

Midland School
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Midland School Student Behavior Guidelines

Discipline at Midland School reflects a philosophy of mutual respect between all adults and children. Our belief is that effective management of behavior can be based on recognizing and rewarding appropriate behavior while at the same time demonstrating that consequences are directly associated with inappropriate behaviors and will not be tolerated within our community.

Rules are simple, clear, straightforward, and positively stated. The rules are designed to insure a safe and calm learning environment for all.

The District's Code of Conduct is sent home for review by the students and parents, signed and returned to the school. The Code of Conduct is available on the District and School websites.

Consequences are logical and appropriate for the type of behavior (or pattern of behaviors) and are aligned with Midland's approach to a progressive form of discipline. Every adult working at Midland School is responsible and has the authority to intervene when inappropriate behavior occurs.

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Midland School Progressive Discipline Plan

Depending on the type, severity, and frequency of student behavior the following plan will be implemented:

1. A verbal warning and discussion as to why the stated behavior is not acceptable:
 - a. Giving an apology to those affected by such behavior
 - b. A brief discussion and demonstration of appropriate behavior
 - c. A verbal reminder that if the behavior persists then more stern consequences will be implemented
2. If appropriate a second verbal warning may be given depending on the behavior following the same steps outlined above.
3. A “time-out” or loss of privileges for a preset amount of time depending upon the inappropriate behavior:
 - a. If a verbal warning has been given and the behavior persists the adult responsible has the authority to give the student a “time-out” for a period of time they deem appropriate – normally anywhere from 2 to 5 minutes.
 - b. While at lunch a student may be moved to a separate table for that lunch period.
 - c. If the initial “time-out” is not effective then additional time may be administered or the student may lose his/her entire recess and building administration will become involved.
4. If the behavior(s) by the student is considered so serious (hitting, threatening bodily harm, the use of vulgar or disrespectful language to student or adult) in direct violation of the District’s Code of Conduct then the adult responsible for the student has the authority to remove the student and have them meet with a school administrator so that appropriate consequences may be administered.
5. Depending on the type, severity, and frequency of student behavior parents may be notified and record of the behavior will be kept with the student’s file. In all cases where a student has lost their recess privileges due to detention parents will be notified by the school administration.

Guidelines for behavior During Playground/Recess

The following rules apply to lunch and recess as well as arrival and dismissal.

- Students are expected to follow directions given by all supervisors and adults while on the playground.
- Students must not enter any of the play areas without adult supervision. Follow game and play equipment rules:

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- Slide DOWN the slides; do not climb up
- One way only on bars
- Do not shove or push classmates while on the playground equipment
- Have respect for your fellow classmates by keeping your hands and feet to yourself.
- No play fighting, wrestling, or rough role play type games are allowed.
- Be courteous and a good sport.
 - Football, kickball, soccer, box ball, tag, etc. are all “non contact” activities at Midland
 - Games that require one person to tag the other are all “one-hand” touch. If an aide observes rough behavior he/she has the authority to stop the activity.
- Everyone is expected to speak respectfully to one another, foul language is not permitted.
- Remember that we share our play areas with the community. Be polite, but please don’t speak with visitors or play with animals on the playground.
- When the whistle is blown indicating recess is over students are responsible for quickly lining up, quieting down, and preparing themselves for entry back into the school building.
- There is adult supervision evenly spread out on the playgrounds and in the cafeteria. If a student needs to speak with an adult they should report to the closest individual. The aide/monitor will resolve the situation or notify school administration.

- During indoor recess due to weather students must be respectful of their classrooms, fellow students’ personal property, and classroom/teacher materials. Five minutes prior to the aide/monitor/volunteer notifying students that recess is over; students will be told to straighten up the classroom and organize recess carts.

Guidelines for Behavior During Lunch

- While eating lunch, students are expected to display the same manners and types of behavior they would have at home around the dinner table or at a restaurant. Out of respect for their fellow classmates students should not:
 - Scream or yell
 - Throw food/lunch items
 - Leave their table a mess with food, wrappers, milk containers, etc.
 - Grab or interfere with a fellow student’s lunch
- Before using the bathroom or water fountain students must raise their hand and receive permission from a lunch monitor/aide before leaving the cafeteria.
- Students should only be out of their seats to get lunch, utensils, to use the bathroom, or if directed by a lunch aide.

Guidelines for Behavior In The Hallways

- Midland students have the utmost respect and concern for safety when it comes to their fellow classmates, therefore the following behaviors are expected at all times when one is in the hallways:
 - Absolutely no running
 - Speak with an inside voice, no yelling
 - Keep your hands and feet to yourself
 - Be courteous to other students in the hallway
 - Walk on the right side of the silver line

Consequences for not following the Rules at Midland Elementary

Those students that do not follow the above rules will be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

1. A verbal warning and discussion as to why the stated behavior is not acceptable.
2. If appropriate a second verbal warning may be given depending on the behavior following the same steps stated above.
3. A “time-out” or loss of privileges for a preset amount of time depending upon the inappropriate behavior.
4. While in the hallways a student may be asked to return to his/her class to walk if they are found running.
5. While in the cafeteria a student may be moved to a separate table and lose the privilege of eating with his/her classmates for that lunch period.
6. If the behavior(s) by the student is considered so serious (hitting, threatening bodily harm, the use of vulgar or disrespectful language to student or adult) in direct violation of the District’s Code of Conduct then the adult responsible for the student has the authority to remove the student from recess and have them meet with a school administrator so that appropriate consequences may be administered.
7. Depending on the type, severity, and frequency of student behavior parents may be notified and record of the behavior will be kept in the student’s file. In all cases where a student has lost their recess privileges due to detention parents will be notified by the school administration.