

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Lower Moreland Township School District has established a Code of Conduct that outlines expected behavior when students travel to and from school, in school, at school-sponsored activities or trips, and when using computers. It also explains the consequences of any misbehavior. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of all who are involved in the educational process.

LEVEL I

Level/Description of Behavior

Level I misconduct interferes with the education of another student, the orderly operation of the school, and/or a school function. This misconduct can often be handled by a staff member but sometimes may require the intervention of administration.

Examples

- Exhibit disruptive behavior
- Exhibit disrespectful behavior
- Speak in a way that teases, hurts, or harasses others
- Unauthorized use of cell phones, recording devices, electronic games or cameras
- Unexcused absence or tardiness to school, class, or regular assignment
- Violate the school dress code policy
- Use inappropriate language
- Loitering in the lavatories
- Eat outside of the cafeteria without permission
- Any offense deemed by an administrator that causes or has the potential to cause a disruption of the educational process or constitutes a health or safety issue

Disciplinary Responses

One or more of the following:

- teacher warning or reprimand
- teacher detention
- restorative conference
- parent notification
- parent conference
- administrative warning or reprimand
- behavior contract
- SAP referral
- loss of privileges
- 1-3 day detention
- Other restorative measures as deemed appropriate by an administrator

LEVEL II

Level/Description of Behavior

Level II misconduct involves behavior whose frequency or seriousness tends to disrupt the learning climate of the school or are repeated Level I behaviors for which intervention has not been successful. Level II behaviors require corrective action from administrative personnel.

Examples

- Unchanged or accumulated Level 1 offenses
- Failure to follow a reasonable request
- Throwing food/objects in the cafeteria
- Failure to follow the Computer and Technology Code of Ethics
- Act in a disrespectful or defiant manner toward any school personnel / insubordination
- Destroy the work of others
- Forgery, cheating, or plagiarizing (See Code of Academic Integrity)
- Cut class or be absent from an assigned location
- Fight or assault
- Harass another student
- Make a threat
- Bullying /Cyberbullying (See Bullying Policy)
- Cause minor vandalism
- Commit minor theft
- Participate in any gambling activity
- Carry, handle, or possess a dangerous object
- Act in a way that endangers the safety of themselves or others
- Use inappropriate language, gestures, or symbols to demean others including but not limited to profanity, racial, ethnic, religious, homophobic, or sexually derogatory terms
- Use school facilities or property without permission
- Miss a scheduled school detention
- Any offense deemed by an administrator that causes or has the potential to cause a disruption of the educational process or constitutes a health or safety issue

Disciplinary Responses

Parent notification and one or more of the following:

- 2-5 day detention
- 1-3 day suspension
- loss of privileges
- behavior contract
- restorative conference
- restitution for theft or vandalism
- SAP referral
- consequences outlined in the Code of Academic Integrity

Other restorative measures as deemed appropriate by an administrator

LEVEL III

Level/Description of Behavior

Level III misconduct involves acts directed towards a person or property. Those acts which are criminal or illegal will be referred to local law enforcement.

Examples

- Unchanged or accumulated Level 2 offenses
- Hazing
- Violate password protection of a computer system, download illegal software to cause damage to a system or cause a security breach, or modify a system file
- Threaten or strike a staff member
- Make a threat using words including but not limited to “bomb, kill, gun, or shoot”

- Endanger the safety of others with a bomb threat, make threatening or illegal telephone calls, make unauthorized use of fire alarm equipment, or make terroristic threats
- Cause significant vandalism
- Possess or use tobacco products and/or look alike substances or paraphernalia on school grounds or at school functions
- Possess or use controlled or illegal substances such as alcohol, or other drugs, and/or look alike chemical substances or paraphernalia associated with illegal substances, on school grounds or at school functions
- Possession of any prescription or non-prescription medication
- Under the influence at school or school sponsored events
- Lead or participate in a large group misconduct or disturbance
- Possess or use any weapon, object that looks like a weapon, or object that can be used as a weapon (such as scissors, nail clippers, box cutter, pocket knife, knife, matches, lighter, open flame) on school grounds, the bus, or at school functions
- Perform or attempt to perform arson
- Engage in lewd behavior, indecent exposure, or sexual acts
- Commit major theft of school or personal property
- Commit aggravated assault, which causes injury to another person
- Break into any school district building or vehicle
- Extortion
- Any offense deemed by an administrator that causes or has the potential to cause a disruption of the educational process or constitutes a health or safety issue

Disciplinary Responses

Parent notification and one or more of the following:

- 3-10 day suspension
- loss of privileges
- expulsion
- referral to law enforcement authorities
- referral to the District justice
- restorative conference
- restitution for theft or vandalism
- SAP referral

Other restorative measures as deemed appropriate by an administrator