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As they enter 6th grade, students will find that the expectations laid upon them in regards to how they behave when in a classroom will be great but never beyond that which they are capable. As we age, committing to a mature approach to classroom behavior no longer can be viewed as optional or as we see fit to do so. Instead, students must come to realize that patience for immature, disruptive, and negative behavior will be short in length and unfortunately, the consequences quicker to rear their head. That being said, all students in the 6th grade will be subject to the following disciplinary procedures.

- 1) If behavior is considered to be unbecoming of a student in any shape, way or form (please review your class rules to consider what such behavior this would constitute), they will be politely, verbally warned against such behavior for the first infraction during that class.
- 2) Should the first infraction prove not to be a deterrent to the student in terms of their poor behavior, a second verbal warning will be given to them. At this time, *consideration of the removal of privileges* of that day's class will be given.
 - If they are using their computers to work they will be asked to close them and use traditional pencil and paper to complete their class work. If their reading is online, a course book will be substituted for this. If they are researching online, they will be asked to use the information they have already researched to start working on their assignment.
 - If they are working in groups or with partners they will be asked to instead, work individually and independently.
- 3) If a student commits a third infraction, detention will be handed out. This will occur over both the lunch and recess period at which time we will discuss their behavior of that day.

- Should students find themselves in detention twice in one week, an email will be sent to their parents highlighting this issue.
- 4) If a student commits a fourth infraction in class, they will be politely asked to remove themselves from the classroom and to see an administrator. An email will be sent to their parents and a meeting with the student, administration and I will be set up to discuss their behavior. In addition, a disciplinary report will be filled out and given to administration.
- Should the student at the meeting prove to be uncooperative, detention will be given for the remainder of the week's recess and lunch periods.
 - If a student is asked to leave the classroom twice in one week, an email will be sent to their parents and a meeting set up with their parents, the student, administration and I. At that time we will consider the use of a behavior plan.
- 5) Using language that is inappropriate for school will automatically result in detention during lunch and recess and an email will be sent to the parents of the student detailing the language used.

Discipline Policy for Cheating

- 1) Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. Cheating is not only defined as copying answers during a test from a fellow classmates paper, but in addition it will refer to the copying of answers from another students homework. If the teacher witnesses any form of cheating the following steps will be taken.

Tests

- If a student is caught cheating on a test, their test will immediately be taken from them and a score of '0' will be applied to the test at that moment.
 - A disciplinary report will be filled out and given to administration.
- An email will be sent to the student's parents detailing what happened and the policy on cheating.

- The student will be given a chance to re-sit the test. It will be at the teacher's discretion as to when this happens and the test will not be the same one that the student cheated on.
- If the student fails to show up to take the test at the time allotted, the student will receive a grade of '0' for that test.
- If it is deemed that the student whom they were copying from was allowing for this to occur (by doing things such as positioning their paper so their classmate can see it), the same disciplinary steps will be taken as those for the student copying the answers.

Homework

- If a student is caught copying the answers from a classmate's homework assignment then both of the student's assignments will not be accepted that day and at that moment they will receive a '0' for their work.
 - A disciplinary report will be filled out and given to administration.
 - An email will be sent to the student's parents detailing what happened and the policy on cheating.
 - The students will be given another homework assignment to complete - timing of which will be at the teacher's discretion.

Bullying and Physical or Verbal Abuse

There will be a zero tolerance policy towards any form of bullying and physical or verbal abuse. Students involved in this behavior will immediately be sent to an administrator's office. A disciplinary form will be filled out, parents of the student will be contacted and based on the administrator's advice such consequences such as detention or suspension will be considered.

The teacher holds the right to manage their classroom in a manner best fit for all students to succeed. Any student that tries to disrupt the positive learning environment that their classmates are being invited to participate in will face disciplinary action. As 6th grade students, one should know that the need for a teacher to ask a student or class in general to be quiet more than once in a class period is unacceptable. I will not continue to ask for such things that should now be considered to be the norm for a fully functioning and healthy academic environment.

The teacher ultimately holds the right to take disciplinary steps as is needed. That being said, I will always keep my door open to discuss poor behavior in both an intellectual and visceral manner with students so the experience is one that can be learned from so to help the student improve in their classroom behavior.

Discipline is nothing if only punishment but is that of great value should a lesson be learned.