

Middle School Discipline

Core Attitudes Expected

Perseverance

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:4

Reliability

“Well done, my good servant!” his master replied. “Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.” Luke 19:17

Integrity

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. Proverbs 11:3

Discipline

Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray. Proverbs 10:17

Excellence

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

Awesome Acts

CCS is striving to develop a student with a Godly sense of PRIDE. Awesome Act tickets will be awarded to students who demonstrate Perseverance, Reliability, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence.

Behaviors considered for Awesome Acts include:

Respect for teachers and other students

Leadership

Responsibility

Honesty

Choosing the right behavior in tough situations

Caring for others

Putting others' needs ahead of own

Awesome Acts may be redeemed in two ways. Periodically, an Awesome Act Reward Time will be offered. Students may purchase admission using Awesome Acts.

Awesome Acts may also be saved for the Awesome Act Auctions in December and/or May. We request donations from parents and the students purchase those items with their Awesome Acts during an auction.

Above and Beyond

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

Students who go above and beyond to demonstrate a Godly sense of PRIDE may be nominated by teachers for the Above and Beyond recognition. Periodically, students receiving Above and Beyond will be recognized in Chapel or middle school assemblies.

When the PRIDE attitudes are missing, teachers will either deduct points from the weekly participation grade or give demerits.

MS Participation Grade

For core classes and the majority of elective classes, participation grades will be given every week or every two weeks depending on the frequency of the class meeting. Each student will begin with a 100, and teachers will deduct points per incident for classroom offenses such as:

- Unexcused tardiness
- Disturbing class
- Unprepared for class
- Writing or passing notes

Three repeated classroom offenses will be handled using the demerit system.

Demerit System

Demerits will be given for repeated classroom offenses, more severe offenses, and non-classroom offenses. Non-classroom situations will include areas such as hallways, gym, lunchroom, and other common areas. Demerits are cumulative for the semester. Consequences will be given based on the total number of demerits.

Demerits will be given for offenses such as:

One Demerit Offenses

- Candy, gum, food, and drink consumption in class
- Disobedience
- Electronic device misuse
- Disorderly conduct
- Inappropriate language
- Public displays of affection
- Unexcused tardies (see Questions section for more information)
- Repeated classroom disobedience or disturbance
- Dress Code violations
- Presence in unapproved locations of campus
- Horseplay

Three Demerit Offenses

- Disrespect (one blatant act or repeated acts)
- Lying (including forgery)
- Vulgarity or profanity
- Stealing
- Class truancy

Five Demerit Offenses

- Bullying
- Vandalism
- Class truancy (which includes leaving campus)
- Failure to serve detention

The final decision regarding the assignment of demerits will be at CCS administrator discretion.

Severe Clause: In severe behavior situations, the student will be immediately referred to CCS administration. Severe situations could include but are not limited to the following: drugs, alcohol, firearms, physical violence, or immorality.

Consequences

Demerits are cumulative for the semester. Consequences will be given based on the total number of demerits.

Level (based on total demerits for semester)	Consequences
1	Loss of one Social Lunch/Hang Time
2	Loss of two Social Lunch/Hang Times
3	One After School Detention and Behavior Reflecting Bible Study to be signed by parent
4	Two After School Detentions, Behavior Reflecting Bible Study, and Conference with Principal
5	Saturday Detention
6-9	Conference with Principal, Additional Consequences at Principal's Discretion (Additional Detention, In-School Suspension, etc.)
10	Suspension and Loss of Class Trip

Saturday Detention will be the third Saturday of each month beginning in September. The hours will be 9 -11 am.

Demerit Forgiveness

God forgives our sins as far as the east is from the west. We also want to extend grace to students who demonstrate a changed heart after receiving a demerit. Students who would like to have a demerit forgiven may contact the principal. A student must complete a time period of at least six weeks without a new demerit for a past demerit to be forgiven. **The student** must initiate the conversation with the principal to determine if he/she qualifies.

Common Questions

What is the cell phone/electronic device policy?

Electronic devices include cell phones, iPods, iPads, and e-readers. With technology increasing, we want students to learn to use these devices properly. **If instructed by a teacher, students may use electronic devices for educational purposes during class time.** Middle school students may only use an electronic device if given approval by a faculty member and while overseen by that faculty member.

- First Offense—Device will be held by the faculty member. The student may collect the device at the end of the school day.
- Any Subsequent Offense—Device will be held by CCS administration (middle school principal). For 6th and 7th grade students, demerits may be issued. For 8th grade, the student's Digital License will be suspended until requirements for re-instatement (as determined by the administration) are met. Requirements could include digital citizenship instruction, parent meeting, or possible suspension.

Any student using an electronic device in violation of local, state, or Federal laws will be subject to school discipline, up to and including expulsion, and notification to local law enforcement.

What is a Dress Code violation?

Dress Code violations that result in a demerit will include:

- Shirt not tucked in
- Unapproved outerwear

Dress code violations that question modesty will require a parent contact for change of clothes.

What is an unexcused tardy?

A tardy is considered unexcused when the student is without written excuse from a parent or teacher to explain the lateness. Attendance is taken every class period, and tardies can be accumulated for any class period. Unexcused tardies will result in deductions from the participation grade for the week. An accrual of three unexcused tardies for one class will result in a demerit from that teacher.

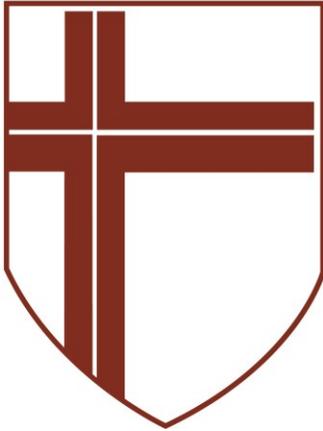
What if my child receives demerits while still serving consequences for previous offenses?

Students will conclude the consequences for the first offense. Then they will serve consequences for the next offense. It is not possible to pass over the Behavior Reflecting Bible Study or the Saturday Detention. If a student accumulates demerits and seems to skip levels of consequences (i.e. moving from 2 demerits to 7 demerits), the student is still responsible for the Bible Study and the Saturday Detention.

How can parents assist with the school discipline system?

CCS recognizes that the primary responsibility for discipline of a child falls to the parents. Our goal is to partner with parents to train Godly young men and women. We request parent support in the following ways:

- PRAY—Please pray for our teachers and students. Ask God to grant wisdom and self-control to each person at CCS. Our teachers are seeking to be Godly role models, and the students are learning to live a life for Christ.
- KNOW—Be aware of your child's level of consequences. Pay attention to communication from the school.
- SUPPORT—Allow your child to experience the consequences given for his/her actions. Monitor the completion of Behavior Reflecting Bible Studies. Ensure that your child attends Saturday detention even if it is inconvenient. These procedures will aid in your child's growth only if you support them.
- DONATE—Homeroom teachers will need items for the Awesome Act Auctions. Please be willing to give items your child would enjoy.



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Student Name _____

Homeroom _____

With our signatures below, my child and I agree to the following:

- We have thoroughly read and understand the CCS Discipline Policy.
- We understand that PRIDE will be emphasized throughout the school.
- We understand that as much as possible teachers will deal with incidents in their classroom using the Participation Grade.
- We understand the demerits will be given as deemed necessary by the teachers and under the direction of CCS administration.
- We will support the consequences given by the school if our child is given demerits.
- We will support Saturday Detention and In School Suspension if it becomes necessary. Even though it may seem inconvenient, we understand that the discipline of our child is most important.
- We agree to pray fervently for wisdom and discernment for our teachers, students, and administration.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

****Please sign and return to your homeroom teacher by Monday, August 15th.****