**Wicomico Day School: Middle School Conduct**

The grades commonly designated as *middle school* can be a time of great challenge for young people. Good student behavior is extremely important in creating the kind of educational environment in which students will be able to realize their greatest opportunities for growth. Good discipline habits assume consideration for the rights of others, cooperation with everyone in the school community, respect for others and the property of others, self-respect for one's own individual worth, and pride in one’s own achievements. To help these students understand and address appropriate behavior, the faculty has defined such behavior and developed appropriate consequences for oppositional behavior.

### GOOD STUDENT BEHAVIOR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES:

**I. COURTESY AND RESPECT FOR EVERYONE**

Well behaved students treat everyone as they themselves wish to be treated.

* No harassing, teasing, bullying or purposeful embarrassing other students or adults.
* No foul language, obscene gestures, racial, ethnic, religious slurs and disrespectful language, tone, or actions.

**II. CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE**

Well behaved students act maturely so they and others are not in danger.

* No fighting, hitting, kicking, pushing, grabbing or aggressive physical contact.
* No throwing objects or damaging items.
* No running, tripping, unsafe or rough play or rowdy disruptive behavior.

**III. RESPECT FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Well behaved students treat everyone's personal belongings in the same manner that they want their things treated.

* No stealing or possession of stolen goods.
* No destruction, vandalism, or misuse of property.

**IV. RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT TO LEARN AND TEACH WITHOUT DISRUPTION**

Well behaved students will act in such a manner so that their behavior is not disruptive and will display the qualities of appropriate conduct.

* No MP3 players, video games, cell phones or other such equipment unless requested by the teacher.
* No inappropriate use of the internet or resources.
* No toys or other items from home not needed for school.

**V. RESPONSIBILITY FOR BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME**

A well-behaved student attends school and classes punctually.

* No truancy, tardiness, or failure to be in one’s assigned place.
* No failing to attend appointments.

**VI. APPROPRIATE GROOMING AND APPEARANCE**

A well-behaved student has healthy and good grooming habits and appears neat and appropriate for school.

* No dress code violation.

**VII. APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THE REASONABLE DIRECTIONS OF STAFF MEMBERS**

A well-behaved student always follows the directions of the adult member of the school community.

* No insubordination, backtalk, lying or cheating

**CONSEQUENCES OF POOR STUDENT CONDUCT**

### While all students are expected to behave appropriately, this is a learning process. Minor incidents of misconduct will be dealt with by classroom teachers on an individual basis. Minor incidents include, but are not limited to talking, disrupting class, horseplay, non-compliance, non-conformity for dress code. Consequences may include, but are not limited to seat change, behavior reflection, apology notes, or detention.

### *However*, should the behavior become extreme, continue, or worsen the behavior will be treated as a Major Offense and further action will be taken by Administration. A Major Offense may include, but is not limited to fighting, abusive or inappropriate language/profanity, disrespect to adults, theft, cheating on tests, plagiarism, open defiance, and vandalism. Major Offense consequences are as follows:

**First Major Offense**: A student in violation of the Middle School Code of Conduct will be required to meet with a member of the Administration and a phone call will be made to the parents. The behavior will be addressed, and appropriate consequences will be imposed.

**Second Major Offense**: A student in violation of the Middle School Code of Conduct will be required to attend a parent and Administrator conference. The student will receive an in-school suspension.

**Third Major Offense:** A student in violation of the Middle School Code of Conduct will be required to attend a parent and Administrator conference and will receive an out of school suspension with the possibility of expulsion.

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