



Discipline Policy

**SUNRISE ACADEMY
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
DISCIPLINE POLICY**

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SUNRISE

ACADEMY

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE GRADE STALLION VALUES

Seek

Unique

Navigate

Responsibility

Integrity

Shine

Empathy

A Description of Our Values

Seek

“There is no short cut to achievement.”

George Washington Carver

- I am hungry to learn and grow my brain.
- I seek ways to know my own strengths and growth areas.
- I find better ways to get things done.

Unique

“Each of us is a unique strand in the intricate web of life and here to make a contribution.”

Deepak Chopra

- I am different and special in my own way.
- I have something to offer others.
- I will use my special talents to help others learn and grow their brain.

Navigate

“We find a way or make one.”

Anonymous

- I search for ways to find answers to all of my questions.
- I use the right tools and resources, in the right way, at the right time.
- I know who to go to when I need help.

Responsibility

“We must exchange the philosophy of excuse for the philosophy of responsibility.”

Barbara Charline Johnson

- I finish what I start.

- You can count on me.
- My work shows my absolute best effort.

Integrity

“Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.”

C.S. Lewis

- I do the right thing when no one is watching.
- I treat others the way I want to be treated.
- My independent work is my own.

Shine

“Where there is no struggle, there is no progress.”

Frederick Douglass

- I **persevere** every day to make sure that I meet my best potential.
- I will work hard in everything that I do.
- I keep going when things are difficult.
- I push to answer every question, even when I’m not sure if I know the answer.
- I remain confident and calm when others say mean things to me.

Empathy

“Seek first to understand and then to be understood.”

Stephen Covey

- I feel other’s joys and sadness.
- I support my teammates when they take a risk or make a mistake.
- I ask for help when I see a teammate being mistreated.
- I try to make a teammate feel better when they are facing a challenge.

THE RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUNRISE ACADEMY STUDENTS

STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:	STUDENTS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:
A quality education	Put forth their best effort to meet classroom expectations
Education without undue interruption, disruption, fear, or inhibition	Conduct them in such a manner as to promote a positive educational environment. Not interfere with the orderly conduct of classes and activities; not force others to support participation by all and to respect the rights of persons with

	whom they may disagree.
Privacy on their person and in possessions unless school personnel have reason to believe that inappropriate and/or dangerous materials are being carried and or concealed by the student	Refrain from carrying, concealing or bringing onto school property materials which are inappropriate or may disrupt the educational process
A copy of the Code of Conduct	Read and abide by the Code of Conduct
Receive respect from school personnel and other students	Show respect for other students and school personnel
Due process procedures according to school policies	Read and understand their due process rights
Participate in school functions and extra-curricular activities	Meet academic qualifications, other criteria and qualifications and/or standards of behavior
Protection and confidentiality when fulfilling responsibility to report violations of the code of conduct	Assist school personnel by reporting misconduct

*Infractions will be continuously counted with every various level infraction. For example, if a student receives their first infraction with a level 1 offense, then receives another infraction with a level 2 offense, and then receives another level 1 infraction, then that student has 3 infractions total.

*Infractions are continuous throughout the year and do not start over every quarter. Behavior is held at high expectations at Sunrise Academy. We hold our students at high standards and expect exceptional Muslim behavior throughout the year.

***If students receive a lunch/recess detention from their teacher, then it is the responsibility of the teacher who issued this detention to stay with the student during that time. If the teacher has lunch/recess duty, then it is the teacher's responsibility to find an alternative teacher to stay with the student at that time.**

LEVEL 1 INFRACTIONS - CONDUCT THAT OBSTRUCTS ORDERLY OPERATIONS OF CLASSROOM OR SCHOOL

Level 1 behavior should be handled by the classroom teacher whenever possible. Ordinarily, a teacher will not refer a student engaging in Level 1 behavior to the school principal until the classroom teacher has taken at least three documented, progressive level one disciplinary actions and has communicated with the student and parents/guardians. Thereafter the classroom teacher may refer the student to school administration through a written referral. However, earlier referrals may be made when the misbehavior occurs outside the classroom or in exceptional circumstances where the classroom teacher believes immediate outside assistance is necessary. **This list of violations is not all inclusive, but only representative and illustrative.** A student committing an improper act of misconduct, which does not happen to be specifically listed, is still subject to disciplinary action.

NOTE:

Lunch/Recess Detentions: Lunch/Recess Detentions will be held during the student's lunch and recess time. Students will be in a classroom supervised by a teacher, missing their recess and

eating their lunch in the classroom with the teacher. Students will return to class after their lunch/recess time is over.

Out of School Suspensions: Students will spend the school day at home during a regular school day. Students must retrieve their missed assignments and complete them for full credit. Students have the number of days of suspension to make up their assigned work. For example, if the student is suspended for two (2) days, then he/she has two (2) days to make up for his/her missed work. If the student does not return their assignments on time, they will then receive a zero (0) for that assignment.

Open Suspensions: Number of days suspended will be determined by the school board and the student will be at home on suspension pending decision by the School Affairs Committee of the School Board. Students will be required to make up any assignments and turn them in for full credit. (Same guidelines for making up missed assignments as Out of School Suspension).

INFRACTION	DEFINITION	LEVEL 1 DISCIPLINARY
1. Disruptive Behavior	Engaging in any conduct that causes or results in the breakdown of the orderly process of instruction and/or school activity	Examples of disciplinary actions which classroom teachers can usually include, but are not limited to: verbal reprimand, or oral or written notification to parents/ guardians; student mediation contracts, teacher or team conference with student/parent/guardians; separation from peers, denial of class privileges, administrative referral, detention. When a student commits a Level 1 Disciplinary violation, the student must write a description of the violation indicating where, when, why, and how the infraction occurred.
2. Littering	Throwing or dropping paper, trash, or other material on the floor or on school grounds	“ “ “ “
3. Refusal to do classroom work	Refusing to complete work, labs, projects ,or other assignments given by the teacher	“ “ “ “

4. Verbal Altercation	Engaging in verbal altercation. Insulting, taunting, or challenging another person under circumstances in which such conduct could provoke a violent or disruptive response.	“ “ “ “
5. Violating classroom rules	Not following the classroom rules.	“ “ “ “
6. Electronic and other communication devices	No student shall use, display, or possess any electronic device without approval of the school Principal. Cell phones should only be used in case of an emergency or if otherwise approved by a teacher or school administration.	After the first warning is documented detention and conference with school administration. Device will be confiscated until the parent/guardian collects it from the principal or teacher. If an offense continues more than 3 times in one quarter, then a parent conference will be required between the parent, teacher, student and the principal if necessary.
7. Uniform	Arriving at school not properly dressed in school uniform.	1st Offense – Verbal Warning. 2nd Offense – Parents are called and asked to bring proper uniform. Student will remain in office until uniform is brought in. It is the student’s responsibility to get their assignments that they missed from classes they missed while waiting for their proper uniform. 3rd Offense – 1 Day In-School Suspension.

***All consequences may vary depending on the severity of the situation.**

LEVEL 2 INFRACTIONS - ILLEGAL AND/OR SERIOUS CONDUCT

A student charged with a Level 2 violation shall be subject to the disciplinary actions listed below. Contact will be made either through a personal conference, phone conference, or in the event the previous are not possible, through written communication by school administration. This list of violations is not all inclusive, but only representative and illustrative. A student committing an improper act of misconduct that is not directly stated will still be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Principal's. Each violation will require the student to write a grade level appropriate explanatory paper describing the offense and complete relevant coursework to make restitution for the offense. Completion of the explanatory paper and coursework must be approved by the school administration before the student can return to the classroom. Parents will be contacted by the school in case of any Level 2 infraction.

INFRACTION	DEFINITION	1st OFFENSE	2nd OFFENSE	3rd OFFENSE	4th OFFENSE
8. Academic misconduct	Plagiarizing, cheating, copying another's work, attempting to gain or gaining unauthorized access to material; using, submitting, or providing data or answers dishonestly, by deceit, or by means other than those authorized by the teacher, including the inappropriate or unauthorized use of artificial intelligence tools (such as ChatGPT or other AI-generated content..etc) to complete assignments without teacher approval or proper attribution.	1 day suspension	3 day suspension	5 day suspension	Board Referral

9. Inappropriate language	Using any form of cursing, no matter what language it is spoken in, including hand or bodily gestures.	1 day suspension	3 day suspension	5 day suspension	Board Referral
10. Misleading information	Giving or providing intentionally untrue or misleading information or communication.	3 Days Lunch/ Recess Detention	1 Day Suspension	3 Day Suspension	Board Referral
11. Altering official documents	Forging, falsifying, or unauthorized alteration of a document	3 Day suspension	5 Day suspension	10 Day suspension	Board Referral
12. Damage or Destruction of Property	Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause damage to school or private property, causing minor damage or defacing school or private property.	3 Day Suspension	5 Day suspension	10 Days suspension	Board Referral
13. Misuse of equipment	Students using school online services for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene purposes.	5 Day suspension	Board Referral recommend for expulsion	N/A	N/A
14. Insubordination	Refusing to comply, either verbally or non-verbally, with a reasonable	1 day suspension	3 day suspension	5 day susp	Board Referral

	request or directive by a school staff member.			ensi on	
15. Loitering	Being present in or about school property under one or more of the following: 1. After a reasonable request to leave. 2. Without a legitimate reason for being there before or after school hours. 3. Without proper authorization or permission from anyone of authority. 4. After refusing to identify oneself.	1 day suspension	3 day Suspension	5 day suspension	Board Referral
16. Trespassing	Being in the school building or on school grounds without permission or authorization, or refusing to comply with a request to leave school premises.	1 day suspension	3 day Suspension	5 day suspension	Board Referral
17. Truancy	Being absent from school without authorization, failure to follow proper attendance check-in or check-out absence procedures, or skipping classes or school.	1 day suspension, BPD notified No make-up work will be accepted for classes missed as a result of truancy.	3 day suspension, BPD notified No make-up work will be accepted for classes missed as a result of truancy	5 day suspension	Board Referral

18. Fighting	Engaging in hitting, punching, or any other kind of physical altercation, whether initiating or retaliating.	5 Days Suspension	7 Days Suspension, Recommended for expulsion	Immediate Recommendation to the Board for Expulsion	
19. Bullying/ Harassment	Engaging in constant verbal, cyber, physical, emotional, and/or threatening acts of bullying/harassment towards another student or a staff member.	5 Days suspension	7 Days Suspension	Board Referral	N/A
20. Electronic Access	Using electronics without authorization (chromebooks, cell phones...etc), passwords, codes for any reason, including but not limited to accessing, controlling, or disabling technological devices or services.	3 Day suspension	5 Day suspension	10 Day suspension recommended for expulsion	Board Referral
21. Un-Islamic Behavior	Using any form of behavior that is not according to the Qur'an and Sunnah	3 Day Suspension	5 Day Suspension	10 Day suspension	Board Referral

22. Disrespect Towards Staff	Disrespectful words or actions towards a staff member.	3 Day Suspension	5 Days Suspension	Board Referral · Recommended for expulsion	N/A
23. Skipping Class	Skipping any class during the school day and remaining on school property.	3 Days Lunch/Recess Detention	1 Day Suspension	3 Days Suspension	Referral to Board
24. Leaving School Property	Leaving school property during the school day without permission/confirmation from a Sunrise Academy staff member. Or leaving school property with another student or non-family member/authorized guardian without parent permission that is provided to the school.	2 Days Suspension	5 Days Suspension	Board Referral recommended for expulsion	N/A

25. Personal Appliances	Bringing or using hair straighteners, curling irons, eyelash curlers, makeup, fake nails, nail polish, false eyelashes, or other personal grooming items or similar beauty products at school. These items may cause distractions, create safety concerns, and interfere with the learning environment.	2 Days Lunch/Recess Detention Prohibited items may be confiscated.	1 Day Suspension Prohibited items may be confiscated.	3 Days Suspension Prohibited items may be confiscated.	10 Days possible open suspension Prohibited items may be confiscated.
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Note: Any student charged with a subsequent level 2 violation can be referred to the School Affairs Committee of the school board for expulsion. All consequences may vary depending on the severity of the situation.

LEVEL 3 INFRACTIONS - CONDUCT THAT IS SERIOUS OR ILLEGAL AND IS POTENTIALLY LIFE OR HEALTH THREATENING.

Sunrise Academy considers all three level infractions to be very detrimental to the school and its students. A student charged with a Level 3 violation may be subject to an immediate open suspension of up to 14 days and a recommendation for expulsion to the school board and/or legal action. Students expelled from Sunrise Academy due to level three infractions may not be reinstated at a later date. The proper authorities will be notified in the event that a student commits any illegal act. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to meet with school personnel and the proper authorities. This list of violations is not all inclusive, but only representative and illustrative. A student committing an improper act of misconduct, which does not happen to be specifically listed, is still subject to disciplinary and/or legal action.

INFRACTION	DEFINITION	1 st OFFENSE	2 nd OFFENSE	3 RD OFFENSE
26. Possession, use, or distribution of any drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol.	Using, selling, purchasing, distributing, possessing or attempting to possess any mood altering chemicals, or substances	-Parents notified immediately. -Police will be notified. -Consultation	-Parents notified immediately. -Police will be notified. -Recommend	N/A

	(including counterfeit or look-alike substances), distributing any narcotics, drug-controlled substances of any kind, alcoholic beverages, or other intoxicants on school property or at school functions or events.	with parents and students emphasizing available counseling services for drug assessment. -Students will forfeit their privilege to any sports team or club leadership for one year. -Out of School Suspension for 10 days and recommended for possible expulsion.	for expulsion.	
27. Tobacco	Possession, distribution, or use of tobacco or tobacco products, matches, lighters, vapes, or other paraphernalia.	5 days out of school suspension. -Students forfeits their privilege to any sports or club leadership for one year.	10 days out of school suspension. -Students forfeits their membership to any sports or clubs for the remainder of school career.	Board Referral. Recommended for possible expulsion.
28. Intimidation or Menacing Incitement	Threatening another, verbally or nonverbally, by inflicting fear on others or property damage. As well as instigating, or encouraging misconduct.	3 Day suspension	5 Day suspension, recommend for expulsion	Board Referral. Open suspension, recommend for expulsion

29. Threat of violence	Threats including verbal, non-verbal, electronic...etc towards another. Including but not limited to death threats or any other harm.	Board Referral Open suspension, recommended for expulsion.	N/A	N/A
30. Arson	Utilizing unauthorized fire, smoke, or explosives, which present a risk of danger to life or property.	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A	N/A
31. Assault / Felonious Actions	Striking with any object used as a weapon with the intent to inflict, or inflicting bodily harm.	Open suspension, recommended for expulsion, HPD notified	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A
32. False Threats or any Serious False Alarms such as false bomb threats or active shooter threats	Making a knowingly false statement regarding the possession or location of explosive or incendiary materials, activating the fire alarm system, or making false "911" calls.	Open suspension, recommended for expulsion, HPD notified	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A
33. Breaking and Entering	Breaking into and/or entering any school building, facility, office rooms, storage space, or other enclosure without authority to do so.	Open suspension, recommended for expulsion, HPD notified	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A
34. Explosive Device	Using, possessing, attempting to possess, brandishing or concealing any destructive device which includes but	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A	N/A

	is not limited to any explosive, incendiary, firearm or poisonous gas, bomb, grenade, mine, missile, rocket or device similar to any of the devices described above.			
35. Vandalism	Severe destroying, damaging, or defacing school property in a willful or malicious manner such as, but not limited to: breaking windows, spray painting property...etc.	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A	N/A
36. Offensive Material	Producing, possessing, or distributing materials on school property that offend common decency or morals.	Open suspension, recommended for expulsion,	Expulsion	N/A
37. Reckless Endangerment	Acting in a willful manner, and although not intending to cause harm, places others in jeopardy of injury, or results in the damage, destruction, or defacement of school or private property.	Open suspension, recommended for expulsion,	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A
38. Extortion or robbery	Obtaining money, information, or property from another by threat, intimidation, or coercion.	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A	N/A
39. Theft	Stealing, attempting to steal, possessing or transferring school or private property or participating in the	3 Day Suspension	5 Day Suspension	Open suspension, recommended for expulsion, HPD notified

	theft or attempted theft of school or private property.			
40. Possession or concealment of weapon or dangerous instrument	Using, possessing, attempting to possess, brandishing or concealing any weapons, dangerous instruments, devices, materials, look alike, replicas, or any other items deemed to be dangerous. The definition of a knife includes, but is not limited to, a cutting instrument consisting of a sharp blade fastened to a handle.	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A	N/A
41. Obscenities, Verbal abuse, vulgarity towards school or school personnel	Directing obscene, abusive, vulgar, profane, harassing, insulting, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs, written or verbal, toward school personnel or any adult member of the school. This shall include use of obscene gestures or signs that willfully intimidate, insult, or in any other manner, abuse others.	5 Day Suspension	Open suspension, recommended for expulsion.	Expulsion
42. Gender fraternization, Promiscuous behavior	Committing acts that are sexual in nature and fall outside the Islamic teaching on this matter, relations both inside and outside the school. Relations between the sexes-dating, meeting in private-both inside and outside of school. Evidence of immoral behavior or communication, written or otherwise.	5 Day Suspension	Open suspension, recommended for expulsion	Expulsion

43. Weapons	Bringing or committing acts with firearms, knives and other dangerous weapons both inside and outside of school.	Expulsion, HPD notified	N/A	N/A
44. Images, videos, and social media	Any type of recording, photographing, or sharing images, videos, or audio of teachers, staff, students, or school activities without consent. Posting such content on social media or other digital platforms is prohibited.	5 Days Suspension	Board Referral recommended for expulsion	N/A

All suspensions will be recorded in the student's file. Any Level I, II or III infraction will be subject to the student's age level and severity of offense. All consequences may vary depending on the severity of the situation.

LUNCH DETENTION

A referral for a detention is written by the staff member who issued the infraction.

USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL

No radios, tape or digital recorders, phones, beepers, games, MP3 players, IPODS, or other electronic devices are permissible unless used as a part of a class or project or in an Emergency situation and are approved by a teacher or school administration. The device will be confiscated and given to the parent/guardian when they collect it from the administrator's office. If a parent/guardian wishes to contact his/her child during school hours it must be done through the school's main office.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Parents/guardians may in writing, submit any grievances concerning the disciplinary action taken by the school administration or any other matter to the school affairs committee of the school board. The committee will review the grievance and will respond in writing. Parents/guardians may request a meeting to present their grievance to the committee directly. However, the committee may choose the manner of their response.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If a student earns three suspensions, he/she will be placed on disciplinary probation. He/she also may be placed on probation by the administration or the school affairs committee for committing a level three infraction. If a student commits a suspendable offense while on probation, he/she will be placed on an open suspension and their name will be submitted to the school affairs committee for possible expulsion. After a student receives 3 suspensions, they will be required to meet with their parents and the school board School Affairs Committee to discuss possible expulsion from Sunrise Academy.

Students are expected to serve all disciplinary assignments given to them, or further action will be taken. Students on suspensions may not participate in extracurricular activities. The administration will review the discipline record of each student throughout the school year. Students with poor discipline records for that school year will be referred to the School Affairs Committee even if they have not been placed on probation.

Sunrise Academy reserves the right to refuse readmission for the next year to students with poor discipline records. Sunrise Academy also reserves the right to refuse admission/readmission to students whose parents have exhibited inappropriate Islamic (includes verbal and physical abuse, sexual abuse, using profanity, etc.) toward any staff member or student at Sunrise Academy.

EXPULSION PROCEDURES

A student may be referred to the school affairs committee for expulsion as a result of receiving a suspension while they are on disciplinary probation, subsequent committing of level two infraction, or as a result of committing a level three infraction.

1. When a student is referred to the School Affairs Committee for expulsion, the family will be informed in writing that the student is placed on open suspension and will describe the reason for the school's action.
2. The school affairs committee will hold a meeting to review the case within 14 school days from the day of suspension.
3. The student and his/her guardian may appeal in writing to present their case to the school affairs committee.
4. The school affairs committee will make a decision that will be conveyed to the parents/guardians in writing as soon as possible.
5. The decision of the school affairs committee is final.

Students on open suspensions may not return to school without a decision from the School Affairs Committee. They may not be on school premises or participate in any school activity or function including field trips or after school events. Sunrise Academy reserves the right to contact the Hilliard Police Department should a situation escalate so that a staff member, parent or student feels threatened in any way.

STUDENT WELFARE-CHILD ABUSE POLICY

According to Ohio law, a staff member who has reasonable cause to suspect that a student may be an abused or neglected child shall report such a case to the Department of Children and Family Services. In such a situation, the staff member shall notify school administration that a report has been made. Traditional consideration of confidentiality shall not constitute grounds for failure to report such cases.

Abuse and neglect as defined by Ohio law but may generally be understood as follows:

1. "Abuse" is any physical or mental injury or sexual abuse inflicted on a child other than by accidental means by a person who is responsible for the child's health and welfare.
2. "Neglect" is abandoning a child, subjecting a child to an environment injurious to his/her welfare, or failing to provide the proper support, education, or mental or remedial care required by law by one who is responsible for the child's welfare.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

The disciplinary action committee consists of the school Principal, Academic Coordinator and the Teacher on duty the day of the occurrence and the School Administration (individuals may be excluded if there is a conflict of interest). They together will decide on what will institute a Level 2 or Level 3 infraction and will be the deciding committee in collaboration with the school board chair on what disciplinary action will be given.

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