

**KIRKWOOD R-7 SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Student Discipline Policies**

# **STUDENT CONDUCT**

## **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS**

One of the most important lessons education should teach is that of self-discipline. While it does not appear as a subject, it underlies our whole educational structure. It is the training that develops self-control, character, orderliness, and efficiency. It is the key to good conduct and proper consideration for other people. As students develop an understanding of the purposes of discipline within their school, we believe they will form a correct attitude about education, do their part in making Nipher an effective center for learning, and build habits which promote self-restraint and courtesy.

All students are expected to comply with all school and classroom rules. Failure to comply could lead to disciplinary action, which could result in the student being removed from class or suspended from school. School rules apply in the school building, on the school grounds, at recognized school functions, and on the way to and from school.

All school personnel have the responsibility to guide, counsel, instruct and supervise students throughout the day and at school-sponsored activities. Students have the responsibility to use sound judgment and to consider the rights of others as they move through the school day. Staff members will work cooperatively with students and parents in an effort to promote good behavior.

## **DETENTIONS**

Generally, detentions are assignments to supervised study areas before school, during lunchtime, or after school hours. They serve as minor consequences for school infractions. A detention may range from 15 minutes to an hour at the discretion of school officials. The student is responsible for making alternative transportation arrangements. Students will be allowed to ride the activity bus. Adequate time will be allotted for a student to make these arrangements as detentions are normally assigned for the following day. Failure to report will result in further disciplinary action.

## **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (NIC)**

The Nipher Intervention Center has been created to provide an administrative alternative to out-of-school suspension. Students assigned to NIC will abide by the established guidelines and must complete assignments given by teachers. The program is designed to aid students in developing controlled behavior and to promote advancement within the school program. Violations of NIC rules will result in an out of school suspension.

## OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS)

Students may be suspended from school for serious or chronic infractions. Suspensions of up to 10 days will be assigned by the principal or assistant principal. Recommendations for suspensions of over ten days or expulsion will require a hearing with the superintendent or assistant superintendent. During the time of a suspension, the student is not permitted on the campus of Nipher Middle or any other Kirkwood school building at any time.

## SEARCHES OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

School lockers and desks are the property of the Board of Education and are provided for the convenience of students, and as such, are subject to periodic inspection without notice.

Students or student property may be searched based on reasonable suspicion of a violation of district rules, policy or state law. Reasonable suspicion must be based on facts known to the administration, credible information provided or reasonable inference drawn from such facts or information. Personal searches, and searches of student property, shall be limited in scope based on the original justification of the search. The privacy and dignity of students shall be respected. Searches shall be carried out by the **school administrators only**, and never in front of other students. Students shall not be required to undress, although they may be asked to empty pockets, or remove jackets, coats, shoes and other articles of exterior clothing for examination if reasonable under the circumstances.

