

Middle School Standards of Conduct

The goal of RCA Middle School is to build leaders who “own” strong moral character traits equipping them to go out and be examples through their words and actions. As a Christian middle school we must maintain an environment in which the students will learn academically as well as grow spiritually. It is best summed up in 1 Corinthians 9:27; “Christians will endeavor to avoid practices which cause the loss of sensitivity to the spiritual needs of the world and loss of the Christian’s physical, mental, or spiritual well-being.” Rainbow Christian is dedicated to helping our students become the best Christian leaders they can in order to be an example of Christ for our community.

The consequences of the choices we make will be taught daily. God has a plan for each of our lives and guides and directs us through our choices. Right choices help us grow in God’s plan. Poor choices will always result in consequences to help mold us.

Classroom Behavior: Students are expected to be in class on time and be prepared for class with all appropriate materials. They are expected to conform to all school and classroom behavior guidelines. This includes appropriate dress, displaying good manners, alert posture, being attentive to the teacher, and talking and leaving one’s seat only with permission. Students are expected to show courtesy, consideration and RESPECT to ALL faculty members and fellow students at all times.

Demerits: Demerits are classroom behavior notices. Every time a student receives a demerit, the parent will receive a computer print out with a signature required. There are 1,3 and 5 demerit offenses. The number depends on the severity. Every quarter the demerits will be cleared, however if a student receives 9 demerits in a semester he/she will be placed on probation and will begin the next quarter with 3 demerits. A student receiving more than 9 demerits in each semester will be re-evaluated, and it will be at the discretion of the school to expel or not allow re-enrollment for that student. 12 demerits in a quarter will result in suspension.

Actions resulting in Demerits:

The following offenses are punishable by **1 demerits/points**:

- Unprepared for class-Textbooks, Homework, Pens/Pencils, Paper
- Repeated classroom disruptions, as determined by the teacher
- Inappropriate language
- Bringing annoying or hazardous items on school property (ex. Matches, firecrackers, rubber bands)
- Writing or passing notes in class
- Eating or drinking in class (except water)
- Possession of non curriculum materials (ex. Magazines/catalogs)
- Possession of electronic devices (ex. Gameboys, cd Players, cell phones that are visible*, etc.)
- Gum chewing

- Late to class
- Dress Code Violation– No belt, Shirt untucked, incomplete uniform or wrong uniform etc...
- Out of class without a pass
- Inappropriate lunch behavior.
- Inappropriate transition behavior

The following offenses are punishable by **3 demerits/points**:

- Disrespect to a faculty member or adult (1st offense)
- Chapel misbehavior
- Disrespect for school property and property of others
- Profanity, vulgarity, taking God's name in vain
- Cheating on any homework, class work, quiz, test (first offense) (student will also receive a zero)
- Vandalism or destruction of school property (under \$50) (student will also be charged for replacement or repair of property damaged)
- Disobedience of a direct instruction from a faculty member
- Fighting with provocation
- Public displays of affection
- Dishonest

The following offenses are punishable by **5 demerits and a suspension or expulsion depending on the severity. A second offense in any of these can result in expulsion.**

- Skipping class
- Threats against a student or his/her property
- Stealing of school or personal property. Vandalism of school property over \$50. (Item must be replaced by student)
- Fighting without provocation
- Disrespect to a faculty member (2nd offense)
- Lying to staff or faculty member (including forged signatures)

- Cheating (2nd offense) (this will also result in a 5 day suspension with zeros all five days a 3rd offense will result in expulsion)
- Possession of a weapon
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs, or sexually explicit materials
- Inappropriate cyberbullying on a social network (Facebook, Instagram, etc...)

1st offense 2 day suspension with zero's given on all work. Work must be made up or 2 zeros will be given: **2nd offense** will result in expulsion.

It will be at the teacher's discretion to assign when after school or morning service time will take place. Students will take demerit slips home for signature on the day a demerit is issued.

Cell Phones: Cell phones will be allowed as long as they are turned off during school hours and kept in the locker. They may only be used after leaving the school grounds. The privilege of bringing a cell phone to school will be taken away if the cell phone is out or used, including text messaging, while on campus. Parents needing to reach their students during school hours should call the school office and a message will be given to the student. If taken out, kept on or seen, the phone or electronic device will be taken away and can be picked up in the office by a parent. Smart watches are not allowed

Dress Code Violations: Any dress code violation will result in a demerit. The third demerit in a quarter will result in business attire for a week. Continued dress code violations will result in lunch detentions, suspensions and may eventually result in expulsion

Tardy to Class: Excused tardiness will include doctor appointments, car trouble, illness or death in family. 3 unexcused tardies = 1 unexcused absence. Three tardies in a nine-week period will result to 1 unexcused absence which will affect perfect attendance.

Tardies are disruptive to the classroom and also have an adverse effect on your child's educational progress. Any student arriving after 8 a.m. must come through the office and have a note stating the reason for tardiness before going to the classroom. .

3 Unexcused tardies = 1 absence

On the 4th unexcused tardy in a school year there will be a \$5 charge

On the 5th unexcused tardy in a school year there will be a \$10 charge

On the 6th unexcused tardy in a school year there will be a \$15 charge

On the 7th unexcused tardy in a school year there will be a \$20 charge

The \$5 increment charge will continue to accumulate until a student reaches 15 unexcused tardies/ \$60 a school year. At this point a student will be asked to find another school. A students coming in half way through class, not prepared for the day is unfair to the student, the teacher and the class that is being interrupted . So.... thank you in advance for helping make our days at Rainbow successful.

Student Name (Print) _____ Grade _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian (Print) _____

Signature _____