

**West Islip Public Schools**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT**

This document serves as a guideline for a minimum range of consequences, and in no way limits the Superintendent of Schools and/or district administrators from taking the appropriate actions to ensure a safe and educationally sound learning environment for all students and staff. Any offense may be referred for a Superintendent’s Hearing at the discretion of the Principal.

Key			
<b>D</b>	<b>Detention</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>May result in contact with Police</b>
<b>DD</b>	<b>Double Detention</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>Will result in contact with Police</b>
<b>ISS</b>	<b>In-School Suspension</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>Additional penalty may apply</b>
<b>OSS</b>	<b>Out-of-School Suspension</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>May result in a Superintendent’s Hearing</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Suspension (OSS or ISS)</b>		

Disciplinary Offense	Administrative Action	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Subsequent
<b>VIOLATIONS AGAINST PERSONS</b>		
<b>Robbery (PP):</b> forcible stealing of property from a person by using or threatening the use of physical force	Restitution + 3-5 days S	Restitution + 5* days S
<b>Assault with Serious Physical Injury (PP):</b> causing physical injury to another person requiring hospitalization	3-5 days S	5* days OSS
<b>Assault with Physical Injury:</b> causing physical injury to another person ( <b>P</b> – student; <b>PP</b> – staff)	1-5* days S	2-5* days S
<b>Reckless Endangerment:</b> engaging in behavior which creates a serious risk of injury to self or others	1-3 days S	2-5 days S
<b>Physical Harassment (P):</b> striking, shoving, or kicking another person or subjecting another person to unwanted or inappropriate physical contact with the intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person	1-3 days S	2-5* days S
<b>Fighting / Minor Altercation (P):</b> two or more parties contributing to a situation by physical means	1-3 days S	2-5 days S
<b>Horseplay / Roughhousing:</b> behavior or physical contact that could or does lead to physical injury	D-2 days S	DD-3 days S
<b>Intimidation, Harassment, Menacing, Teasing, Taunting, or Bullying (P):</b> threatening, stalking, or seeking to coerce or compel a person to do something; engaging in written or verbal conduct that threatens another with harm. Includes any form of harassment that does not involve actual physical contact, but does involve the perceived threat of harm, including verbal harassment	D-3 days S	1-5* days S
<b>Verbal Abuse:</b> disrespectful language or gestures to another person	To a staff member 1-3 days S To another student D-2 days S	2-5 days S DD-2+ days S
<b>Hazing (P):</b> engaging in physical or emotional abuse of a team/club member; failing to report hazing	1-3 days S	1-5* days S
<b>Inappropriate Physical Contact:</b> physical contact as a result of running in the hallways, inappropriately using physical education equipment	D-DD	DD-S
<b>Engaging in a situation that is disruptive to the education process, or to the health, safety and well-being of the students and school:</b> Spreading rumors, disrespectful innuendoes, participating in the spreading of gossip, teasing; verbal rude and disrespectful behavior; misusing property belonging to others	D-DD	DD-S

<b>VIOLATIONS AGAINST PROPERTY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent</b>
<b>Extortion (P):</b> obtaining property or assistance through coercion	Restitution + 1-5 days S	Restitution + 2-5* days S
<b>Burglary (PP):</b> entering or remaining unlawfully on school property with the intent to commit a crime	1-3 days S	3-5 days S
<b>Criminal Mischief / Willful Damage of Property (P):</b> intentional destruction of school and/or personal property, including vandalism and graffiti	Restitution + 1-5 days S	Restitution + 1-5 days S
<b>Theft (P):</b> unlawful taking of property valued over \$5	Restitution + 1-5 days S	Restitution+ 2-5* days S
<b>Theft:</b> taking of supplies / food or beverage with a value under \$5 without express permission from the owner	Restitution + D-1 day S	Restitution+ 1-5 days S
<b>Possession of Stolen Property (P)</b>	1-3 day S	2-5 day S
<b>VIOLATIONS AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent</b>
<b>Arson (PP):</b> deliberate setting of a fire	5* days S	5* days OSS
<b>Bomb Threat (PP)</b>	5* days S	5* days S
<b>False Fire Alarm (PP)</b>	1-5 days S	5* days S
<b>Explosive/Nuisance Devices:</b> use or possession of fireworks, smoke or stink bombs, snappers, paintballs or other devices creating a public nuisance or disturbance	1-5 days S	2-5* days S
<b>Discharging Fire Extinguisher</b>	1-3 days S	2-5* days S
<b>Open Flame:</b> use of matches, lighters, other ignition devices or possession of such on school property, unless supervised by a staff member	Confiscation + 1 day S	Confiscation + 2-5 days S
<b>Riot (P):</b> four or more persons simultaneously engaging in tumultuous and violent conduct	5* days S	5* days S
<b>Weapons Possession:</b> having or bringing a weapon onto school property (including knives of any type or size)  Firearm/deadly weapon (PP) Others (P)	5* days OSS 1-5* days S	5* days OSS 2-5* days S
<b>Controlled Substances /Drugs/Synthetic cannabinoids (PP):</b> Possession, use, sale, or distribution of any controlled substance and/or paraphernalia; and/or under the influence of such substance	5+ days S + counseling referral	5+ days S + counseling referral
<b>Alcohol (P):</b> possession, use, sale, distribution, and/or under the influence	5+ days S + counseling referral	5+ days S + counseling referral
<b>Tobacco:</b> use or possession of any tobacco product or related items, including rolling paper, lighter, matches, electronic cigarettes, etc.	1-3 days S + program referral	3-5 days S + program referral
<b>VIOLATIONS AGAINST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent</b>
<b>Insubordination:</b> willful refusal to follow given directions	DD-3 day S	1-5 days S
<b>Disruptive Behavior</b>	D-2+ S	1-5 day S
<b>Disruptive Behavior in Cafeteria</b>	1-5 days lunch detention – 2 days S	D - 2+ days S
<b>False Identification:</b> refusal to give or giving false identification when requested to do so by a staff member	1 day S	1-2+ days S
<b>Forgery (P):</b> falsifying signatures, dates, and/or data	D-1 day S	1+ days S
<b>Truancy:</b> not coming to school or arriving late without parent awareness/approval	1+ days ISS	1-3 days ISS
<b>Cutting Class</b>	2 days D for each class cut	1+ days S

<i>Violation of Suspension (P)</i>	1 additional day S	1-2+ additional days S
<i>Failure to Stay for Detention</i>	1-2 additional days D	1-2+ days S
<i>Lateness to School: 5 times per quarter</i>	1+ days D	1+ days DD
<b>VIOLATIONS AGAINST ACADEMIC INTEGRITY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent</b>
<i>Plagiarism of assignment / research paper</i> <i>Cheating / Copying Another's work / etc.</i>  <i>Academic:</i> Colluding (engaging in fraudulent collaboration with another person in preparing written work for credit).	Academic penalty as per policy + D-1 day S	1+ days S
<b>VIOLATIONS AGAINST PUBLIC DECENCY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent</b>
<i>Gambling / Possession of Related Items</i> (cards, dice, etc.)	1 day S	1-2+ days S
<i>Discriminatory Practice:</i> Communication or activities based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, gender, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability that are offensive to others based on, but not limited to, the above notations.	1-3 days S	1-3 days S
<i>Sexual Harassment</i>	1-3 days S	1-3 days S
<i>Obscenity/Profanity (P):</i> language, gestures, drawings or clothing that are obscene or profane	D-1 day S	DD-3 days S
<i>Violation of Dress Code</i>	Modify attire	Modify attire + D - 1+ days S
<b>VIOLATIONS AGAINST STUDENT TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent</b>
<i>Unruly Bus Behavior:</i> engaging in dangerous, destructive, or inappropriate actions while on a school bus	Restitution + 1+ days S + Suspension of bus privileges	Restitution + 2+ days S + Suspension of bus privileges
<b>VIOLATIONS REGARDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>
Use of cellular phones, music devices, video games, beepers, or other electronic devices on school property except when a teacher or administrator allows students to access electronic devices for educational purposes.	DD-SS + Confiscation  <i>Subsequent violations will be dealt with as insubordination</i>	1+ days D + parent must retrieve device + Confiscation
<i>Use of any kind of electronic device to take a picture of any kind or anyway on school property or function, without the permission of the principal or his/her designee</i>	DD-3S	1-5S
<i>Use of any kind of electronic device on school property or function that compromises the health, safety and well-being of the students and school</i>	DD-3S	1-5 S
<i>Use of any kind of electronic device on school property or function to tease, taunt or harass others</i>	DD-3S	1-5 S
<i>Use of electronic device during test or quiz, or relaying test information to others at another time (cheating)</i>	Academic penalty per policy + Double D	1-5 days S
<i>Use of electronic device on school property or function to download or visit inappropriate websites</i>	DD-3S	1-5 S
<i>Using school computers in an inappropriate manner:</i> Changing computer screens, fonts and settings	DD-3S	1-5 S

<p><i>Use of electronic device to harass or invade privacy, or to transmit inappropriate information/photos of self or others</i>, via cell phones, the internet, e-mail, instant messages, or other electronic means</p>	<p>1-3 S</p>	<p>1-5* S</p>
<p><b>Abuse of school computers:</b> Damage of equipment / software through physical act or electronic means; use of software at school to harass or invade privacy of others (<b>P</b>); otherwise violating the <i>Acceptable Use Policy</i></p>	<p>Restitution + 1-3 days S</p>	<p>Suspension of computer access + Restitution + 3-5 days S</p>