



Discipline Policy

(Pgs 53-55 of Student Handbook)

9.2 Discipline Policies/Demerits

Once a student is on campus, he or she is subject to all rules. Additionally, all school rules apply while on any school activity.

Demerits will become cumulative throughout the school year to put focus on wrong patterns being given the attention required for improvement. Students will receive an after school detention every 20 demerits. The offense will be communicated, logged, and if a detention is issued. Additionally, every 60 demerits, parents will have a mandatory meeting with either a teacher or the principal.

Demerits Issued	Offense
1 (for 1st offense) 5 (for repeated violations)	General disturbance (talking, leaning back in chair, out of seat without permission)
1	Being late to school/class 1-5 minutes
1	Homework not completed (one demerit per subject)
1 (for 1st offense) 10 (for repeated violations)	Out of dress code *repeated: more than two dress code violations for the same offense in a month
1 / 5 home	If textbook/chromebook not brought to class; if textbook/chromebook left at home
1	Communication folder/homework pad not returned or signed *elementary only
5	Leaving trash behind or outside; littering
5	Not showing proper respect for Bible or flags
5	Violation of any classroom rules/guidelines
5	Throwing an object or passing notes in class
5	Out of class without a pass
5	Running in the building/horseplay at inappropriate times or places
5	Eating in class
5	More than 5 minutes tardy to school/class
10	Writing on another student's person or property (may involve restitution)
10	Writing on self or allowing another student to write on one's self
10	Being in unauthorized areas of the building or grounds
10	Throwing rocks or other items that cause or could cause harm to someone
10	Possession of musical devices, electronic games, or other forms of personal entertainment
10	Throwing food or intentionally creating a mess
10	Defiant disobedience
10	Unnecessary roughness as determined by staff
10	Nonsense answers on homework assignments
10	Using Chromebook for non academic things / Use of cell phone during any class

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25	Questionable language or behavior
25	Unsafe driving on campus (may result in revocation of driving privileges)
25	Disrespectful toward faculty or staff to include arguing, talking back, talking disrespectfully about, etc.
25	Leaving campus without permission and /or proper checkout procedures
25	Improper relationship behavior, such as hand holding or hugging
50	Kissing
50	Lying or stealing
50	Destruction of academy/church property (also requires restitution)
50	Cheating (see also section 8.3 on Plagiarism/Cheating)

Students will receive discipline when accumulation of demerits are reached as follows:

- 20 demerits = detention
- 40 demerits = detention
- 60 demerits = detention and mandatory Parent/Teacher Conference
- 80 demerits = detention
- 100 demerits = detention and mandatory Parent/Teacher Conference
- 120 demerits = detention
- 140 demerits - 1 day In School Suspension and mandatory meeting with Principal/Superintendent
- 160 demerits = detention
- 180 demerits = 3 day Out of School Suspension and mandatory meeting with Principal/Superintendent
- 200 demerits = detention
- 220 demerits = detention
- 240 demerits - Expulsion

9.3 Detention

When a student receives a detention it will be served on the following scheduled detention day after the offense. If the student does not report to detention, then the student will serve two consecutive detentions. Please do not contact the academy office or administration for exceptions to this policy. The student will not be allowed to do homework or make up any testing during this time.

9.4 Disciplinary Probation

A student placed on disciplinary probation is in imminent danger of losing the right to remain at Monclova Christian Academy. A student placed on probation may not be able to represent the academy in athletics, student activities, contests, or public programs; be eligible to receive any honors; or be granted other privileges. When a student is placed on probation, the administration will notify the parents immediately.

The administration will review the probationary status of a student at the end of the semester. If sufficient correction of behavior is evident at that time, the student is removed from probationary status. If not, the administration will determine whether or not the student will continue to attend the academy.

Further disciplinary actions which place a student on probation more than once within a year may result in expulsion or eliminate an offer of re-enrollment for the next academy year.

9.5 Suspensions

A suspension is like having one's driver's license taken away for a while. It is a negative consequence, more severe than detention. Suspensions make a "louder" statement about the seriousness of the problem. Suspensions usually involve the following:

- Assignments, quizzes, and tests given during suspension may be made up. Teachers are not obligated to give personal instruction for material missed.
- The student may not attend or participate in academy events or activities (including Commencement) that occur during the suspension period.
- The student will be placed on disciplinary probation.

The following actions will result in automatic suspension:

- Fighting and/or physical abuse of another student
- Verbal abuse, intimidation, or threatening of another student, teacher, or staff member (bullying/hazing)
- Use or possession of any kind of weapon
- Setting fires, false alarms, or bomb threats
- Horseplay that could result in severe endangerment
- Off-campus behavior that is detrimental to the student's personal testimony and the testimony of Monclova Christian Academy

NOTE: Any student receiving an automatic suspension will also be assessed 140 demerits

9.6 Expulsions

An expulsion is a far more serious matter. A student who has been expelled may or may not have the option of returning to the academy during subsequent academic years. Expulsions are the result of egregious or habitual violations of the student conduct code or the law. Decisions about expulsions are based on the presenting offense and the student's attitude and pattern of conduct throughout their MCA experience. Students who show a rebellious attitude, whose spirit is contradictory to the spirit of the school, and who have shown themselves to be detrimental to the spiritual training may be expelled at the discretion of the school superintendent. Students may also be expelled if they are suspended for the same offense twice in one year as determined by the principal. Students will also be expelled for sexual immorality including sexting and the use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, pornography, or explosive devices. Even when a student is expelled, MCA is committed to doing its reasonable best to help the student and their family to determine the best options available for the student's continued education.