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Mediterranean District
Disciplinary Matrix

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

DS Manual 2050.1 Student Rights and Responsibilities in DoDDS provides for an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of all students in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

This matrix of suggested consequences for student misconduct does not supersede DoDEA Regulation 2051.1. It is provided to offer general guidelines for imposing disciplinary consequences but in no way restricts the right and responsibility of school administrators to apply appropriate levels of discipline on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specific circumstances, even if it deviates from the suggested consequences identified in the table.

In all cases of suspension and expulsions, a letter will be sent to the sponsor and to the sponsor's commander and DSO Superintendent, Dr. Walker.

Category I: Minor Infractions

All sanctions for Category I infractions will start over at the beginning of the second semester.

Category I: Minor Infractions	Referral	Possible sanctions for Category I infraction may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tardiness (to class or to school) ➤ General classroom misconduct ➤ Failure to follow general instructions ➤ Public display of affection /Improper show of affection ➤ Eating/drinking in class (gum included) ➤ Loitering in an unauthorized area ➤ No hall pass ➤ Running, playing, or horseplay (hall or grounds) that may endanger self or others ➤ Unauthorized sale of items (candy, etc.) ➤ Dress code violations which the student refuses to correct ➤ Minor disrespect (talking back, rolling eyes, etc.) ➤ Other minor offenses 	Referral 1:	Warning and/or contact with the parent/guardian
	Referrals 2 - 4:	Warning, parent contact, and/or detention, Saturday School; 1 day In-School Suspension
	For Referral 5 and each additional referral.	Warning, parent contact, and/or detention, Saturday School; 1 day In or Out of-School Suspension. Once a student has accumulated a minimum of 5 referrals, a behavior plan may need to be created to address behavioral concerns.

An administrator may offer the following alternatives to Out-of-School Suspension:

- A parent may opt to shadow his/her child for one day instead of any 1 day out of school suspension. A parent is not to be an active participant in the class and is to be an observer only.
- The Principal at each school may limit the number of times that shadowing is allowed instead of Out of School Suspension (OSS).

NOTE:

If the offense has taken place in the teacher's classroom (with the exception of tardies), all teachers are generally expected to deal with Category I offenses in an appropriate manner prior to referring a student to an administrator (including parental contact and referral to guidance).

The consequences listed above come into effect only after the student has been referred to an administrator.

Category II: Serious Infractions

Category II: Serious Infractions	Referral	Possible sanctions for Category II infraction may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Using portable communications devices contrary to school policy (e.g., beepers, cell phones, personal computers, Blackberry's, iphones; other similar devices capable of receiving or transmitting audio, video, picture, or text message; portable electronic devices, including: cameras, electronic games, portable radios, compact disc players, iPods, portable DVD players, or similar devices). Such equipment and devices are subject to confiscation by school authorities. (<i>Individual principals will determine the locale for keeping such devices during the school day.</i>) ➤ Minor Vandalism (\$25 or less) (Restitution required) ➤ Minor Theft (\$25 or less) (Restitution required) ➤ Leaving school grounds without administrative permission (also includes failure to sign out) ➤ Falsifying, forging, cheating, or plagiarizing the work of others. (written or verbal) ➤ Abusive, profane, or obscene language, gestures, or material (student to student): This includes, but is not limited to the following references: race, religion, gender, creed, national origin, personal or physical attributes, disability, intellectual ability, or matters pertaining to sexuality. ➤ Failing to leave the school, the school grounds, the school bus, or otherwise failing to follow the instructions/directions of the principal or staff member in charge after being told to do so; or is otherwise not authorized to be present in such areas (e.g., expelled or removed). ➤ Disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. This provision includes not only horseplay and other forms of disorderly conduct, but also includes: lying to and/or making false statements to school personnel, <i>and/or</i> the violation of <i>other rules</i> and guidance established for an orderly educational atmosphere. ➤ Possessing or using tobacco, or any product containing tobacco or nicotine products; including, but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel nut or related paraphernalia (lighters, matches, rolling paper, etc.) ➤ Any activity that endangers self or others while at school ➤ Violating attendance regulations or policies (i.e., truancy). 	Referral 1:	After School Detention
	Referral 2:	Detention or Saturday School or Work Detail <i>Examples of work detail: working the booster tent, help setting up the football field; assisting at the track meet, etc.</i>
	Referral 3:	1 day In or Out of School Suspension
	Referral 4:	2-3 Days of the combination of Saturday School, and/or In or Out of School Suspension
	Referral 5:	3-5 Days of the combination of Saturday School, and/or In or Out of School Suspension.
<p>An administrator may offer the following alternatives to Out-of-School Suspension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent may opt to shadow their child for one day instead of any 1 day out of school suspension. A parent is not to be an active participant in the class and is to be an observer only. • The Principal at each school may limit the number of times that shadowing is allowed instead of OSS. 		

Category III: Severe/Extreme Infractions

A student may be disciplined, to include removal from school (i.e., suspension, expulsion, or out of school placement) in appropriate circumstances; when a preponderance of the evidence demonstrates that the student has engaged in any of the following acts of misconduct:

- Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause, physical injury to another person; or has threatened to use or has used physical force against any person, including physical force that causes serious bodily injury to a person, as defined by section 1365(h) (3) of 18 U.S.C. (reference (k)).
- Possessing, using, or transferring to another person any dangerous weapon (section 930(g)(2) (reference (j)), (e.g., any firearm, knife, explosive, incendiary device, or dangerous object) at the school or at a school-sponsored activity. *A minimum 1-year expulsion is required for the possession of firearms.*
- Possessing, using, distributing, or the attempted possession; use; or distribution of alcoholic beverages.
- Possessing, using, distributing, or the attempted possession; use or distribution of any illegal/controlled substance; as defined in enclosure 2. *A mandatory expulsion recommendation is required for a second offense.*
- Offering, arranging, using, or negotiating to sell drug paraphernalia, or the unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Robbing or extorting, or attempting robbery or extortion.
- Damaging or vandalizing school, U.S. Government, contractor, or private property.
- Stealing, wrongfully appropriating, or attempting to steal or wrongfully appropriate; or knowingly receiving stolen school, Government, contractor, or private property.
- Gambling in any form.
- Fighting or otherwise engaging in conduct that endangers the well-being of a student or others.
- Bullying (including cyber bullying) another, or a group (e.g., engaging physical intimidation, taunting, hazing, name calling, insulting, cursing, gesturing, or verbally abusing any person; including, but not limited to: comments, abuse, or harassment based on that person's race, religion, gender, creed, national origin, personal or physical attributes, disability, intellectual ability; and matters pertaining to sexuality, or characteristics of another person or the associates of another person).
- Engaging in, or attempting to engage in, acts of arson, making a threat to bomb, burn, or destroy in any manner a school building or school property, or intentionally making a false report of a bomb threat or fire (e.g., making a terrorist or bomb threat, pulling a fire alarm, etc.).
- Possessing or using fireworks or other explosive devices.
- Violating the terms and conditions of the DoDEA Student Computer and Internet Access Agreement, or by illegal or unauthorized means gain access to the computers, software telecommunications, and related technologies of others; engage in any willful act that causes physical or financial damage or otherwise disrupts information technology, or use a computer or communications device to communicate threatening, harassing, indecent messages; or download obscene or pornographic materials.
- Violating any law, rule, regulation, or policy of the military installation or the school.
- Failing to report or otherwise be complicit in the above-described acts.

Mediterranean District Disciplinary Matrix for Electronic/Internet Resource Use Actions

SUBJECT: Computer Access and Internet Policy *DoDEA AI 6600.01*

POLICY: It is DoDEA policy that:

- a. The use of DoDEA IT resources shall be permitted for official and authorized purposes including communication, research, and educational or professional development in support of the DoDEA mission.
- b. Internet use for educational, administrative, and research purposes will be encouraged and supported in agreement with the terms and conditions contained in the **DoDEA Technology user agreement policy**
- c. All use of DoDEA IT resources will be accomplished through individual user accounts, except as specifically authorized by the Designated Approving Authority (DAA).

If a student violates the DoDEA Technology user agreement policy, the following actions will be imposed.

Category I: Minor Infractions	Referral	Possible sanctions for Category I infraction may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Misuse of email ➤ Using inappropriate language ➤ Being abusive or impolite ➤ SPAMMING ➤ Contacting inappropriate persons ➤ Using e-mail at inappropriate times 	Referral 1:	Warning, Parent contact, and/or Detention,
	Referral 2:	Suspension of email for 10 Days
	Referral 3:	Termination of email for SY and Administrative Action
	Referral 4:	**Administrative Action
Category II: Serious Infraction	Referral	Possible sanctions for Category II infraction may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sending or receiving offensive materials ➤ Violating copy right ➤ Using computer resources without permission 	Referral 1:	**Administrative Action
	Referral 2:	Suspension of LAN and email for 2 weeks
	Referral 3:	Termination of LAN & email accounts RESTRICTION of computer usage
	Referral 4:	**Administrative Action
Category III: Severe Infraction	Referral	Possible sanctions for Category III infraction may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Damaging Hardware. Software, or network ➤ Changing configurations ➤ Accessing another users private Files (i.e. H:drive files) ➤ Modifying using , deleting or misusing public files (K: or common drive, teacher files) ➤ Using another user's account or allowing him/her to use yours ➤ Attempting to get around safety and security measures (i.e. web filters, virus scan, etc.) ➤ Sexually Offensive behavior ➤ Insubordination with disrespect and profanity 	Referral 1:	Suspension of LAN and email for 2 weeks
	Referral 2:	Termination of LAN & email accounts RESTRICTION of computer usage
	Referral 3:	Termination of ALL Computer privileges
	Referral 4:	**Administrative Action
Category IV: Extreme Infractions	Referral	Possible sanctions for Category IV infraction may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Using electronic means to threatening, bullying, harassment and/or abuse others ➤ Accessing restricted private data 	<i>Immediate termination of all computer privileges and suspension from school</i>	

** Administrative Action may include, but is not limited to the following: Warning and Counseling Session, Detention, Parent Notification, Suspension or School Work Detail

1. Restriction of computer usage means stand-alone computer workstations with no access to the internet or network resources OR a special log-in.
2. Termination of computer privileges necessitates removal from computer courses for the semester or year.

ALL actions should be resolved at the classroom (Teacher/Parent/Student) level when possible.

In all cases, the administration reserves the right to determine the severity of consequences based on education impact on student.