

**Catholic Code of Conduct
Rule**

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Through the establishment of a Catholic Code of Conduct we empower our students to reflect on their behaviors so that they can choose to change, establish healthier boundaries, become productive citizens and grow in God's love.

To enforce the Catholic Code of Conduct, a discipline plan has been developed which is divided into five levels with specific consequences assigned to each level. The consequences are meant to correspond to the developmental maturity of the students involved. Listening, reteaching, modeling and reinforcing expected behaviors is often the first consequence used in the discipline process. This reflects the belief that most inappropriate actions present an opportunity for teaching and learning.

Level I – Actions Disruptive to Learning

Examples include: inappropriate language, tardiness, dress code violations, missed assignments.

Recommended Consequences:

Grades PreK-2

- Handled by classroom teacher
- Discussed at parent/teacher conference
- Office referral with reoccurring issues

Grades 3-6 (Offenses determined per quarter)

- 1st Offense – Teacher/Staff warning
- 2nd Offense – Listening, reteaching, modeling/reinforcing expected behaviors
- 3rd Offense – Option of Parent Contact
- 4th Offense & beyond – Parent contact/Parent Conference

Grades 7 & 8 (Offenses determined per quarter)

- 1st Offense – Listening, reteaching, modeling/reinforcing expected behaviors
- 2nd Offense – Listening, reteaching, modeling/reinforcing expected behaviors
- 3rd Offense & beyond – Detention

Level II – Actions Disrespectful of Self, School, Students, Teachers, Staff and Others

Examples Include: gossiping, destruction of personal property, cheating, lying, defiance

Recommended Consequences:

Grades PreK-2

- 1st Offense – Listening, reteaching, modeling/reinforcing expected behaviors , and/or removal from the situation
- 2nd Offense – Option of Parent Contact
- 3rd Offense – Conference with parent and child

Grades 3-6 (Offenses determined per quarter)

- 1st Offense – Listening, reteaching, modeling/reinforcing expected behaviors
- 2nd Offense – Parent Contact
- 3rd Offense – Office referral with option for detention and/or loss of privileges

Grades 7-8 (Offenses determined per year)

1st Offense – Detention

2nd Offense – Detention

3rd Offense – Office Referral for further action

Level III – Actions that are Harmful

Examples include: theft, demeaning language, profanity, obscene gestures, intimidation

Recommended Consequences:

Grades PreK-2

1st Offense – Listening, reteaching with parent contact

2nd Offense – Office referral, possible behavior plan

3rd Offense – Behavior Contract

Grades 3-6

1st Offense – Office referral, parent contact

2nd Offense – Office referral, 1 day in-school suspension, pastor contact

3rd Offense – Office referral, out of school suspension, pastor contact, behavior contract

Grades 7 & 8

1st Offense – Office referral, parent contact

2nd Offense – Office referral, 1 day in-school suspension, pastor contact

3rd Offense – Office referral, out of school suspension, pastor contact, behavior contract

Level IV – Actions that are Intentionally Physically Destructive

Examples include: racial/ethnic harassment, fighting, threat of assault, vandalism, extortion

Recommended Consequences:

Grades PreK-2

1st Offense – Office referral, 1/2 day to full day in-school suspension, pastor contact

2nd Offense – Office referral, full day in-school suspension, pastor contact

3rd Offense – Office referral, out of school suspension, priest contact, behavior contract

Grades 3-8

1st Offense – Office referral with 1 to 2 day in-school suspension, pastor contact

2nd Offense – Office referral, out of school suspension, pastor contact, behavior contract

Level V – Actions Resulting in Immediate Suspension

Examples include: possession of weapons, bomb threats, use of illegal substances including alcohol & tobacco, severe fighting

Recommended Consequences – length of out of school suspension

A parent conference will be required in order for a student to be reinstated in school.

Knowingly creating a false emergency	1 day suspension
Severe fighting	1-2 days suspension
Possession or Use of Weapon	Expulsion & Police referral
Bomb Threat	1-3 day suspension or Suspension and Police Referral
Possession of illegal substances	1-3 day suspension plus Police referral and substance Abuse assessment
Possession/Use of tobacco products	1-3 day suspension
Major theft (over \$25)	1 day suspension & Police referral

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