

Student Conduct/Discipline

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Student conduct is almost never black and white, and we will provide due diligence in any investigation. We are not a court of law, and we look for a preponderance of the truth in any situation. We do not discriminate based on gender, age, religious orientation, or any other protected class, and our policies and practices are implemented without regard to membership in such groups. We do not make public the disciplinary actions that we impose on a student, even to the family of a victim if there is one. We respect the privacy of all students.

Point System

The following point system was developed by the Little Ferry Public School system in order to make the disciplinary process clearer, more consistent and more predictable for students, parents and staff. Under the point system, a student found responsible for violating the code of conduct policy is assigned points according to the table below.

** Points are cumulative.*

- **4 points**, students are assigned an after school detention.
- **6 points**, students are assigned 1 day of in school suspension.
- **10 points**, loss of after school activities & after school detention.
- **15 points**, removed from all activities including but not limited to extra-curricular activities, upcoming field trips and graduation. In addition to loss of privileges, each infraction requires 1 day of after school detention.

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Point Forgiveness

Two points are forgiven for every month from the date of the last violation, provided the students commits no additional violations. If the student commits an additional violation during the next month, no points are forgiven and points from a new violation are added to those from previous violations.

*May require a risk assessment.

** Authorities may be notified.

***May lose technology privileges.

| Violations | Point Value |
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| Aggressive behavior to self/others | 2 |
| Assault | 6 |
| Being in an unauthorized area | 1 |
| Bomb threat/ false fire alarm/ arson | 4 |
| Cheating | 1 |
| Conduct physically dangerous to self or others | *4 |
| Creating disturbances, refusal to follow directions, lack of cooperation | 1 |
| Creating social media accounts with intent to harass, gossip, and/or spread rumors | 2 |
| Cursing or using abusive language towards a staff member | 3 |
| Cutting school | *6 |
| Defiance of Authority | 3 |
| Disrespect to a staff member | 2 |
| Disruptive behavior in detention/ISS room | 2 |
| Eating in an unauthorized area | 1 |
| Failure to attend school detention | 2 |
| Fighting | 6 |
| Forging a parent/teacher signature | 2 |
| Gum chewing | 1 |
| Inappropriate physical contact with a student (touching, tripping, hitting, etc) | 3 |
| Inappropriate sexual contact | **6 |
| Insubordination | 2 |
| Leaving class, cafeteria or recess without permission | 2 |
| Leaving school without permission | 3 |
| Lunchroom/Cafeteria disruption | 2 |
| Misbehaving in class or on school grounds | 1 |
| Misbehavior on a school bus/field trip | 2 |
| Misuse of the computer network/computers | ***3 |
| Non-cooperation with faculty or staff | 1 |
| Not reporting to teacher issued detention | 1 |
| Not reporting to the main office when sent | 1 |
| Obscene Language/Gestures (including Social Media) | 2 |
| Pantsing another student | 2 |

| Violations - Continued | Point Value |
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| Possession of tobacco/alcohol/drugs/vaping devices | **2 |
| Pushing/shoving/initiating physical contact | 1 |
| Running in the halls, hanging from doorways | 1 |
| Stealing | **2 |
| Taking or attempting to take personal property or money from a pupil or staff member | 3 |
| Throwing Objects | 1 |
| Use of cell phones, or any other electronic devices | 1 |
| Using an unassigned locker | 1 |
| Using lockers at unauthorized times | 1 |
| Vandalizing/defacing school property (will include repayment for damages) | **6 |
| Verbally threatening to a staff member | 3 |
| Violating the dress code | 1 |
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| Tardy | Student Consequence |
| 1st Tardy | Student receives a verbal warning, parent is contacted. |
| 2nd Tardy | Student receives a verbal warning, parent is contacted. |
| 3rd Tardy | Student receives one day of after school detention. Parent is contacted. |
| 4th Tardy | Student receives one day of after school detention. Parent is contacted. |
| 5th Tardy | Student receives one day of after school detention. A parent meeting is requested. |
| 6th Tardy | Student receives two days of after school detention. Parent is contacted. |
| 7th Tardy | Student receives two days of after school detention. Parent is contacted. |
| 8th Tardy | Student receives two days of after school detention. Parent is contacted. Student is referred to I&RS. |
| 9th Tardy | Student receives two days of after school detention. Parent is contacted. |
| 10th Tardy | Student receives one day of ISS. Parent is contacted. Loss of all privileges including but not limited to field trips, extracurricular activities and graduation. |
| | Tardies reset when a student isn't marked tardy for 60 calendar days. |