Bullets	1st Violation 2nd Violation	1 – 3 days Home Suspension, contact Fire Marshall 3 – 5 days Suspension, contact Fire Marshall
17. Possession or exhibiting a Weapon, BB Gun, Knife, Dangerous Object or Replica	1st Violation	5 Day Suspension and possible recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police, Penal Code Violation
18. Extortion or Robbery	1st Violation	5 Day Suspension and possible recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police, Penal Code Violation
19. Vandalism, Destruction of Property, or possession of Items used for Vandalism	1st Violation	1 – 5 days Home Suspension Restitution or Community Service recommended
20. Attempting to Set or Setting a Fire	1st Violation	5 day Home Suspension, referral to Fire Marshall, arrest for arson
21. Threatening Students	1st Violation	1 – 5 days Home Suspension, possible referral to Police
22. Unauthorized Entry to or Use of School Facilities	1st Violation	1 – 5 days Home Suspension, possible referral to Police
23. Assault or Battery upon any School employee (threatening, attempting to hit or push)	1st Violation	5 Day Suspension and possible recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police
24. Assault or Battery upon any Student (Premeditated or Unprovoked)	1st Violation	5 Day Suspension and possible recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police
25. Providing any Medication, Including inhalers.	1st Violation	1 - 5 Day Suspension and possible recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police

26. Possession of any weapon	1st Violation	1 - 5 Day Suspension and possible recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police, Penal Code Violation
27. Possession of any illegal Drug, Alcohol, or Intoxicant	1st Violation	1 - 5 Day Suspension and possible recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police, Penal Code Violation
28. Sexual Harassment	1st Violation	1 - 5 Day Suspension and possible recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police
29. Sexual Assault or Sexual Battery	1st Violation	5 Day Suspension and recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police, Penal Code Violation
30. Offering to Sell a Controlled Substance	1st Violation	5 Day Suspension and recommendation for Expulsion. Referral to police, Penal Code Violation