

Discipline

A student may be detained after school for disciplinary purposes for up to one hour. With parental consent, the student may be detained for more than one hour. It is the practice of the school to allow the student to call a parent or other responsible person as a notification of detention. Other disciplinary actions may include but are not limited to lunch detentions, referrals, in-school suspensions, suspensions, and expulsions.

In junior high, we teach responsibility and communication to our students. Part of being responsible and communicating is done through sign and return notes, and bringing proper materials to class. When students do not bring sign and return notes back to school on time or do not bring proper materials to class they will receive a detention.

(***Please see discipline matrix and point system spreadsheet.)



Ferndale Elementary School

Discipline Matrix (7th - 8th grades)



The purpose of this discipline matrix is to provide a safe learning environment for all students through positive reinforcement

A student's prior discipline history may play a role in determining the consequences of their actions

LEVEL 1: Non-referral behaviors

Dress code violation, argumentative, candy/gum/food, general misconduct, insulting others, excessive noise, not following directions, off-task behavior, out of seat, profanity, running/horseplay, throwing objects, tardy, forgetting supplies, returning signed paperwork; (repeated level 1 offenses can move to level 2 consequences)

Consequences occur in this order...

***1st offense	Verbal warning and redirect
***2nd offense	Verbal conference in hallway for last warning
***3rd offense	Alternate placement and/or after school or lunch detention (parent notification)

LEVEL 2: Possible referral behaviors

Defiance, lying/cheating, pushing/shoving, bullying/threats/intimidation, destruction of school property/personal property, trespassing, endangerment of others, safety violations, obscenity/profanity, disrespectful to adults, misconduct on bus and playground, inciting and/or promoting a fight; (repeated level 2 offenses can move to level 3 consequences)

Consequences to include one or more of the following...

***Referral to administrator (and/or counselor)	***In-school suspension
***Detention	***Referral to SST (student study team)

LEVEL 3: Mandatory referral behavior

Assault, fighting, pantsing, vandalism, extortion, theft, reckless endangerment, repeated bullying/ threats/intimidation, leaving school grounds, false fire alarms, indecent exposure, sexual harassment, misuse of electronics / cyberbullying / hate postings; (repeated level 3 offenses can move to level 4 consequences)

Consequences to include one or more of the following...

***Immediate referral to administrator / classroom removal	***Moderate term suspension (3-5 days)
***Short term suspension (1-2 days)	***Referral to law enforcement agency

LEVEL 4: Immediate referral and removal from class behaviors

Possession of weapons, aggravated assault, possession of drugs/tobacco/alcohol, arson, robbery, commission of a felony as defined by the law.

Consequences to include one or more of the following...

- ***Immediate referral to administrator / classroom removal
- ***Moderate term suspension (3-5 days)
- ***Long term suspension (6-10 days)
- ***Expulsion
- ***Referral to law enforcement agency

NOTE: At any time, a teacher or administrator may institute a disciplinary measure outside this matrix as deemed necessary by the California Education Code.



7th - 8th Grades Discipline Point System

Consequences:

- detention
- referral
- in-school suspension
- out of school suspension (1-2 days)
- out of school suspension beyond 2 days

Points:

- 1/3 point
- 1/2 point
- 1 point
- 2 points
- 1/2 points per day after the 2nd day of suspension

If a student earns 2 or more points in a given term, that student may not participate / attend:

- ***"good academics & behavior" fieldtrips
- ***dances
- ***off campus privileges

If a student earns 5 or more points in a given school year, that student may not participate / attend:

- ***all fieldtrips, including the 8th grade trip
- ***all dances
- ***off-campus lunch
- ***student council
- ***assemblies

Point Redemptions

Action

Attendance of a full day of Saturday School

Consequence

redeem 1/2 point of non-suspendable offenses

Things important to note...

***Saturday School is offered only once per trimester on the date assigned by school administration - Saturday School will not be re-offered to specially accommodate someone who does not attend the session that trimester.

***Only non-suspendable discipline points may be redeemed through Saturday School attendance.

***Students may attend a maximum of 1 Saturday School sessions in one school year (worth .5 point).

*** Students may redeem a maximum of .5 discipline point in a given school year through Saturday School.

***Students must attend the full Saturday School session – no point redemptions for partial days!