

Midway Middle School Extracurricular Discipline Management Plan

The Midway Independent School District recognizes that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Students participating in extracurricular events represent the school district and the community at all times. The students are role models; therefore, they are held to a high standard of conduct. All Middle School students scheduled to be on a team or in an organization or any student currently a member of a school recognized extracurricular program (U.I.L., clubs, student organizations) shall be governed by the following discipline management plan. It is important to note that because the plan specifically includes conduct that occurs away from school and away from school functions, activities, or events, the plan literally applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year for all MISD students participating or scheduled to participate in these activities.

I. A. Conduct at School Sponsored Functions, Activities, Events

Students participating in a Midway ISD extracurricular activity/event will be required to follow all expectations outlined in the MISD Student Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct applies to all students and their conduct at any school function, activity, or event that Midway ISD is participating in regardless of the location. The authority to remove or deny a student's participation in an activity rests with the coach or sponsor.

To promote the highest ideals in citizenship, leadership, sportsmanship, loyalty, and a positive competitive attitude, students are expected to comply with the following guidelines:

- 1) The student, must comply with the rules of the district as stated in the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, and School Board Policies.
- 2) The use or possession of alcohol and drugs is prohibited.
- 3) The use or possession of tobacco in any form (smoking, dipping, and chewing) is prohibited.
- 4) Insubordination and disrespect to coaches/sponsors may result in suspension from the student's respective team/organization.
- 5) Students are responsible for use of all equipment and its return to the school in the best possible condition (i.e., athletics, band, and journalism).
- 6) Students on school trips must travel to and from events with the team. Exceptions may be requested in writing or by a direct verbal request from the parents asking permission for their child to travel with them.
- 7) Students must meet and maintain eligibility criteria as mandated by the U.I.L. and/or club or organization bylaws.

Student Code of Conduct Discipline Guidelines:

1 demerit = Conference and Parent Notification	5 demerits = Minimum of 6 weeks in AEP
2 demerits = Three days of In-School Suspension	6 demerits = Minimum of 18 weeks in AEP
3 demerits = Five days of In-School Suspension	7 demerits = Recommendation for Expulsion
4 demerits = Three days suspension from school	

While assigned to the Alternative Education Program (AEP) or In-School Suspension (ISS), students will not attend or participate in school sponsored or school related activities. Accumulation of demerits will result in the assignment of a Strike as defined in Section II.

A student who receives three demerits (cumulative or at one time) shall receive a **Strike**. A second strike will be issued if the student receives two (cumulative or at one time) additional demerits. Consequences for receiving strikes are listed below.

B. Non-School Conduct

Committing the following major offenses will result in a **strike** and disciplinary action initiated by the coach/sponsor/school official:

- 1) Illegal possession, consumption, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or controlled substances.
- 2) Violent acts.
- 3) Behavior that results in criminal charges by law enforcement agencies.
(Behavior that is verified as a violation of law.)

Mandatory Self-Reporting – Students who engage in activities that result in criminal charges by a law enforcement agency are required to report such incident verbally and in writing to school personnel (coach, sponsor, or assistant principal) within five calendar days of the incident. Student participants who fail to self-report and receive a first strike because school officials have verified a violation of law will be subject to a doubled suspension (20% instead of 10%).

A student can be found to have violated this policy and receive a first or second strike after a complete administrative investigation with credible witnesses, reports from school district personnel, or information from law enforcement agencies. A student in attendance (attending an event/party which includes prohibited activities) may be found in violation of this policy if he/she knowingly remains at a location/event where prohibited activities are occurring. A student alleged to be in violation of this policy will have an opportunity to respond in an informal, oral conference with the campus principal or assistant principal.

Team/organization/club consequences as outlined below will apply in addition to Code of Conduct consequences.

Drug Testing

A positive drug test will result in the assessment of one (1) strike. Conduct which results in the treatment of a drug test as positive (refusal to submit to test, leaving the campus after learning of selection for testing, tampering, etc.) will also result in the assessment of one (1) strike.

Any subsequent positive test (or conduct treated as a positive test) will result in the assessment of a second strike, and the student will be subject to the consequences for a second strike as set forth in this plan, including removal from all extracurricular programs for a period of one (1) calendar year. [Note. A positive test (or conduct treated as such) will count as a second strike where a strike is already in existence, even if the existing strike had no relation to the District's drug testing program.] A strike under the drug testing program shall be treated like a major offense under the Student Code of Conduct, and, therefore, cannot be removed by community service.

II. Team/Organization/Club Consequences

FIRST STRIKE:

- 1) Mandatory conference, which may be a phone conference, with students, parent(s), and appropriate school officials/coach.
- 2) The student will be placed on suspension for 10% of the scheduled events (minimum of one complete game/event/activity) to begin immediately or at the beginning of the sport/activity season, contests or activities scheduled for the remainder of the school calendar year. An ineligible student (for academic or disciplinary reasons) will serve the suspension when eligibility is regained. When a student is involved in more than one sport or extracurricular activity, athletics will take precedent if agreed upon by the coaches and/or sponsors involved.

SECOND STRIKE:

- 1) A student will be suspended from all extracurricular programs for the remainder of the school calendar year.
- 2) A student suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities under this policy shall be provided the following written information:

the reason(s) for the suspension.
the conditions of the suspension.
information on availability of counseling, if appropriate.
- 3) Students suspended from non-athletic extracurricular participation shall be required to complete 12 hours of community service prior to participation the following school calendar year.

Students suspended from extracurricular activities under this policy shall not miss required academic class related to the extracurricular activity.

Information regarding the appeal process for students can be found in School Board Policy FNG (LOCAL).

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