

St. Joseph School

Middle School Behavior and Discipline Guidelines

St. Joseph School students are expected to be well behaved and respectful of their teachers, peers, and the school/church environment.

Expectations/Campus Rules

Students are expected to:

- Demonstrate reverence in church, including walking to and from parish buildings.
- Demonstrate respect for others by being kind in words and actions.
- Demonstrate respect for school and personal property.
- Be prepared and on time for class.
- Listen carefully, follow directions, and stay on task.
- Avoid disturbing others.
- Work and play safely.

Detention/Conduct Referral

At the Middle School level, lunch recess detention is issued for three “Expectations/Campus Rules” violation notices, any negative behavior that the teacher or the administration considers serious in nature, and the behaviors listed below.

Detention is considered a minimum consequence, and more serious action may be taken as deemed appropriate by the school administration.

- Academic dishonesty of any nature, including but not limited to: forgery, plagiarism, copying another’s work, and cheating on a quiz or test.
- Disrespect toward a St. Joseph School staff member, visitor, or parent.
- Misbehavior or inappropriate behavior.
- Tampering with another student’s or teacher’s personal belongings.
- Refusal to obey a directive from a St. Joseph School staff member or authorized adult.
- Leaving class without permission.
- Unauthorized use of technology in classrooms and on the school campus (including school-owned computers, tablets & personal cell phones, etc).
- Reckless behavior that causes an accident resulting in injury to another person or their property.
- Repeated violations of school policy as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.

Consequences for Multiple Detentions

- With the first and second detentions, the student will have a meeting with the Middle School team.
- At the third detention, teacher/student/parent conference will be held and there will be a loss of the next free dress privilege and the next field trip or school event for the student.
- Upon receiving a fourth detention, a Principal/teacher/student/parent conference will be held and the student will be placed on a Weekly Behavior Plan.
- All subsequent detentions will result in a Student Behavior Contract which will help assist in determining the student’s future at St. Joseph School. The student will become ineligible for all extra-curricular activities and field trips, and a meeting will be set up with the Principal, parents, and student.