

Level Sequence of Disciplinary Actions

Level 1

The behaviors listed below are prohibited at Ardsley Middle School, both on campus and on school-sponsored trips and activities.

- Copying assignments or work
- Disrespectful gestures
- Disruptive behavior
- Eating food outside the cafeteria without permission
- Failure to clean up after eating in cafeteria
- Wearing hats or hoods during school hours
- Inappropriate dress
- Failure to comply with teacher/staff directions
- Littering or minor property damage
- Loitering in halls before and after school
- Lying or stealing
- Minor misbehavior in school or on the bus
- Opening another student's gym or hall locker without permission
- Name calling or verbal harassment
- Possession of cell phones, or other electronic device without permission
- Running in hallways
- Unexcused lateness to school or class
- Using inappropriate language
- Intentional disruption to the educational process

In the case of Level 1 behaviors, an AMS staff member may take one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

- Detention (lunch or after school) assigned at teacher's discretion
- Grade reductions for copied work
- Notification to Principal and Assistant Principal
- Notification to parent
- Student/teacher conference or discussion
- Staff guidance
- Temporary confiscation of item(s)
- Temporary removal from activities

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Level 2

The behaviors listed below are considered Level 2 because the frequency or seriousness of the act disrupts the climate of the schools. Level 1 infractions that continue to occur become Level 2 infractions.

- Repeated or more severe Level 1 infractions
- Cheating and/or plagiarism
- Cutting class or excessive tardiness
- Using ethnic, religious, or racial slurs
- Fighting
- Gambling/games of chance
- Insubordination to school personnel, including: Administrators, Faculty/Staff, Custodians, Bus Drivers, Security Guards
- Leaving school building or campus without permission
- Being in an unsupervised area of campus
- Major or aggravated harassment: verbal, physical, sexual, racial
- Minor physical assault
- Possession of obscene or indecent materials
- Video recording/distribution
- Sexual comments or slurs
- Obscene or indecent behavior
- Physical/verbal threatening other students or staff
- Inappropriate, obscene, vulgar, offensive and/or degrading language
- Possession of stink bombs, water guns, laser pens, and other disruptive items
- Stealing or willful possession of another's property
- Vandalism of school or personal property
- Throwing snow, ice, or other dangerous items
- Cutting detention
- Intentional disruption to the educational process

In the case of Level 2 infractions, the Principal may take one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

- Continuation of appropriate Level 1 consequences
- Verbal or written apology
- Parent conference
- Temporary withdrawal of privileges
- Exclusion from school field trips and activities/ceremonies
- Suspension from school
- Superintendent Hearing under Sect. 3214 of NYS Education Law

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Level 3

Misbehaviors at this level are acts that are very serious and represent a direct and immediate threat to the welfare of others. In most cases, such acts require administrative action that call for the immediate removal of the student from school and possible intervention by police.

- Unmodified or more severe Level 2 behaviors, chronic and/or serious violations of the Code of Conduct
- Arson
- Possession, use and/or sale of fireworks
- Possession, use, or transfer of weapons, or displaying what appears to be a weapon, on school property or at school-sponsored activities
- Inappropriately using, selling, possessing, or sharing prescription and/or over-the-counter drugs
- Deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data
- Unauthorized use of computer accounts
- Video recording/distribution
- Possessing, providing, selling, or using illegal chemical substances, and/or paraphernalia including but not limited to tobacco/nicotine, Juuls, pods, cannabinoids products and/or alcohol on school property or at school-sponsored activities
- Sale of known stolen property
- Severe physical assault
- Sexual offenses/inappropriate sexual conduct
- Tampering with or pulling the fire alarm or lockdown alarm
- Causing a false fire alarm, false alarm and/or bomb threat

In the case of Level 3 infractions, the Principal may take one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

- Continuation of appropriate Level 2 consequences
- Suspension from school
- Superintendent's Hearing under Sect. 3214 of NYS Education Law