

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Adult staff members are responsible for maintaining order on campus. Students need to realize the need to follow directions given by all staff members, not just their classroom teachers. Students in defiance will be subject to disciplinary action. The school has legal authority to "...discipline students for disorderly conduct on the way to and from school." Disorderly conduct would include, but would not be limited to, fighting, smoking, verbal abuse, threats, etc.

(ARS 15-341.A.15)

Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation: Victim Rights

In compliance with Arizona Revised Statute 15-341 regarding victim rights, all Paradise Valley Unified School District students have the right to attend school without the fear of being harassed, intimidated, or bullied. Harassment, intimidation or bullying is generally defined as making someone worry, feel tormented or troubled. Forms of bullying include verbal or physical harassment, sexual, ethnic, racial, or religious harassment, and hazing of other students. Students found guilty of harassment, intimidation or bullying are subject to disciplinary action, which may include warnings, parent communication, detention and in-school or out of school suspension. Students will not bother or annoy other students physically, verbally, or visually; this includes language or gestures which insult, intimidate, or negatively incite another person's feelings. Retaliation is expressly prohibited.

Bullying: Definition

Repeated acts over time that involve a real or perceived imbalance of power.

If you are being harassed, intimidated, or bullied, make your feelings clear. Tell the person who is harassing, intimidating, or bullying you to stop. A bully may think you support the bullying if you do not speak up. If it continues after telling them to stop, report the activity to the teacher, counselor, principal, or other adult. You can do this verbally or by completing a bullying victim rights form at the school or by filing a complaint electronically through AnonymoJus Tips.com.

If you see someone being bullied, never join in. Resist any peer pressure to take part in abusive behavior. Help the person being bullied get out of the situation safely, ask if it has happened before, and encourage them to report the bullying to the teacher, counselor, principal, or other adult.

"Bully Free Zone" Rules

1. I will not bully others.
2. I will help students who are bullied.
3. I will include students who are left out.
4. I will always tell an adult when I see someone being bullied.

Honor Code

The Explorer Middle School Honor Code seeks to promote personal and academic integrity in our students. All members of the Explorer student community are encouraged to take responsibility for their own classwork and actions. Cheating is unacceptable. The consequences of cheating will be determined by the classroom teacher and can range from conference with the student and/or parent to a final grade of zero on the assignment/assessment. Incidents of cheating can be referred to the office at the discretion of the teacher. Explorer Middle School Honor Code is posted in all classrooms, and teachers have discussions with their students about appropriate expectations and examples to help students to make good choices.