



Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School 74

"Soaring from Good to Great and Beyond"

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Dear Parents,

Each school year, our students have the opportunity to take part in exciting activities that serve as both a reward for hard work and good behavior as well as a culmination of a school year. We must remain firm in the belief, however, that only the most deserving students should be able to participate in these activities. Therefore, we will be reinstating the "point system" that will assign values to various infractions of the *Citywide Standards of Discipline and Intervention Measures* (The Discipline Code) and other school policies. Students whose "points" total different levels will be excluded from various activities. Point totals **will not** carry over from school year to school year. The following chart indicates **some** of the most frequent infractions that factor into the school's decision on this matter:

Unexcused lateness to class (first 3)	1 point	"N" in conduct on report card (per class)	2 points
Unexcused lateness to class (subsequent lateness)	1 point	"U" in conduct on report card (per class)	4 points
Unexcused lateness to school (first 4)	1 point	Teacher referral to Dean or Assistant Principal	3 points
Unexcused lateness to school (subsequent lateness)	1 point	Official removal from a class	5 points
Being in the hallways without proper pass	1 point	Cutting a Class	3 points
Loitering or "fooling around" in hallways	1-3 points	Cutting School	5 points
Potentially dangerous behavior (e.g. pushing, shoving, horseplay, etc.)	2-4 points	Confiscated cell phone or other electronic devices (1 st offense)	2 points
Misuse of an official school pass	1-2 points	Confiscated cell phone or other electronic devices (subsequent offenses)	4 points
Violation of cafeteria rules (at discretion of cafeteria coordinator)	1-2 points	Academic dishonesty (cheating, copying, plagiarism, etc.)	2-5 points
Failure to return required documents by due date (report cards, interim reports, point letters, etc.)	2 points	Engaging in verbally rude or disrespectful behavior	1-3 points

****Note: Infractions of the Discipline Code or violations of school policy not listed above can also result in the assignment of points at the discretion of the school administration.**

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The following indicates the steps that will be taken when students reach different point totals:

Parent conference to review student's disciplinary record.	10 points
Saturday Detention	15 points
Removal from one school activity, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Participation in or attendance to school activities (e.g. sporting events, clubs, etc.)❖ Grade Trips❖ S.O. Walkathon❖ End of the Year Trip❖ Senior Dance (8th Grade)	20 points
Removal from two or more activities. (at the discretion of school administration)	28 or more points

****Note:**

- ***Students standing or admission in the National Junior Honor Society may be jeopardized by point totals.***
- ***Students who have been suspended may automatically be removed from any or all of the above listed activities.***
- ***Points can be amended on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the school administration.***

Students have been informed about this point system. We ask that you discuss this letter with your children. We know that you share our concerns in keeping Middle School 74 safe and orderly for all students.

Sincerely,

Anthony Armstrong, Principal

PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORD