

DEXTER MIDDLE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

The following school rules will guarantee that the rights of students and staff at Dexter Middle School (DMS) are respected. Infractions of the Code of Conduct are grouped into three sections: Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3. Each level is based on the severity of the infraction, and each violation of the code has varied options of response. The following represents the **recommended** guidelines in the disposition of discipline at DMS. Therefore, depending on the circumstances of your behavior and your prior history, or lack thereof, in matters such as these (or the degree to which you may have attempted to adhere to the accepted school rules), **responses may vary from situation to situation at the administrator's discretion.**

ASD = After School Detention
ISS = In-School Suspension
LD = Lunch Detention

OSS = Out of School Suspension
PD = Police Department

| Level 1 | | | |
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| OPTIONS OF RESPONSE | | | |
| | 1ST OFFENSE | 2ND OFFENSE | 3RD OFFENSE |
| Tardies/per 9-week period (1 st – 3 rd offense=classroom consequence) | 4th tardy = 1 day ASD, parent contact | 5 th tardy = 1 day ASD, warning of ISS, parent contact, teacher/student conference | 6 th and subsequent tardies = 1 day ISS, parent conference, referral to counselor/social worker |
| Missed After School Detention | 1 day ISS | Repeat cycle | |
| Missed Lunch Detention | 1 day ASD | 2 days ASD | 1 day ISS |
| Inappropriate display of affection | Warning | Parent contact & ASD | 1 day ISS, parent conference, possible OSS |
| Dress Code Violation/ Per semester | 1 day LD | 1 day ASD, warning of ISS | 3 rd and subsequent offenses = 1 day ISS, possible OSS, parent contact |
| Gum/Candy/Drinks without permission | 1 day LD | 3 days LD Parent contact | 5 days LD Parent conference |
| Incomplete Work/ Unprepared for class | 1 day ASD | Office Referral, ASD, teacher/student conference, parent contact | 1 day ISS, parent conference, possible OSS |
| Level 2 | | | |
| OPTIONS OF RESPONSE | | | |
| | 1ST OFFENSE | 2ND OFFENSE | 3RD OFFENSE |
| Horseplay (misbehavior in hallway, playground, classroom, bus, etc.) | 1-5 days LD or ASD | 1-5 days ISS, parent contact | 1-3 days OSS, parent conference |
| Classroom Disruption | 1 day ASD | 1 day ISS, parent contact | 1-3 days OSS, parent conference |
| Involvement in cheating, plagiarism, or lying | 1 day ISS, parent contact | 2-3 days ISS, parent contact | 1-3 days OSS, parent conference |
| Defiance/Disrespect | 1 day ISS, parent contact | 2-3 days ISS, parent contact | 1-3 days OSS, parent conference |
| Truancy (Skipping class/leaving campus) | 1 day ISS, parent contact | 2 days ISS, parent conference | 3 days ISS, parent conference, referral to counselor/social worker |
| Disrupting a school activity (assemblies, field trips, after school activities, etc.) | Removal from event and suspension from next activity, unless accompanied by parent | Removal from event and suspension from all school activities for the remainder of the year | |
| Throwing or shooting objects (includes spit wads, pencils, sticks, rubber bands, paper) | 1-3 days LD, ASD or ISS | 1-5 days OSS, parent conference | |
| Use or possession of tobacco products in any form on school grounds | 1 day OSS, parent conference | 2 day OSS, parent conference | 3 days OSS, parent conference |
| Inappropriate objects, materials and media (includes laser pointers) | 1 day ISS | 2 days ISS, parent contact | 1-3 days OSS, parent conference |
| Inappropriate/abusive language (profanity) | 1 day ASD | 1-3 days ISS, parent contact | 1-3 days OSS, parent conference |

| Level 3 | | | |
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| OPTIONS OF RESPONSE | | | |
| | 1ST OFFENSE | 2ND OFFENSE | 3RD OFFENSE |
| Removal from ISS due to refusal to follow ISS rules, refusal to complete assigned work, defiance/disrespect, etc. | OSS for duration of ISS term (minimum of 1 day), parent contact | OSS for duration of ISS term (minimum of 1 day), parent conference | OSS for duration of ISS term (minimum of 1 day), parent conference, mandatory counseling |
| Harassment or intimidation/threatening, or bullying of other students (includes verbal, written, sexual, and physical harassment) | Apology, 1-3 days ISS | Apology, parent conference, 1-5 days OSS | Apology, parent conference, referral to PD, 5-10 days OSS |
| Fighting (mutual combat, including self-defense) | 1-3 days OSS, parent conference, and conflict mediation | 4-9 days OSS, parent conference, and conflict mediation | 10 days OSS, parent conference |
| Substance abuse (selling, exchanging, distributing, or giving drugs, alcohol or any other controlled substances to another student, or consuming, in-possession of drug paraphernalia, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances) | 5-10 days OSS, PD referral and participation in a school-based counseling program/evaluation and treatment program | 10 days OSS, PD referral, recommendation for expulsion | |
| Vandalism/property damage (involved in altering, defacing or destroying school or private property, including technology) | 1-5 days OSS, loss of privileges, parent conference, restitution and/or PD referral and restriction | 10 days OSS, counseling, restitution, loss of privileges, PD referral and recommendation for expulsion | |
| Use/possession of combustible items | 1-5 days OSS | 10 days OSS and recommendation for expulsion | |
| Making false 911 calls (Includes pulling false fire alarm, bomb threats) | 1-5 days OSS and PD referral | 10 days OSS and recommendation for expulsion | |
| Forgery/theft (involvement in stealing) | 1-5 days OSS, restitution, counseling and parent conference | 6-10 days OSS, restitution, counseling, parent conference, and PD referral | 10 days OSS, referral to PD, recommendation for expulsion |
| Verbally abusing or using obscenity toward staff members | 1-4 days OSS and parent conference | 5-10 days OSS, counseling, and parent conference | 10 days OSS, referral to PD, and recommendation for expulsion |
| Assault/Battery (includes physical abuse of staff members) | 10 days OSS, referral to PD, and recommendation for expulsion | | |
| Weapons (bringing weapons to school grounds or possession regardless of intent) | PD referral and suspension pending hearing: recommendation for expulsion | | |
| Arson | PD referral and suspension pending hearing: recommendation for expulsion | | |
| After School Detention will occur Monday and Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. Students assigned detention should be in their seats no later than 3:20, must bring school assignments, and will remain until the end of the detention. Detention will be managed as a quiet study hall and all classroom rules will apply. Any student arriving after 3:20 will not be allowed in ASD and will suffer the next consequence of ISS. | In-School Suspension will occur every day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students are expected to follow all ISS classroom rules and complete all regular assignments given while in ISS. If a student is removed from ISS for any reason, they will be suspended from school. In lieu of ISS, parents may shadow their child for the day(s) required for ISS. | Out-of-School Suspension is when a student is temporarily removed from school. Students who are suspended from DMS are prohibited from being on the campus or in attendance at any school activity or event for the duration of their suspension. | |