

Pompton Lakes Public Schools

Middle School Student Code of Conduct

We believe that middle school is a time for our students to transition from elementary-aged children towards young adulthood. We understand and appreciate that this is a gradual process and therefore we utilize a progressive discipline philosophy and also seek to make any required discipline focused on students' learning from the experience.

An essential aspect of our approach is to promote positive student development and reinforce expected behaviors. Our discipline standard requires that we address any action of which we are made aware by investigating and, if necessary, implementing discipline. Our philosophy of progressive discipline focuses on teaching a student to behave properly. Consequences are logically applied and take into account the age of the child, the circumstances surrounding the incident and the child's previous record of behavior. Possible consequences include:

- Discussion with student
- Discussion with parent/guardian
- Teacher detention
- Central detention
- Exclusion from co-curricular activities
- Suspension/expulsion

We do not discriminate based on gender, age, religion, sexual orientation or any other protected class and our policies and practices are implemented without regard to membership in such groups. We do not make public the disciplinary actions we impose on a student. We respect the privacy of all students.

To access the Pompton Lakes Board of Education's Student Code of Conduct Policy and Regulation (P/R 5600), please visit: www.plps-k12.org and then Click on "Parents" and then "Student Code of Conduct."