



MOREHEAD CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DISCIPLINE POLICY

Morehead City Middle School is using the guidelines for disciplinary action developed by the Carteret County Board of Education to determine discipline consequences.

Guidelines for Disciplinary Action

Students are prohibited in engaging in the following activities. Consequences apply regardless of whether the misbehavior took place in school, on district property, in a district vehicle, at a school or district activity, or at a school bus stop. The consequences may also apply for misbehaviors, which take place at other locations, but directly affect school programs or activities. Consequences may deviate from what is listed in the chart, as follows:

- The administrator may recommend longer suspensions on a case-by-case basis with approval from the superintendent and his/her designee, such as for students with multiple offenses across categories or when a single behavior is particularly severe.
- The administrator may also choose alternative consequences in lieu of suspension on a case-by-case basis, such as in-school suspension, restitution (to the extent permitted by law), mediation, peer mediation, conflict resolution, after-school detention, Saturday School, and/or others.
- Any out-of-school suspension will include school counselor notification and reasonable attempts to hold a parent conference (in person, by email, or by phone).

Conduct violations listed in Carteret County School Board Policy 4335, Section C, must be reported to law enforcement by the principal. Other misbehaviors listed below will be reported to law enforcement by the principal based on the nature and severity of the offending behavior. Misbehaviors are succinctly defined in the chart below. Please refer to the designated Carteret County School Board Policy for a complete and proper understanding of the misbehavior.

**** Specific behaviors not addressed by the plan will be dealt with as needed and/or by local policy developed at MCMS.****

1.	Assault: Physical – Assaulting, physically injuring, attempting to injure or intentionally behaving in such a way as could reasonably cause injury to another person. (Policy 4331, section A) Upon a student (grades 6-12)	0-3 day suspension	0-10 day suspension	up to long-term suspension	
	Upon a staff member (grades 6-12)	up to long-term suspension			
	Upon staff member with serious injury (by student age 13 or older)	long-term suspension and removal to alternative setting			
2.	Bomb Threat – Making or aiding in the making of a bomb threat or bomb hoax against school system property. (Policy 4333, Section B)	365-day OSS and report to police			
3.	Cheating, Plagiarism, Falsification —Obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work by using dishonest means or obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work by representing the work of another as one's own without the necessary and appropriate acknowledgement. (Policy 4310)	1 day ASD and No Credit Given; Parent and Principal notified	Same as 1 st offense and 1 day OSS	Same as 1 st offense and 3 days OSS	Same as 1 st offense and 5 days OSS
4.	Communication Devices – Unauthorized use of any communication device, including, but not necessarily limited to, cellular telephones, paging devices, two-way radios, cameras, music players or similar devices. (Policy 4318)	warning confiscation	2 detentions confiscation	1 day ISS confiscation	1 day OSS confiscation
5.	Damage to Property – Intentionally damaging or attempting to damage school or private property at any time when board policies are applicable. (Policy 4315; Policy 4330, Section B)	administrative decision and restitution	0-1 day OSS and restitution	0-3 day OSS and restitution	0-5 day OSS and restitution
6.	Dress – Clothing or an accessory that violates a reasonable dress code adopted and publicized by the school; is substantially disruptive; is provocative or obscene; or endangers the health or safety of the student or others. (Policy 4315; Policy 4316)	Warning and Change of attire	1 detention and Change of Attire	1 day ISS and Change of Attire	1 day OSS
7.	Drugs and Alcohol - Possessing, using, transmitting, selling or being under the influence of any prohibited substances as defined by board policy 4325.	up to long-term suspension OR 10 days OSS and treatment*	up to long-term suspension	* reduction to 10 days OSS with treatment may only be offered one time from grades 6-12	
	(grades 6-12) – involving sale or distribution	up to long-term suspension			
8.	False Alarms - Intentionally initiating a false alarm of a fire or other emergency notification system. (Policy 4315)				
	(grades K-12) – report to law enforcement, as required	administrative decision	0-1 day suspension	0-3 day suspension	0-5 day suspension
9.	Fighting - Adversarial physical contact, differentiated from poking or pushing, in which one or the other party or both contributed to the situation by instigating a physical altercation. (Policy 4331, Section A) (grades 6-8)	1 day OSS	3 days OSS	5 days OSS	up to long-term suspension

10.	Harassment and Bullying – Acts that are unwanted, unwelcomed, and uninvited that demean, threaten or offend the victim and result in a hostile environment; includes but is not limited to sexual harassment. (Policy 4331, Section C; Policy 4021; Policy 4025; Policy 4026) (grades 6-8)	2 days ISS and parent conference	1 day OSS	5 days OSS	up to long-term suspension
11.	Incendiary Devices - K-12: Unauthorized possession or igniting of matches, lighters or other devices that produce flames. (Policy 4301)	warning confiscation	0-1 day suspension confiscation	0-3 day suspension confiscation	0-5 day suspension confiscation
	Possession (grades K-12)				
	Igniting Combustibles, Intentional – Intentionally igniting combustible liquids or other items that cause disruption or unsafe environment. (grades 6-12)	3 days OSS	5 days OSS	up to long-term suspension	
12.	Insubordination – Willful refusal to follow an appropriate direction given by a staff member; this, however, does not include failure to complete homework. (Policy 4301)	1-2 days ISS	1 day OSS	3 days OSS	5 days OSS
13.	Robbery or Extortion – Obtaining property from another person where his or her consent was induced by use of force, threat of force, or under false pretenses. (Policy 4333, Section D; Policy 4335)	3 days OSS, restitution and parent conference	5 days OSS and restitution	up to long-term suspension and restitution	
14.	Theft, or Knowingly Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Stealing or attempting to steal school or private property and/or knowingly being in possession of stolen property. (Policy 4330)	2 days ISS and restitution	1-3 days OSS and restitution	5 days OSS and restitution	up to long-term suspension and restitution
15.	Threatening Acts - any sign or language that threatens force, violence, or disruption; includes harassment and bullying. (Policy 4331, sections B and C)				
	Involving student or staff (grades 6-8)	1-2 days ISS	1 day OSS	3 days OSS	5 days OSS
16.	Tobacco – Possessing, using or distributing tobacco or e-cigarettes in district buildings, on district grounds, in district vehicles or at district events. (Policy 4320)	1 days OSS	3 days OSS	5 days OSS	5 days OSS
17.	Unacceptable Use of Technology – Misuse of school system technology, network and internet access, including but not limited to the accessing of explicit or pornographic material. (Policy 3225/4312/7320)	1 day OSS and parent conf.	3 days OSS and parent conf.	5 days OSS and privileges revoked for remainder year	10 days OSS
18.	Uncivil Behavior – Disrespectful behavior, using profanity, possessing sexually explicit or pornographic material, lying, or gambling. (Policy 4310) (Classroom disruption would fall in this category.)	1 day ISS or principal's discretion	1 day OSS and parent conference	3 days OSS	5 days OSS
19.	Weapon or Look-alike Weapon Possession – Possessing, handling, using or transmitting, whether concealed or open, any weapon or any instrument that reasonably looks like a weapon or could be used as a weapon. (Policy 4333 A)				
	(grades K-12) – non-firearm	5 days OSS	10 days OSS	up to long-term suspension	
	(grades K-12) – possession of firearm or powerful explosive	365-day suspension			
20.	Skipping/Truancy – Being out-of-bounds, in the hallway without permission, in the wrong area of the building, etc.	2 detentions	1 day ISS	2 days ISS	