

## Handbook Meeting

3-2-15

This morning we had our first handbook meeting. We started looking at the Middle School Section of last year's handbook. We are looking at deleting some sections due to the fact they are in the ASBA section at the front of the handbook.

Just a couple ground rules on how this reads.

1. If there is red wording, that means we added to the handbook.
2. The strike through wording is what we are wanting to take out.

We updated the section on gum and food to show the following:

### **CHEWING GUM/FOOD ITEMS/DRINKS**

Chewing gum will not be allowed in the cafeteria at anytime. Chewing gum, food items, and drinks will be left up to the discretion of each classroom teacher; this privilege may be revoked by administrator, teacher, or staff at anytime. Food items or drinks will not be allowed in the classroom or on the buses. Individual birthday parties are not allowed. Teachers may give students permission to bring items for classroom projects and/or on special occasions.

We added consequences for PDA

### **PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION (PDA)**

Students are not to hold hands or have close physical contact of any kind on the school premises. Public display of affection is not appropriate behavior at school. Failure to comply with reasonable expectations of school staff will lead to disciplinary action.

#### **Consequences**

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Verbal reprimand or student warning and parent contact
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	One day after school detention
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Three days after school detention or one day ISS
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	Consequences range from additional days in ISS to OSS

We struck out of the Middle School Section the part about Truancy/Skipping to follow what is listed earlier in the handbook.

### **Truancy/Skipping School**

After arrival on campus, a student absent from his/her assigned learning stations without permission from school authorities shall be considered as truant. (Ark. Stat. 6-18-201).

#### **Consequences**

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	3 days after school detention & parent contact
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 days in ISS & parent contact

3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	5 days in ISS and parent contact.
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense & Subsequent Offenses	Consequence ranges from more days in ISS to OSS & parent contact & possible contact authorities.

We discussed the sections dealing with Disorderly Conduct and Insubordination. We have not finalized the consequences, but we didn't like the severity of the high school's punishments. The following is what we are thinking as listing for consequences for middle school.

Issues with consequences from HS due to age.

1. Student conference and parent contact
2. 1 day after school detention
3. 3 days of after school detention or 1 day of ISS
- 4 and subsequent. Additional days of after school detention/ISS/OSS/or placement at SUCCESS

Please feel free to contact your grade level committee member or myself if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. I will continue to update you as the process moves forward.