



# Maywood Avenue School Code of Conduct Student Contract

## Overall Responsibilities

### **Student Responsibilities**

Since the Constitution and State law safeguard students' rights, each student has the responsibility to protect his/her and other's right to an undisturbed education. All students shall be expected to follow the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and school administration. Students shall be required to observe the customary rules of courtesy and politeness, which contributes to good order as established by the acceptable standards of school and community.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

Discipline is the primary responsibility of the parents and the student while attending school. The behavior of students attending our school shall reflect standards of good citizenship demanded of members of a democratic society. It is the parent's obligation to develop in the student good behavior habits as well as proper attitudes toward school. To ensure student's success, parents should, at regular intervals, check with officials concerning that child's school conduct.

### **School Responsibilities**

It is the school's responsibility to provide experiences that will enable the student to function as a good citizen. Policies and measures of discipline shall be employed to establish a favorable learning environment free from distractions and misbehavior.

### **Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying**

The BOE prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for pupils to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation and bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a pupil's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its pupils in a safe environment; and since pupils learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers should be commended for demonstrating appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying.

## Student Behavior Code

The following types of behavior will result in disciplinary action, which may include detention or suspension from school:

- Tardiness
- Class disruption
- Lunchroom/playground misbehavior, Assembly misbehavior
- Running in the hallways and stairwells
- Gum chewing
- Throwing snowballs
- Disturbing school neighbors
- Failure to return parent notices with signatures
- Fighting, disruption or interference with school activities.
- Stealing of school or private property while on school premises, or while under the supervision and control of the school, or in the course of a school related activity, or possession/sale of stolen property.
- The use of obscene or profane language or gesture.
- Deliberate refusal to obey a teacher.
- An unauthorized "walk-out" from a classroom or a school building.
- Physically abusing a student or member of the staff or a school official.
- Blackmailing, threatening, or intimidating other students or teachers.
- Possessing on school property or school bus, or during any school function, any kind of weapon.
- Possession or distribution of materials, which would interfere with the educational process.
- Possession, sale or consumption of drugs or alcoholic beverages.
- Smoking while on school premises or while under the supervision and control of the school, or in the course of a school-related activity.
- The willful damage or destruction of school property. Inappropriate display of affection while on school premises or while under the supervision and control of the school, or in the course of a school-related activity.
- "Hazing," A student shall not engage in any act which intimidates, threatens, degrades, or disgraces a fellow student, visitor, administrator or member of the school staff by written, verbal or by gesture.
- Repeated violations-any series of behavioral violations that create a pattern of misconduct may result in suspension. Any other conduct, which substantially disrupts or materially interferes with the educational process being conducted by the school.
- Unauthorized use of the Internet, including the accessing of sites containing inappropriate text or graphics
  - Abuse, damage or vandalism of the district's computer facilities including hardware and software
  - Other inappropriate student behavior

## **Dress Code**

The Maywood Avenue School dress code, as per board policy, is implemented in order to create a reasonable and appropriate learning environment. All students are expected to dress appropriately while attending school and school sponsored functions. Dress code violations may result in the student being asked to change the attire to meet the standards. Continued violations may result in disciplinary actions.

### **Head Wear**

Hats, bandannas, and hoods shall not be worn in school, with the exception of religious reasons.

### **Jewelry**

For safety reasons, choke chains, spiked collars or other jewelry, and pocket chains are prohibited. Safety pins may not be used as a form of jewelry.

### **Sleepwear**

Sleepwear, including boxer shorts and pajamas may not be worn as outerwear or exposed in the classroom.

### **Footwear**

Flip Flops and Adidas-type sandals are not permitted in order to promote safety.

### **Shorts and Skirts**

Short shirts, short skirts, or rips in jeans can be no more than one hand length above the knee. Spandex shorts and form-fitting sweat pants are prohibited.

### **Shirts**

Shirts, tops and blouses that expose the following are prohibited: chest area, midriff, and lower back. Specifically, halter tops, half shirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, mesh shirts, or shirts with excessively low cut arm holes are prohibited.

All clothing will be considered inappropriate if they are sexually suggestive, promote alcohol, tobacco or drugs, gang related or if they are the cause of any disruption. No undergarments may be showing at any time. While classroom teachers have the major responsibility for enforcing these standards, the building principal has the final decision. The building principal shall have full discretion to temporarily suspend the dress code during after school activities and/or special theme days. Specifically organized learning activities (eg. field trips, concerts) may reasonably dictate variations from the dress code of the normal classroom setting.

# **Discipline Framework**

## **Detentions**

Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Saturday 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM (pending approval)

- Detentions will be served in Room 213.
- No detentions will be served outside of Mr. Timmins' or Mr. Jordan's offices
- Failure to report to detention results in a second detention assigned.
- No food or drink is allowed in the detention room
- A student assigned to a detention will not be allowed to attend an extracurricular activity until the detention is served. No exceptions.

## **Electronic Devices**

All electronic devices are to be off and should not be seen during the school day.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense Detention, Student pick up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense Detentions, Parent Pickup
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense In School Suspension, Parent Pick-up

## **Tardies**

Students are expected to be here by no later than 8:15 AM. Students are not allowed into the building until 8:05 AM. Supervision begins at 8:05 AM.

- Detention for every late after 3<sup>rd</sup> late in each marking period

## **Leaving School Grounds**

At no time is a student allowed to leave the grounds of the school

Immediate Out of School Suspension

## **Dress Code Violation**

All dress code violations require the student to either change completely or change the attire so as to make it acceptable.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense 1 detention
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense 3 detentions

**Insubordination, Disrespect, Disruptive Behavior** Behavior of this kind is unacceptable at MAS.

- Range of discipline including Detention, ISS, OSS and revoking of extracurricular privileges.

## **Fighting/Physical Contact**

No fighting (playful or deliberate) is allowed.

- No Tolerance
- Immediate Out of School Suspension
- Administrative Review of Eligibility for Class Trips

## **Student/Parent Contract**

We have read the Maywood Avenue School Student Code of Conduct. As a student at MAS I will abide by the principles that have been set forth and understand the consequences that my behaviors may result in. I will make an effort on a consistent basis to be a productive and respectful citizen of the Maywood Avenue School community.

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Student Name (Please print)

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Grade

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date

WORK HARD, FOLLOW YOUR PASSIONS & ENJOY EACH DAY