

SAYREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

2011-2012

Welcome to a new school year in the Sayreville Middle School. The Administration takes pride in; our staff, our curriculum, our facilities and our students. We hope that you will share that pride with us. The Board approved curriculum for 6th, 7th and 8th grades recognizes the transitional nature of these middle years in that they serve as a bridge between the structured elementary grades and the more wide-ranging, independent, and career-driven education available at the secondary level. A more comprehensive explanation of the district's core ethical values can be found in the **Sayreville School District Code of Student Conduct**.

Middle school students face many new and difficult choices on their way to young adulthood. The successful middle schooler will use teachers and administrators as a resource for positive problem solving, critical to making constructive and productive decisions.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER - 732-525-5290

Office Extensions: 5290, 5286, 5287, 2395; Guidance Extension: 5534

District Website.....www.Sayrevillek12.net

Sayreville Middle School.....www.sayrevillemiddle.net (Website contains parent/school information forms.)

Please call the school at 732-525-5291 if your child is going to be absent.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Days scheduled for early dismissal are listed on the school calendar, *Our Schools* booklet, and District/school websites. **Grades 6-8 will be dismissed at 12:46 pm on these days.**

DELAYED OPENINGS

School will be in session according to the following schedule.

School	Bus Pickup	Starting Time	Dismissal
Gr. 6-7-8	90 minutes after the regular pickup time	9:15	2:19

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When it is necessary to close our school due to inclement weather or other emergencies, announcements will be made on Central New Jersey's leading radio stations and will be posted on the district's website; **sayrevillek12.net**. Please do not call WCTC **1450 AM** or WMGQ **98.3 FM** for information. Please do not call the school. A *ParentLink* message will also be sent. Please make sure your child's school contact information is correct.

Emergency Closing: Please make arrangements for your children to go to a neighbor's home in the event of an emergency early dismissal if you will not be home.

ARRIVAL

Students are not permitted to be dropped off and/or arrive on school property earlier than 7:00 a.m. on regular school days and not before 8:45 a.m. on a delayed opening schedule. When dropping off children in the morning, parents must follow the marked road arrows, keeping to the far right in the parking lot. Always give the school buses the right of way.

Lateness: Students arriving after the start of homeroom (7:45 am) must report to the Main Office to sign-in. Students are subject to administrative detentions for both tardiness and failure to sign-in. Excessive tardiness may require a parental conference with the Guidance Department.

See further information regarding walkers under **WALKERS**.

DISMISSAL

At the end of the school day students must immediately leave the building and school property unless involved in a scheduled supervised after school activity. After leaving school property students are not permitted to return unless accompanied by an adult. All students involved in scheduled after school activities are to remain with the supervising faculty member.

Students are not permitted to remain on school property to wait for the start of after school events, i.e. wrestling, basketball, etc. Any student who has served either an administrative lunch or after school detention must leave school property and not return that day unless involved in a supervised school activity.

Parents picking up children are requested to wait at the far end of the parking lot (near Washington Road). If a student's regular authorized manner of departure does not arrive, they must immediately report to the Main Office and notify an Administrator. It is age appropriate for middle school students to be able to follow parental/school district directions regarding dismissal procedures. If a parent/guardian does not believe that their child is able to follow the above referenced procedures, please contact the building principal. Arrangements will then be made for your child to remain inside the Sayreville Middle School. The authorized adult will then be required to enter the school to sign the child out. Please note: pick-up time is 2:19 pm for regular school days and 12:46 pm for early dismissal days.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Under the New Jersey Administrative Code (6:8-4,2), Boards of Education shall establish pupil requirements for the minimum number of days in attendance in order to receive a passing grade in a subject. Sayreville Board of Education Policy #515, Promotion and Retention, directs that parents of pupils who have been in attendance fewer than 162 days during the school year be notified of possible retention. These regulations recognize that the learning experience which takes place in the classroom environment is an essential part of the student's responsibility and to realize that time lost from class in terms of educational opportunity is irretrievable.

It is recognized that there are definite unavoidable circumstances, which may prevent a student from attending school; however, all of the work missed must be made up at the initiative of the student within two weeks of each missed class period.

Absence: A student who is absent is required to present to the homeroom teacher a written excuse upon returning to school. The excuse must be dated, must give the reason for the absence, and must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Extended and/or frequent absences may require a note from a doctor. **Parents are also required to call the Attendance Line at 525-5291 to inform the school of their child's absence.** Parents will also receive a confirmation call via *ParentLink* at home when their child is not present in school. In the event of three or more absences, make-up work will be provided when the child returns to school. If a child is absent for more than three days because of an illness, parents may call the guidance office requesting make-up work. The work will be collected and ready for parents to pick up between 2:00-3:00 p.m. within 2 school days of the request.

In order to participate in any after school event or activity, students must be marked present in school that day. Students are not permitted on school property before, during or after school if they are absent or suspended from school.

ACCIDENTS

Students should report all accidents, minor and major, to the teacher in charge. If a teacher is not present, the student must report the accident immediately to the nurse or an administrator.

BACKPACKS

Students are permitted to bring regular sized backpacks to and from school. The backpack is to be stored in the student's locker for the entire day. Students are not permitted to carry these backpacks during the school day. As a safety precaution students may only use "sling/string" or small tote bags to carry their required textbooks and school supplies from class to class.

BICYCLES

All students under the age of fourteen (14) who ride their bikes to and from school, must, by law, wear proper protective helmets. In addition, students are expected to chain and lock their own bikes to the bike racks, as the school is not responsible for their supervision. While on school property students must walk their bikes.

CAFETERIA/ RECESS

Students are required to eat lunch in the school cafeteria. Hot and cold lunches, milk, drinks, and snacks are available for purchase. Students may bring their own bag lunches however, glass bottles are not permitted. The only area of the building where food and beverages may be consumed is in the cafeteria.

While in the cafeteria, students are expected to practice the general rules of good manners. When finished eating, students are required to return their trays and leave the tables and eating area clean in consideration of the student who will be eating during the next lunch period.

To provide for as safe an environment as possible, throughout the lunch period students must obey the following rules:

1. Students are to wait at the Caf  doors until directed by a supervising teacher to enter the area.
2. Stand in a single formatted line without bumping, pushing and/or touching other students in line.
3. Once seated for lunch, students are to remain seated at their lunch tables until dismissed.
4. No food or drink may be taken out of the cafeteria.
5. Obey and follow the directions of the teachers and cafeteria staff.
6. Excessive physical behaviors and contact such as: tackling, pushing, tripping, or grabbing of other students' clothing is inappropriate and potentially dangerous and is subject to disciplinary consequences.
7. Students must place their reusable containers and/or bags in the designated area prior to participating in recess.

CELL PHONES

Although cell phones are prohibited in school, the Administration recognizes that personal family circumstances do arise. If a student must bring a cell phone to school, he/she is required to turn the cell phone off and store it in his/her personal hallway locker. Cell phones can then be activated once outside after dismissal. Unauthorized possession and/or use of cell phones are subject to confiscation and will result in disciplinary consequences. Cell phones will only be returned to a parent/guardian.

CONFERENCE – PARENT/TEACHER

Formal conferences are scheduled after the first and second marking periods of each school year. We encourage our parents/guardians to request a conference at any time during the school year when they consider it to be necessary. Scheduled appointments can be made directly with the teacher or the guidance office. Please contact the main office to leave a message for the teacher or contact the guidance department.

DETENTION – ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 2:24 p.m. – 2:54 p.m.

Late buses provided at 3:35. Students will remain under a teacher supervision until the arrival of the late bus.

Students are not permitted in the front outside area before their detention.

1. Students are to report to detention with a textbook/class work pen/pencil, and are to do constructive schoolwork. Book bags, clothing, etc. are to be brought to detention.
2. Students are not permitted to return to their lockers after detention and are to leave by the main entrance door.
3. Insubordination/disruptive behavior will result in a student being removed from detention by the supervising teacher and sent to an administrator in the Main Office. Appropriate discipline will follow.
4. A student who cuts detention will be assigned two (2) more detentions. Three (3) cuts of administrative detention will result in one (1) day out of school suspension.

Administrative detention may also be assigned at lunchtime.

DRESS CODE

The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices affect their safety or the educational program within the schools.

Therefore, the manner of dress must not create classroom disorder or distract others. The administration reserves the right to restrict or prohibit any manner of dress or apparel judged to be inappropriate, a distraction to the learning environment, or apparel that presents a safety hazard. Such determination is subject to disciplinary consequences. The following guidelines have been established to assist parents and students in selecting the proper dress for school as required by Board of Education Policy #522

DRESS CODE:

1. Students may not wear apparel that promotes or endorses illegal substances (e.g. alcohol, tobacco products, etc.). In addition, students may not wear clothing with messages deemed offensive, profane, or inappropriate as judged by the administration.
2. Students may not wear strapless, see-through, one shouldered, off-the-shoulder, or halter tops. Additionally, bustier tops with cut-outs or shirts that allow the midriff to be exposed are not permitted. With arms raised, all shirts must cover the midriff. Proper attire should include undergarments. However, undergarments may not be visible or worn as outerwear.
3. Tank tops or sleeveless tops with straps may be worn but the top must fall reasonably close to the neckline, as judged by the administration, and fall directly below the underarm to insure the torso and undergarments are not exposed inappropriately.
4. No sunglasses may be worn during the school day unless medically prescribed and approved by an administrator.
5. Students may not wear short skorts or short shorts. Shorts and skirts must have a reasonable distance from the knee but should be no shorter than mid-thigh. Ripped jeans are also considered inappropriate.
6. Students are not permitted to carry or wear hats or outerwear, such as winter coats, heavy jackets or varsity jackets, during the school day. Windbreakers or lightweight jackets that are part of a uniform or a warm-up suit are permitted.
7. Ski masks are not permitted to be worn in school. Any similar types of hats or hoods that hide the face are not permitted and will be confiscated.
8. No sweatbands, headbands, scarves, bandannas, do-rags, kerchiefs, large jewelry chains or wallet chains may be worn on any part of the body, on backpacks, or visibly displayed in any other fashion while in school unless approved by the administration for religious or medical reasons.
9. Students are not permitted to wear clothing that is clearly pajamas, slippers or sleepwear.
10. Students may not wear gloves of any kind.
11. Students may not wear articles of clothing that are inappropriately altered, soiled, ill-fitting, or considered by the administration to be inappropriate and/or unsafe for school activities.
12. Any jewelry that is sharp or studded is not permitted in school.
13. Footwear may include shoes, sneakers or sandals that are secure to the foot. Flip-flops are not permitted.
14. The administration may permit changes in the policy to address special occasions or emergent conditions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DRILLS

Fire drills and security drills will be conducted as required by law. It is essential when the fire alarm sounds, that everyone obeys it promptly; clears the building in **silence** by the assigned route; proceeds to an area of safety. Lines should not cross or stop. If an exit is blocked, students should go to the alternate exit available. Students not in a class should join in an exiting class and report to that teacher. When reentering the building, talking is not permitted and good order is mandatory. During Emergency Management Drills, it is critical that students intently follow the teachers' direction to ensure order and safety.

EXAMINATIONS AND STANDARDIZED TESTS

All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are subject to a mid-term and final examination/assessment for all full-year academic courses.

To help teachers, counselors, and administrators evaluate the curriculum, plot the achievement of students, and make recommendations for scheduling, State and/or District tests are administered annually. The NJASK is administered to students in grades 6, 7 & 8 each spring.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are a variety of extra-curricular and sports activities for students. Please check www.sayrevillemiddle.net for information and updates.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

All students will be assigned a guidance counselor to assist them with their individual academic, social and emotional needs as well as general school related manners.

HARRASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING

Sayreville Middle School will conform to the newly adopted NJ Anti-Bullying Law/Bill of Rights Act.

HEALTH OFFICE –SCHOOL NURSE

The following rules and regulations are to be observed by teachers and students with regard to the health office.

1. Students are not permitted into the health office without a pass from the sending teacher.
2. Students must present a pass to nurse and sign health office log sheet.
3. Students must take **medicine** in the health office only under the supervision of the school nurse. A doctor's written order is necessary for medication to be administered by the Health Office. Medicines must be sent to the school in the container bearing the pharmacist's label and identifying the substance being administered.

HOMEWORK

Education is a cooperative effort between the home and the school. Instructional learning strategies designed to meet the goals and objectives of the curriculum become more effective when strong home support is provided. Parents are therefore encouraged to check homework on a weekly basis so as to reinforce sound study skills and work habits. This is vital as homework is an important part of your child's overall grade. It is the student's responsibility to make up assignments and tests when they are absent.

LATE BUSES

Late buses are available Monday through Friday at approximately 3:35 p.m. Only those students in scheduled and adult supervision after school activities are permitted to utilize late buses. Please see the Middle School website for late bus drop-off locations. Only students eligible for district bus service may utilize the late buses. Students utilizing the late bus must obtain a late bus pass from their supervising teacher.

PLEASE NOTE: Visiting the public library is not a scheduled or supervised after school activity.

LIBRARY – (Middle School)

Students are encouraged to use this facility and to observe the library rules. Fines for overdue books must be paid before taking out additional books. Students are only permitted in the library after school in an authorized supervised activity.

LOCKERS

Each student is assigned a locker and issued a lock for the school year. Only locks issued by the school may be used. Switching or sharing of lockers is **not** permitted and is subject to disciplinary action. Only articles pertaining to academic subjects and outdoor apparel are permitted to be stored. Students are responsible for articles in their lockers and are cautioned against "setting the lock" or giving the combination to another student. A minimum replacement fee is assessed for lost locks. All students are responsible for their assigned lockers and are not permitted to temporarily store their books and belongings in an empty unused locker. **Absolutely no stickers, posters, pictures, magic markers, graffiti etc., are permitted on any part of the locker.**

Students are permitted to go to their lockers four (4) times daily:

1. Before homeroom period.
2. Immediately before and after lunch period.
3. At the end of the school day.

LOCKER INSPECTIONS

Administrators and teachers are responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the school community. New Jersey law states: "The principal or other official designated by the local Board of Education may inspect lockers or other storage facilities provided for use by students so long as students are informed in writing at the beginning of each school year that inspections may occur". The law permits Boards of Education to provide for Inspection of student lockers in a manner consistent with the Supreme Court ruling in **State v. Engerud, 94 N.J. 331 (1983)**

Locker clean-outs are scheduled during each marking period and at the end of the school year. The Middle School has a policy of regularly inspecting students' lockers in an effort to promote safety, order, and discipline.

Student Search and Seizure

According to the Gault decision, the safety of the student outweighs the rights of the student. Children in school may be searched based on individualized reasonable suspicion. Reasonable suspicion is generally defined as when a combination of

articulate facts and the person's own experience feels that the degree of intrusion is warranted in terms of all the surrounding circumstances. Security cameras are in use in all public areas and outside grounds of the building.

LOST AND FOUND

Report the loss of any valuable article to the main office. All other articles are to be placed in the "Lost and Found" areas around the school. Students are encouraged to check the lost and found regularly in the event they are missing personal belongings and/or school supplies.

OFF LIMITS

Those areas off-limits to students include, but are not limited to the following: stock rooms, custodial closets, kitchen areas, boiler room, faculty lounges and bathrooms.

PARENT – TEACHERS

The P.T.O. exists to promote the welfare and education of the children. They sponsor many educational opportunities for the students; they also provide special activities, assembly programs, and gifts to our school. They work with the administration and faculty to enhance the positive atmosphere of the Middle School.

PASSING IN CORRIDORS

Courteous behavior should be practiced in the hallways and on the stairwells. To ensure safety, students are requested to walk to the right, to refrain from shouting and pushing, and to keep in mind that other classes are in session. Students will be assigned a teacher detention upon the 4th late to class. Subsequent lateness to class will be documented on a Disciplinary Referral and forwarded to the Administration. Students are required to carry official written passes when traveling the hallways while classes are in session.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Children frequently lose or misplace things, therefore, we request that MP3 players, I Pods, and other audio/video electronic devices, cameras, skateboards, scooters, large sums of money or other valuable possessions not be brought to school. Video phones, cell phones, cameras and laser pointers are expressly forbidden on school property and will be confiscated. Magic markers, Sharpies, and paint markers are also not permitted. All of the above are subject to confiscation and disciplinary consequences.

PHONE CALLS

As per school regulations, cell phones are not permitted for personal use during the school day; therefore students who need to contact their parents, should request to do so via the main office. Parents are asked not to call the school to deliver messages as classes will only be disturbed under emergency circumstances. Please confirm after school plans with your child prior to their departure from home in the morning.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Participation in physical education is mandatory. Students are required to dress for gym; therefore, the following dress code for physical education classes has been established:

1. Sneakers and sweat socks.
2. Loose-fitting shorts, gym trunks, or sweat pants.
3. Sweatshirts or t-shirts.

For length and appearance of clothing please refer to the dress code policy. In September, all students are issued a gym locker and lock. Only locks issued by the school are permitted. Students are required to secure their personal possessions before exiting the locker room. If a student misplaces his/her lock, it is the student's responsibility to report this to a teacher and purchase a new lock. **Students are not permitted to wear jewelry during physical education classes.**

PIERCINGS/ JEWELRY

Due to safety concerns students are only permitted to have cartilage based piercings, such as pierced ears. All non-cartilage based piercings are prohibited, including but not limited to pierced lips and eyebrows.

PROMOTION/RETENTION

A student will be retained if he/she fails one or more of the following subjects: Mathematics, Problem Solving, Social Studies, Science, or Language Arts. Eighth grade students who fail one or more of the above are not permitted to walk in the promotion ceremony.

STUDENT ACADEMIC REPORTS

Interim Progress Reports: The school recognizes the need for communication with the student and parent therefore, all students are issued an **INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT** at the midpoint of each marking period. Failure to return the report will be followed up by the homeroom teacher and/or the guidance counselor. Weekly progress reports are available upon request through the guidance office. Parents/Guardians are required to sign the progress report and return it the following day.

Report Cards: Four (4) times during the school year the student receives a report card, which indicates the subject grades for that particular marking period. Report card envelopes should be signed and returned to the homeroom teacher the next day.

Honor Roll: Students who have maintained an “A” in every subject are placed on the High Honor Roll. Those students who have earned no lower than a “B” average in all subjects are placed on the Honor Roll.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Accurate student information is essential; therefore, any change of address or home/work telephone number must be given promptly to the Guidance. Pertinent information must be updated in a timely manner. Accurate student/family emergency information is essential to help us provide your child with a safe and responsive school environment. Often parents or guardians need to be contacted with regard to schoolwork, student behavior, illness, or emergency situations.

Emergency Cards: Parents are legally responsible to complete and submit a school Emergency Card. Only those persons listed on the Emergency Card will be permitted to sign a child out of school. These individuals will be asked to show a photo ID.

STUDENT RELEASE FROM SCHOOL

All requests for a student’s early release are handled through the Main Office. It is the policy of the Board of Education that a permanent record book is kept of all Middle School students leaving school before the scheduled dismissal time. The authorized adult must present a photo ID and write-in time of pick-up, reason, and sign the record book. All students must be met in the Office by the adult assuming responsibility.

Doctor and dental appointments should be made after school hours. However, if an early release is requested for medical reasons, a doctor’s appointment form must be returned to the school.

A student must be present for four (4) hours exclusive of his/her lunch period in order to be recorded present for the day in the school register.

STUDENT PRIVACY

Be reminded that if you are taping or photographing a presentation, show, ceremony, etc., that your recordings are for your personal and family use only. You are advised not to post the event to social networking sites that are public. Such postings may invade the privacy rights of other students and may pose a security risk for some of our students.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are issued to every student. There is no initial fee, but students are responsible for any damage or loss of the book assigned to them. Each book will have an assigned number and the student is responsible for that book at the end of the year. No other book will be accepted from the student.

TRANSPORTATION

The school bus driver shall be the authority with regard to managing pupil behavior and the overall orderliness on the bus. Bus safety is vital to your child’s well-being and requires the cooperation of the student and parents as well as school personnel. Students who are disruptive, disrespectful and/or non-compliant, will be subject to the school’s regular disciplinary policy. In addition, violation of these rules and procedures will result in the loss of bus transportation privileges. Students are permitted to ride **only their assigned bus**; to and from school. Please review “School Bus Safety” found in the District’s **Our Schools** Information Guide. If a student misses their bus ride home or their regular authorized manner of departure does not arrive, they must immediately report to the Main Office and notify an Administrator.

VISITORS

All parents and visitors are required to report directly to the Main Office. A visitor’s pass must be worn if leaving the office for other destinations within the school.

Parents may not go directly to a classroom for any reason. Anyone wishing to meet with a teacher for a conference should make an appointment.

WALKERS

Walkers are to enter and leave school grounds using the designated student pathways. Walkers are to leave school grounds promptly at dismissal. No walker may ride a school bus. Walkers who stay after school are responsible for their own transportation.

Parents picking up children at dismissal are requested to wait at the far end of the parking lot (near Washington Road). If a student’s regular authorized manner of departure does not arrive, they must immediately report to the Main Office and notify an Administrator.

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS

When planning to withdraw your son/daughter from school, the parent must schedule an appointment with the Guidance Department. The parent must provide all related information necessary. A transfer card will be forwarded to the receiving district.

WEAPONS POLICY

Weapons of any type are strictly prohibited on school premises or at any Board of Education approved activity.

Definition:

For the purposes of this policy, “weapon” is defined as any item:

1. So defined by state statute 2C:39-1
2. Capable of causing harm or bodily injury for which there is no educational or instructional purpose.
3. Observed to have been displayed or used as a weapon.

This definition includes, but is not limited to: guns, mace, sharp rings and jewelry, martial arts weapons, stun guns, knives, tear gas, blackjacks and/or brass knuckles.

PENALTIES

Level 1: There shall be an immediate suspension pending a mandatory expulsion hearing before the Board of Education for any student:

1. Found to be in possession of a gun or knife or who has displayed a gun or knife on school premises or at any Board of Education approved activity.
2. Who has displayed or used as a weapon any item with the intent of threatening or causing bodily injury on school premises or at any Board of Education approved activity.

Level 2: A minimum of 10 days suspension will be required for any student found to be in possession of any weapon not defined under Level 1.

In all cases of weapons possession, written notification shall be filed with the Sayreville Police Department. As appropriate, formal police complaints shall be filed.

REWARD ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year, numerous and varied events such as but not limited to assemblies and dances are scheduled. All students are afforded the opportunity to participate but shall be excluded if they accumulate:

Three assigned detentions and/or one in-school, out-of-school, or bus suspension within twenty (20) school days of the event.

Students who attend school dances/socials are responsible to secure their ride home. All students must be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the end of the school dance/social. Failure to arrange for a timely pick-up will result in the exclusion of the next school dance/social.

Special End-Of-The Year Activities:

Eighth Grade Dinner Dance, Picnic*, Seventh Grade Fun Day, Sixth Grade Fun Day

For these events, students will be excluded if they accumulate the following:

1. Twenty (20) total administrative/lunch detentions and/or three (3) or more incidents of in-school and/or out-of-school suspension, for the year.
2. Three or more bus suspensions.
3. More than one (1) out-of-school suspension of five (5) days and/or one (1) out-of-school suspension of six (6) or more days.
4. More than three (3) days of any type of suspension during the second semester of the school year.
5. More than 20 days of absence from school. Exception: Absences due to a chronic medical condition, or, successive absences documented by a doctor’s note. Documentation from a physician must be provided to school officials. Students who post perfect attendance from their last “Special End-Of-The Year Activity” exclusion, will be considered eligible for the next “Special End-Of-The Year Activity.”
6. Violation of the code of conduct that results in a student’s removal from the Sayreville Middle School community.

In-school suspension assignments are subject to availability and nature of infraction.

*Students who were excluded from the **Dinner Dance** for reasons other than;

1. More than one (1) out-of-school suspension of five (5) days or one (1) suspension of six (6) days or more
2. More than one (1) physical incident, i.e.; fight, scuffle, physical misconduct
3. A safety violation
4. No more than two (2) bus suspensions;

will be given the opportunity to apply in writing to the Administration for consideration to participate in the **8th Grade Picnic**.

Upon such consideration, the student must also be referral free from the date of the **Dinner Dance** up to and including the date of the **Picnic**.

Eligibility for participation in the End of the Year activities will be subject to the guidelines listed above.

Moving-Up Ceremony:

The 8th grade Moving-Up Ceremony is not a reward activity but a privileged event. As such, the Administration reserves the right to exclude any student deemed a concern for the occasion.

Disciplinary Consequences

A. Attendance

Tuancy/Leaving School Without Authorization

- 1st incident: 5 days administrative detention
- 2nd incident: 1 day OSS (Out of School Suspension)
- 3rd incident: 2 days OSS, Police Report

Late to Class

- 4th incident: Teacher detention
- 5th incident: 1 day administrative detention
- 6th incident: 3-5 days administrative detention, Parent Contact

Cutting Class

- 1st incident: 2 days administrative detention
- 2nd incident: 5 days administrative detention
- 3rd incident: 1 day OSS

B. Insubordination

Failure to Report to Teacher/ Administrative Detention

- 1st incident: 2 days administrative detention
- 2nd incident: 2 days administrative detention, Parent Contact
- 3rd incident: 1 day OSS

Defiance to Authority/Willful Disobedience

- 1st incident: 1 day OSS
- 2nd incident: 2 day OSS
- 3rd incident: 3 days OSS

Failure to Follow Teacher or Substitute's Direction/School Rules/

Insolence to Staff Members

- 1st incident: 2-3 administrative detention
- 2nd incident: 1 day OSS
- 3rd incident: 2 days OSS

Disruptive Behavior

- 1st incident: 2 days detention
- 2nd incident: 3 days detention
- 3rd incident: 3-5 days detention

Violation of Dress Code

- 1st incident: 2 days detention
- 2nd incident: 5 days detention
- 3rd incident: 10 days detention

C. Vandalism and Theft

Minor Vandalism/Graffiti

- 1st incident: 3 days administrative detention and restitution
- 2nd incident: 1 day OSS and restitution
- 3rd incident: 2-3 days OSS and restitution

Malicious Mischief/ "Pantsing"

- 1st incident: 1 day OSS
- 2nd incident: 2 days OSS
- 3rd incident: 2-3 days OSS, Police Report

Theft/Stealing

- 1st incident: 1 day OSS with restitution
- 2nd incident: 1-2 day(s) OSS with restitution and Police Report
- 3rd incident: 3-5 days OSS with restitution and Police Report

Firework Offense

- 1st incident: 5-10 days OSS, referral to I&RS referral and Police Report
- 2nd incident: OSS pending Board hearing to determine placement

D. Inappropriate Behavior

Profanity/Obscene Gestures/Vulgarity

- 1st incident: 1 day OSS
- 2nd incident: 1 day OSS
- 3rd incident: 1-3 day(s) OSS

Scuffle/ Physical Misconduct

- 1st incident: 1-3 day(s) OSS
- 2nd incident: 3 days OSS
- 3rd incident: 3-5 days OSS, I&RS referral, Police Repo

Fight

- 1st incident: 3 day(s) OSS
- 2nd incident: 3-5 days OSS
- 3rd incident: 5 days OSS, I&RS referral, Police Report

Assault

- 1st incident: 5 days OSS, Police Report
- 2nd incident: 5-10 days OSS, I&RS referral, Police Report
- 3rd incident: 8-10 days OSS, I&RS referral, Police Report

Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Bias

Incidents of HIBB will be reported to the school's Anti-Bullying Specialist and referred back to the Administration for intervention /consequences. Depending upon the nature of the offense, the Administration may be required to notify the police.

E. Substance Abuse

Use of Substance/Under the Influence of Drugs/Alcohol

Note: Failure to test within 24 hours is an automatic "positive." An altered or dilute sample will also be considered a drug and/or alcohol "positive."

- 1st incident: 5 days OSS, SAC evaluation, rehabilitation protocol (Board Policy), police report
- 2nd incident: OSS pending Board of Education hearing to determine placement and a police complaint filed

Possession of Controlled or Dangerous Substance or Alcohol

- 1st incident: 5-10 days OSS pending Board of Education hearing to determine placement and a police complaint filed
- 2nd incident: OSS pending Board of Education hearing to determine placement and a police complaint filed

Possession with Intent to Distribute

- 1st incident: OSS pending Board of Education hearing to determine placement and a police complaint filed

Smoking/Possession of an Igniter or Cigarettes

- 1st incident: 1 day OSS
- 2nd incident: 2 days OSS
- 3rd incident: 3 days OSS

F. Violation of Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

- 1st incident: 1 week suspension of technology privileges and 3 days administrative detention
- 2nd incident: 2 weeks suspension of technology privileges and 3 days administrative detention
- 3rd incident: 3 weeks suspension of technology privileges and 1 day OSS

G. Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is required of all students. If a student is caught cheating, zero credit for the test/quiz/assignment will be given with no opportunity to make it up.

H. Possession and/or Unauthorized Use of Cell Phone/Electronic Devices

- 1st incident: 2- 3 days administrative detention, phone confiscated and only returned to parent
- 2nd incident: 3-5 days administrative detention, phone confiscated and only returned to parent
- 3rd incident: 10 days administrative detention, phone confiscated and only returned to parent

I. Weapon Use and/or Possession

(Refer to Weapons Policy 5131.7)

The above consequences for inappropriate behaviors serve only as a guideline. Please be aware that the Administration reserves the right to interpret and consequence students beyond the scope of the Disciplinary Consequences in order to maintain safety, order and discipline of the school.

