

Highlands Middle School

Code of Conduct

Principal - Dr. Trust

Assistant Principal - Mrs. Daly

Assistant Principal - Mr. Delgado

Assistant Principal - Dr. Maracallo



Here's What You Can Expect From Us:

- ❑ We'll teach and inspire you
- ❑ We'll support your dreams
- ❑ We'll help you learn and think for yourself
- ❑ We'll encourage you to follow your goals so you can make a difference in a diverse and exciting world

TODAY WE WILL:



1. Identify R.O.A.R. expectations
2. Discuss appropriate behaviors
3. Show what clothing is unacceptable (Dress Code)
4. Identify unacceptable behaviors and their consequences

We expect you to ...

- **Follow school rules, including after-school**
- **Respect community members including all adults**
- **Identify yourself to any staff**
- **Conduct yourself in a manner that promotes a positive learning environment**
- **Leave campus right after school/sports/clubs**



TIGERS are



- Respectful
- Organized
- Accepting
- Responsible

Dress Code

- ❖ All students are expected to dress appropriately for school and for school-related functions
- ❖ A student's dress (including jewelry) should be safe and not interfere with the educational process
- ❖ A student should not wear garments that expose their chest, undergarments, or their buttocks

Unacceptable Behaviors

- ❖ **Using cell phones or electronic devices.**
- ❖ **Students are not permitted in any school building or grounds, other than the one they regularly attend, without permission.**
- ❖ **Distributing or posting of any written material, pamphlets, or posters without approval.**

Unacceptable Behaviors

- **Disruptive or disorderly conduct**
- **Behavior that endangers the safety, morals, health, or welfare of self or others**
- **Academic misconduct "Cheating"**
- **Plagiarism**
- **Forgery**
- **Altering records**
- **Assisting another student in any of the above actions**

Unacceptable Behaviors

- ❖ Language or gestures that are inappropriate
- ❖ Cutting class, being late for class, or leaving school without permission
- ❖ Misbehaviors on school buses
- ❖ Throwing objects in school, or out a window or door, including on the school bus
- ❖ The school day ends when you arrive home

Unacceptable Behaviors

- ❖ **Violent or threatening behaviors**
- ❖ **Using physical force of any type**
- ❖ **Possessing any type of weapon**
- ❖ **Displaying what appears to be a weapon**
- ❖ **Threatening to cause physical injury or death**
- ❖ **Intentionally damaging or destroying property**

A **weapon** is anything that can be used to hurt someone or cause harm. This includes things like guns, BB guns, knives, sharp objects, brass knuckles, pepper spray, and even things like explosive devices or sprays that can sting or hurt people.

Other Items may include:

Airsoft guns, Nerf guns, Gel Orbi Guns, poppers, kitchen knives, corkscrews, Swiss army knife

Unacceptable Behaviors

- **Bullying and intimidation**
- **Engaging in cyber-bullying including using the internet or other technology to intimidate, harass, or embarrass others**
- **Harassment**
- **Hazing (making others do things that are embarrassing, scary, or hurtful to join a group/team)**
- **Gang-related activities**

Safety Concerns

- ❖ Selling, using, or possessing obscene material
- ❖ Making false statements that harm a person's reputation, or falsely accusing another person
- ❖ Creating a false report, such as a fire or bomb threat, or misuse of 911
- ❖ Withholding information from a responsible adult about any potentially harmful or dangerous situation

Safety Concerns

- ❖ Possessing, consuming, selling, distributing alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, or being under the influence
- ❖ Smoking, or using smokeless tobacco
- ❖ Using, selling, or sharing prescription or over-the-counter drugs
- ❖ Possessing drug paraphernalia

Prohibited:

- ❖ Lying
- ❖ Stealing
- ❖ Discriminating
- ❖ Gambling
- ❖ Indecent exposure
- ❖ Public displays of affection; including sexual behavior

Consequences for Breaking the Rules

- ❖ Oral warning
- ❖ Short-term “time out” in classroom or in an alternate setting
- ❖ Disciplinary conference in administrator’s office
- ❖ Detention during lunch or after-school
- ❖ Teacher removal of student from the classroom

Consequences for Breaking the Rules

- ❖ **Suspension from the bus**
- ❖ **Suspension from athletic participation, social/extra-curricular activities, or other privileges (field trips and computer/i-Pad access)**
- ❖ **In-School Suspension**

Consequences for Breaking the Rules

- ❖ **Short-term Out-of-School Suspension (five school days or less)**
- ❖ **Superintendent's Hearing**
- ❖ **Long-term out-of-school suspension (more than five school days), up to a full calendar year**
- ❖ **Permanent suspension from school**

How Tigers ROAR!

- ❖ **Students behave in a civil, safe, and orderly manner**
- ❖ **Students demonstrate respect and tolerance towards each other and towards adults**
- ❖ **Students act truthfully, honestly, and honorably**
- ❖ **Students dress in ways that are appropriate for a learning environment**

For More Information...

- ❖ **Refer to the Summary of the Code of Conduct for other topics that might affect you**
- ❖ **Copies of the full Code of Conduct are available in our school office**