East Penn School District Middle Level Discipline Code

Middle School Discipline Code Belief Statement

We believe that all students, parents, teachers, and staff shall create and maintain a safe environment of respect and responsibility for themselves, one another, their school, and the East Penn community. This environment, free of distractions and disruptions, shall foster opportunities for students to learn and teachers to teach.

In applying discipline guidelines, administrators reserve the right to use their discretion in reviewing individually a student's disciplinary infraction and dealing with that infraction on an individual basis, apart from the discipline responses listed herein. The administration will use a wide variety of interventions to insure the safety, health, security, and well being of all the students at LMMS/EYER MS.

Statement of Agreement

- 1. We agree to respect ourselves and others.
- 2. We agree not to devalue or discount ourselves and others.
- 3. We agree to respect the property of ourselves and others.
- 4. We agree to follow rules in specific areas.
- 5. We agree to work together courteously and cooperatively.

Acronyms

After School Detention	ASD	Lunch Detention	LD
In School Suspension	ISS	Out of School Suspension	OSS
Student Assistance Program	SAP		

TEAM LEVEL

In order to establish and maintain strong teacher-student relationships, we believe discipline issues should be handled at the team level whenever possible. The team and every adult in the school community are responsible for modeling and teaching appropriate behavior to our students.

Team level infractions include, but are not limited to:

Offense	Notes	Team Action
Misconduct	 Excessive talking Unassigned area of the classroom Misuse of materials Throwing or tossing items 	 Student/Teacher Conference Behavior intervention - change seat, private cuing, etc. Parent phone call Team conference - In most cases, it is preferable to call home prior to the team meeting. After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.
Insubordination	Passive defianceWork refusal	 Student/Teacher Conference Behavior intervention - change seat, private cuing, etc. Involve guidance counselor Parent phone call Team conference - In most cases, it is preferable to call home prior to the team meeting. After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.
Inappropriate language and/or gestures <i>OR</i> Inappropriate Displays of Affection	 Words or gestures considered inappropriate in the school setting. This does NOT include racial/ethnic intimidation, which should be referred to an administrator. 	 Student/Teacher Conference Behavior intervention - change seat, private cuing, etc. Involve guidance counselor Parent phone call Team conference - In most cases, it is preferable to call home prior to the team meeting. After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.

Pass Violation	 In location not designated by pass Wandering the halls/excessive travel time Pass not signed Never arrived in designated area 	 Student/Teacher Conference Behavior intervention - pass restriction Parent phone call Team conference - In most cases, it is preferable to call home prior to the team meeting. After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.
Failure to return forms	Attendance formsEmergency contactGuidance	 Student/Teacher Conference Involve guidance counselor Parent phone call Team conference - In most cases, it is preferable to call home prior to the team meeting. After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.
Dress Code Violation	- Wearing clothing items that are not compliant with the Dress Code outlined in the Student Handbook.	 Student/Teacher Conference "Your [clothing item] is not compliant with our school Dress Code." Student returns to class once dressed appropriately. Parent phone call After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.
Lying		 Student/Teacher Conference Involve guidance counselor Parent phone call Team conference - In most cases, it is preferable to call home prior to the team meeting. After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.

Late to Class	- < 10 minutes tardy	 Student/Teacher Conference Involve guidance counselor Parent phone call Team conference - In most cases, it is preferable to call home prior to the team meeting. After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.
Leaving class without permission		 Student/Teacher Conference Involve guidance counselor Parent phone call Team conference - In most cases, it is preferable to call home prior to the team meeting. After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.
Cell Phone/Electronic Device Violation	- Use of a personal electronic device without permission	Use Cell Phone Violation Form - 1st Offense - Warning - 2nd Offense - Confiscate until end of day; student pick up - 3rd Offense - Confiscate until end of day; parent pick up; teacher calls home. - 4th Offense - ADMIN LEVEL - Confiscate until end of day; parent pick up; admin calls home.
Cheating Plagiarism	Giving, requesting, obtaining, or using content on test, quizzes, projects, or homework. Taking someone else's work or ideas	 Student/Teacher Conference Involve guidance counselor Parent phone call Student completes the assignment/activity with academic integrity.
Forgery	and passing them off as one's own.	After first occurrence, may be referred to administrator. - Student/Teacher Conference - Involve guidance counselor - Parent phone call After the third occurrence, refer to administrator.

ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL

LEVEL I – STUDENT'S MISBEHAVIOR THAT IMPEDES ORDERLY CLASSROOM PROCEDURES OR INTERFERES WITH THE ORDERLY OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL. THESE MISBEHAVIORS CAN USUALLY BE HANDLED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TEACHER, BUT SOMETIMES REQUIRE THE INTERVENTION OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR.

Code: 103 Inappropriate attire	Notes: Non-compliance with school dress code See Team Level	1st Offense Administrative waring conference and return to class	2nd Offense 1 LD/ASD *return to class when properly attired	3 LD/ASD *return to class when properly attired	4th Offense Administrative discretion
Code: 106 Pass Violation	Notes: See Team Level	1st Offense Administrative waring	2nd Offense 1-3 LD/ASD	3rd Offense 3-5 LD/ASD	4th Offense 1-3 ISS
Code: 107 Misconduct	Notes: See Team Level	1st Offense 1-3 LD/ASD	2nd Offense 3-5 LD/ASD	3rd Offense 1-3 ISS	4th Offense 1-3 ISS
Code: 108 A Late to class	Notes: < 10 minutes late See Team Level	5th - 7th Offense 1 LD per occurrence	8th - 10th Offense 2 LD per occurrence	11th - 13th Offense 3 LD per occurrence	14th - 15th Offense Administrative Discretion
Code: 108 B Late to school	Notes: Arriving to class after 7:40	1st - 4th Offense Warning	5th Offense 1 LD per occurrence	6th Offense 2 LD per occurrence	Additional Offenses Administrative discretion

Code: 115 Cafeteria Misconduct	Notes: See Team Level	1st Offense Warning or 1-3 LD/ASD	2nd Offense 1 - 5 LD/ASD	3rd Offense 2 Weeks LD/ASD	4th Offense Administrative Discretion	
Code: 207 Truancy/Unexcused Absence	Notes: After the 5th day of truancy a notice will be filed with the magistrate which may result in a fine.	Follow District Attendance Policy/Procedures UX(Unexcused) Absences. 1 UX - Absence reflected in Student Management System (SMS) 2 UX - Absence reflected in SMS 3 UX - Warning Letter Sent 4 UX - Warning Letter sent with scheduled Student Attendance Improvement Conference (SAIC) meeting date. 5 UX - Citation Letter and Citation sent 6 UX- Habitually Truant procedures enacted				
Code: 217 Inappropriate Affection	Notes: See Team Level	1st Offense Warning	2nd Offense 1 ASD	3rd Offense- 1 ISS- Parent phone call/conference	4th Offense Administrative discretion	
Code: 232 Excessive Absence	Notes: After 20 lates to school OR 20 absences, whether excused or unexcused.	Follow District Attendance Policy/Procedures School will require a physician's note to cover all absences, including requests for early dismissals and late arrivals.				
Code: 234 A Electronic Device	Notes: See Team Level	Administrative discretion Consequences may include but are not limited to: - Confiscation of phone - Parent asked to pick up phone - Device privileges denied Additional offenses - see Insubordination				

LEVEL II – INFRACTIONS THAT TEND TO DISRUPT THE LEARNING CLIMATE BECAUSE OF THEIR SERIOUSNESS. THESE INFRACTIONS REQUIRE THE INTERVENTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. INCLUDED IN THIS LEVEL ARE MISBEHAVIORS WHICH DO NOT REPRESENT A DIRECT THREAT TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS BUT WHOSE EDUCATIONAL CONSEQUENCES ARE SERIOUS ENOUGH TO REQUIRE CORRECTIVE ACTION. SOME OF THESE ACTIONS MAY REQUIRE A REFERRAL TO THE LEGAL AUTHORITIES.

Code: 26 Possession, use, or sale of smoking materials or tobacco products.	Notes:	1st Offense - 1-3 Days OSS - Referral to District Magistrate - Referral to SAP	2nd Offense - 1-3 Days OSS - Referral to District Magistrate - Referral to SAP	3rd Offense - 1-3 Days OSS - Referral to District Magistrate - Referral to SAP	 4th Offense 1-3 Days OSS Referral to District Magistrate Referral to SAP
Code: 46 Minor Altercation	Notes: Altercation that includes, but is not limited to yelling, shoving, name calling threats - no physical blows. Single offender.	1st Offense 1-3 Days ISS	2nd Offense 1-3 Days ISS	3rd Offense 1-3 Days OSS Parent Conference	4th Offense 1-3 Days OSS
Code: 50 Theft	Notes: Theft or burglary < \$100	1st Offense - 1-3 Days ISS - Referral to police per admin discretion	 2nd Offense 1-3 Days OSS Referral to police per admin discretion 	3rd Offense3-5 Days OSSReferral to police per admin discretion	 4th Offense 3-5 Days OSS Referral to police per admin discretion Referral to Superintendent
Code: 101 Insubordination	Notes: See Team Level	1st Offense 1-3 Days ISS	2nd Offense 1-3 Days ISS	3rd Offense - 1-3 Days OSS - Parent Conference	4th Offense 1-3 Days OSS

Code: 104	Notes:	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Abusive, Obscene, Profane, Foul, Vulgar, and/or Offensive Language		1-3 Days ISS	1-3 Days ISS	- 1-3 Days OSS - Parent Conference	1-3 Days OSS
Code: 109 Bus Misconduct	Notes: Unacceptable behavior, profanity, insubordination	1st Offense Administrative	2nd Offense Administrative	3rd Offense Administrative	4th Offense Administrative
		discretion	discretion	discretion	discretion
Code: 204	Notes: Student intentionally misses LD	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Detention Cut	or ASD	1 additional detention	2 additional detentions	1 ISS	1-3 ISS
Code: 205	Notes: Unexcused absence	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Class Cut	> 10 minutes More than 3 periods missed will become an unexcused absence or truancy.	1 ISS	1-3 ISS	1-3 ISS	1-3 ISS * SAP Referral
Code: 205 C	Notes: See Team	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Leaving Class Without Permission	Level	1-3 Days ISS	1-3 ISS	1-3 ISS	Administrative Discretion

Code: 206 Leaving School Without Permission	Notes: Students returning to school upon leaving without permission may be subjected to search by school official.	1st Offense 1-3 ISS	2nd Offense 1-3 ISS	3rd Offense 1-3 ISS	4th Offense 1-3 OSS
Code: 208 Forgery	Notes: See Team Level	1st Offense 1-3 ISS	2nd Offense 1-3 ISS	3rd Offense 1-3 ISS	4th Offense 1-3 OSS
Code: 210 A Cheating	Notes: Giving, requesting, obtaining, or using content on test, quizzes, projects, or homework. See Team Level	1st Offense 1-3 ISS	2nd Offense 1-3 ISS	3rd Offense 1-3 ISS	4th Offense - 1-3 OSS - Administrator may deny participation in extracurricular activities.
Code: 210 B Plagiarism .	Notes: See Team Level See Team Level	1st Offense 1-3 ISS	2nd Offense 1-3 ISS	3rd Offense 1-3 ISS	 4th Offense 1-3 OSS Administrator may deny participation in extracurricular activities.
Code: 236 Gross Misconduct	Notes: Student behavior is causing or might cause a major disruption or interference with school activities.	1st Offense Administrative discretion	2nd Offense Administrative discretion	3rd Offense Administrative discretion	4th Offense Administrative discretion

LEVEL III – ACTS DIRECTED AGAINST PERSONS OR PROPERTY. THESE ACTS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED CRIMINAL, BUT MOST FREQUENTLY CAN BE HANDLED BY THE DISCIPLINARY MECHANISM OF THE SCHOOL. WHERE APPLICABLE, APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN. RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY AND DAMAGES WILL BE MADE WHEN THE SITUATION WARRANTS IT.

Code: 10 Threatening a school official or student	Notes: Physical, verbal, written, or electronic threat or intimidation; no weapon displayed.	1st Offense - 1-3 OSS - Referral to police per administrative discretion	2nd Offense1-3 OSSReferral to police per administrative discretion	3rd Offense3-5 OSSReferral to police per administrative discretion	 4th Offense 3-5 OSS Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent
Code:15A Vandalism	Notes: <\$100	1st Offense - 1-3 OSS - Restitution of damages	2nd Offense - 1-3 OSS - Restitution of damages	3rd Offense - 3-5 OSS - Restitution of damages	 4th Offense 3-5 OSS Restitution of damages Referral to superintendent
Code: 23 Possession or use of a controlled substance	Notes: See Appendix E - Summarization of Drug and Alcohol Administrative Policies	 1st Offense Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 2nd Offense Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 3rd Offense Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 4th Offense Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent

Code: 24 Sale or distribution of a controlled substance	Notes: See Appendix E - Summarization of Drug and Alcohol Administrative Policies	 1st Offense Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 2nd Offense Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 3rd Offense Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 4th Offense Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent
Code: 25	Notes: See Appendix E - Summarization of	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Sale, possession, use, or under the influence of alcohol	Drug and Alcohol Administrative Policies	 Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent
Code: 27	Notes: See Appendix	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Possession of other substance	E - Summarization of Drug and Alcohol Administrative Policies	 Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent 	 Administrative discretion Referral to police per administrative discretion Referral to superintendent

Code 35 Sexual Harassment	Notes: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, other physical or verbal conduct or communication of a sexual nature, and any other gender based harassment which has the purpose or effect to interfere with the individual performance, work environment, or participation in school activities, or creates an intimidating environment.	1st Offense - Administrative Discretion - Referral to Police per administrative discretion	 2nd Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 3rd Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 4th Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion Referral to the superintendent
Code 36 Racial/Ethnic Intimidation	Notes: Malicious intent toward another person or property based on race, color, religion or national origin	1st Offense - Administrative Discretion - Referral to Police per administrative discretion	 2nd Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 3rd Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 4th Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion Referral to the superintendent
Code: 42 Fighting	Notes: Mutual altercation, exchange of blows damage to persons/property. Includes physical assault.	1st Offense - 3-10 OSS - Referral to police per administrative discretion	2nd Offense - 3-10 OSS - Referral to police per administrative discretion	3rd Offense - 3-10 OSS - Referral to police per administrative discretion	4th Offense - 3-10 OSS - Referral to police per administrative discretion - Referral to superintendent

Code: 47 Stalking	Notes: Repeated attempt to cause reasonable fear and/or substantial emotional distress of another	 1st Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 2nd Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 3rd Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 4th Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion Referral to the superintendent
Code: 52 Bullying	Notes: Intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act, or a series of acts: directed at another, occurs in a school setting, is severe, persistent or pervasive, and interferes with the school setting or creates a threatening environment.	1st Offense - Administrative Discretion - Referral to Police per administrative discretion	 2nd Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 3rd Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion 	 4th Offense Administrative Discretion Referral to Police per administrative discretion Referral to the superintendent
Code: 116 Disrespecting Faculty/Staff	Notes: Student behavior that is contemptuous, rude, defiant, discourteous, or otherwise illustrates a lack of regard for authority.	1st Offense 1-3 Days ISS	2nd Offense 1-3 Days OSS	3rd Offense 3-5 Days OSS	4th Offense Administrative Discretion

Code: 116	Notes:	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense	
Chronic Misconduct		1-3 Days ISS	1-3 Days OSS	3-5 Days OSS	Administrative Discretion	
Code: 229 Computer Misconduct	Notes: Intentional misuse of any school district computer hardware/software in any fraudulent or destructive manner, including but not limited to sending a harmful or threatening message, unauthorized entry into a file, altering a software program, vandalizing software components. District Policy 138	1st Offense - 1-3 Days ISS - Restitution where applicable - Administrative Discretion	 2nd Offense 1-3 Days OSS Restitution where applicable Administrative Discretion 	 3rd Offense 4-10 Days ISS Restitution where applicable Administrative Discretion 	 4th Offense 4-10 Days ISS Restitution where applicable Administrative Discretion Referral to Superintendent 	

LEVEL IV- ACTS THAT RESULT IN VIOLENCE THAT POSES A DIRECT THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF OTHERS IN SCHOOL. THESE ACTS ARE CLEARLY CRIMINAL AND ARE SO SERIOUS THAT THEY ALWAYS REQUIRE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, WHICH RESULTS IN THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF THE STUDENT FROM SCHOOL, THE INTERVENTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Code: 1 Simple Assault on Student	Notes: Unlawful physical attack upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious injury.	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
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Code: 2 Aggravated Assault on Student	Notes: Unlawful attack by one person upon another in which the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
Code: 3 Simple Assault on Staff	Notes: Unlawful physical attack upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious injury.	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
Code: 4 Aggravated Assault on Staff	Notes: Unlawful attack by one person upon another in which the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
Code: 5 Rape	Notes:	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent

Code: 12 Robbery	Notes: In the course of committing a theft threatens or intentionally puts victim in fear of bodily injury	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
Possession of: Code: 21 Knife Code: 22 Other Weapon Code: 39 Handgun Code: 40 Rifle/Shotgun Code: 43 Cutting instrument (Razor, Box Cutter, etc) Code: 45	Notes:	Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent

BB/Pellet Gun

Code: 14 Arson	Notes: Intentionally starting a fire or causing an explosion or aided in starting a fire or causing an explosion	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
Code: 15 Vandalism	Notes: > \$100	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
Code: 18 Bomb Threat	Notes:	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
Code: 14 Terroristic Threats	Notes: Communicates, either directly or indirectly, a threat to: (1) Commit any crime of violence with intent to terrorize another; (2) Cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation; or (3) Otherwise cause serious public inconvenience, or cause terror or serious public inconvenience.	- Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) - Referral to police - Referral to Superintendent

Code: 20 Theft	Notes: > \$100	 Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS) Referral to police Referral to Superintendent
Code: 216	Notes: Knowingly	- Immediate full suspension (4-10 days OSS)
	caused a false alarm	- Referral to police
Arson	of fire or other	- Referral to Superintendent
	emergency to be	
	transmitted to or	
	within an organization	
	involving danger.	

APPENDIX A

(For up-to-date dress code procedures, please see your building's Student Handbook)

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE (IF IN DOUBT, DON'T WEAR IT TO SCHOOL)

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a school setting. Clothing is expected to be clean and in good repair. The dress guidelines for the middle level are as follows:

- All students must wear shirts or tops that extend to and cover the midsection of the body. Shoulders are to be covered and arm openings must not reveal undergarments. No tube tops, halter tops, tank tops, etc. are permitted. No mesh fabrics or see through fabrics are permitted.
- Pajama pants are not permitted to be worn in school unless it is a designated school event.
- Shorts, dresses, skirts, and sweater tops accompanied with or without leggings or tights, must be modest in nature and long enough so that the hem is at least mid-thigh/finger-tip length when the arms are fully extended at the side.
- Leggings, yoga pants, tights must be accompanied with tops that are modest in nature and long enough to extend to mid-thigh/finger-tip length when the arms are fully extended at the side.
- Basketball jerseys and similar sleeveless shirts must be worn over another shirt with sleeves
- All undergarments must be covered and not exposed, with the exception of t-shirts exposed at neck areas. Tops which are inappropriately low cut are not acceptable. Form fitting skirts, dresses, leggings, yoga pants, tights, or (form fitting) shorts worn alone as outer garments are not acceptable.
- Clothing that contains cuts, tears, shredding, slashing, or fraying will be left to the discretion of LMMS faculty and administration. Clothing that contains cuts, tears, shredding, and slashing located above the knees must be accompanied with leggings, tights, or other appropriate undergarments to conceal bare skin.
- No clothing item can contain a logo or wording that relates to drug or alcohol use, weapons, vulgar or offensive language or acts, cigarettes, cigars, or other smoking or smokeless tobacco products.
- Footwear must be worn at all times and be secured to the foot. No backless shoes, shower shoes, soft soled backless shoes, flip-flops, slides, slippers, or open toed footwear will be permitted.
- No hats, head scarves, bandanas worn on any part of the body, etc. are permitted.
- Students may not wear coats or jackets during the school day. They may keep a sweater or sweatshirt in their locker for use on cooler days.
- Jewelry items, belts and other accessories must not contain sharp projections, metal studs, or be designed in such a way that injury may result from contact with that jewelry.
- Students may not wear chains suspended from their belts or pants. These chains are covered under the State of PA weapons law.
- Students may not tie shirts, jackets, etc. around their waist, shoulders, or other body areas.
- Body and face paint (including stickers, stamps, etc.) are not appropriate except on designated School Spirit Days.
- Shorts or pants with words or printed messages on the buttocks are not permitted.

^{*} Wellness/Fitness: NO JEWELRY OF ANY KIND MAY BE WORN DURING CLASS PARTICIPATION.

^{*}Any attire, which the administration considers to be an impediment to the quality of instruction or the welfare of the student or school building, will not be permitted. Students in violation of the middle level dress guidelines will be asked to change into more appropriate school attire. Clean clothing that meets the middle level dress guidelines is available in the school nurse's office. If necessary, parents or guardians may be asked to provide a change of clothing.

APPENDIX B SMOKING AND/OR TOBACCO USE

The Board recognizes that the possession or use of tobacco presents a health hazard, which can have significant consequences for the user as well as those indirectly exposed to tobacco smoke.

Any pupil (a person between the ages of 6 and 21 who is enrolled in school as that term is defined under the Public School Code) who possesses or uses tobacco in a school building, a school bus, or on school property owned by, leased by, or under the control of the East Penn School District, commits a summary offense. The term "tobacco" shall mean a lighted or unlighted cigarette; cigar, pipe, or other lighted smoking product and smokeless tobacco in any form.

A pupil who violates this policy also commits a criminal offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500.00 for the benefit of the School District, and to pay court costs.

This policy shall be published in student handbooks, parent newsletters, calendars, and other appropriate means.

** Refer to East Penn School Board Policy Section 222 Tobacco for details outlining school code, definition, authority, and discipline.

APPENDIX C HARASSMENT POLICY

The East Penn School District recognizes that students are expected to treat one another with dignity and respect. All students are entitled to freedom from any kind of personal harassment during the school day and related school-sponsored activities.

Harassment is defined as unwelcome and harmful behavior towards another person. Incidents of harassment may include but are not limited to the following areas:

Physical Harassment- unnecessary or offensive touching, biting, etc...

Verbal Harassment -use of derogatory comments, jokes, slurs or remarks of an inappropriate manner

Visual Harassment- derogatory or offensive posters, cards, cartoons, graffiti, drawings, looks, or gestures

Sexual Harassment -any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical contacts or communications of a sexual nature.

If a student believes he or she is being harassed, one of the following should be contacted immediately:

Principal or Assistant Principal

Guidance Counselor

Teacher

Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) – (They should also contact school officials)

Hazing Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe, positive environment for students and staff that is free from hazing. Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational goals of the district and are prohibited at all times.

Definitions: For the purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as any activity that recklessly of intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or membership in or affiliation with any school-sponsored organization.

Endanger the physical health shall include but not be limited to any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping; beating; branding; forced calisthenics; exposure to the elements; forced consumption of any food, alcoholic beverage, drug, or controlled substance; or other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of individuals or groups.

Endanger the mental health shall include any activity that would subject an individual to extreme mental stress, such as prolonged sleep deprivation, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of individuals or groups.

APPENDIX D WEAPONS POLICY

"Weapon" – the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku stick, brass or metal knuckles, fire-arm, shotgun, rifle, bb or pellet gun, look-alike gun, chemical agent, explosive device, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.

The Board prohibits possession of weapons and replicas of weapons in any school district building, on school property, at any school sponsored activity, and in any public conveyance providing transportation to school or a school sponsored activity.

The school district shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapon policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Superintendent may recommend discipline short of expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

In the case of the exceptional student, the Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Act.

The Superintendent shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents and to local law enforcement officials.

The Superintendent shall report all incidents relating to expulsions for possession of a weapon on school grounds to the Department of Education.

The Superintendent or a designee shall take the necessary actions to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.

Acts of violence or possession of a weapon on school property in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office for Safe Schools on the designated form twice per year, as required.

Students and staff shall be informed concerning this policy at least annually.

The Superintendent, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed, may make an exception to this policy.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted. (SC 1317.2; Act 26 of 1995; Pol. 233; P.L. 91-230, 20 U.S.C., Sec 1400 et seq.)

APPENDIX E *SUMMARIZATION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

SITUATIONAL DISCIPLINE CATEGORY	IMMEDIATE ACTION	INVESTIGATION	NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS/ GUARDIANS	DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE	NOTIFICATION OF POLICE	STUDENT SUPPORT STRATEGY	DISCIPLINARY ACTION
A student Volunteers information about personal use of alcohol and/or other drugs and seeks help.	The student is informed of services available. Referred to SAP team.	As deemed appropriate by SAP Team	If Warranted	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Implement SAP support strategies	Not Applicable
A student is referred to SAP by a student, staff member, family member, or member of the community. It may or may not be a substance concern.	The student is informed of services available. Referred to SAP Team.	As deemed appropriate by SAP Team	If Warranted	Not applicable	Not applicable	Implement SAP support strategies	Only when required by a violation of the Discipline Code
The student has a medical emergency that may be related to substance abuse, or the student is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other mood altering substances.	All standard health and emergency procedures will be followed. If warranted, the student will be transported to a medical facility at parent/guardian expense. A signed release for medical information pertaining to the incident is requested. Referral to SAP Team.	Principal or designee will search the student, his/her locker, car, desk, and other possessions The principal or designee will investigate the incident.	YES	Provide information to medical staff to aid in the identification and treatment of the emergency	Yes Submit data and materials to police for analysis and request for a police report.	Implement SAP support strategies	Results of the administrative and/or medical and/or police investigation will determine disciplinary action.

Drug & Alcohol offenses will accumulate over students' secondary (grade 6 through 12) years.

SITUATIONAL	IMMEDIATE	INVESTIGATION	NOTIFICATION OF	DISPOSITION OF	NOTIFICATION OF	STUDENT SUPPORT	DISCIPLINARY
DISCIPLINE	ACTION		PARENTS/	SUBSTANCE	POLICE	STRATEGY	ACTION
CATEGORY			GUARDIANS				
FIRST	Staff member will	Principal or designee	Yes	Provide	Submit data and	Implement SAP support	Based on the nature
	contact principal or	will search the student,		information to	materials to police	strategies	and severity of the
OFFENSE	designee. Principal	his/her locker, car, desk		medical staff to aid	for analysis and		offense, and at the
A student	or designee will	and other possessions.		in the identification	request a police		discretion of the
possesses, uses or is	confiscate chemical	The principal or		and treatment of	report.		principal or designee.
under the influence	substance(s) and/or	designee will investigate		the emergency			Minimum of 5-10 days
of alcohol, other	suspected drug	the incident.					out of school
mood altering	paraphernalia, if						suspension. Required
substances, or is	possible. Treat as						evaluation by a
suspected of the same or	medical emergency						licensed D & A
is in possession of drug	if warranted. If						facility. Appointment
paraphernalia or	treated as a medical						must be scheduled
"look-alike" substances	emergency, the						within the suspension
at school	student will be						period. Failure to
or any school	transported to a						comply may result in
sponsored activity	medical facility at						further disciplinary
on or off school	parent/guardian						consequences.
property.	expense. A signed						Possible referred to
Refer to definition	release of medical						School Board for
of terms.	information						Expulsion Hearing
of terms.	pertaining to the incident is to be						
	requested. Referral						
	to SAP Team.						
SECOND	to Star Team.						
	Staff member will	Principal or designee	Yes	Provide information to	YES	Implement SAP support	Ten (10) days
OFFENSE	contact principal or	will search the	165	medical staff to aid	Submit data and	strategies	out-of-school
A student	designee. Principal or	student, his/her		in the identification	materials to police	Strategies	suspension. Required
possesses, uses, or	designee will confiscate	locker, car, desk and		and treatment of	for analysis and		assessment by a licensed
is under the	chemical substance(s)	other possessions.		the emergency.	request a police		D& A facility.
influence of	and/or suspected drug	The principal or			report.		Appointment must be
alcohol, other	paraphernalia, if	designee will			-		scheduled within the
mood altering	possible. Treat as	investigate the					suspension period.
substance, or is	medical emergency if	incident.					Failure to comply may
suspected of the	warranted. If treated as a						result in further
same or is in	medical emergency, the						disciplinary
possession of	student will be						consequences. Possible
suspected drug	transported to a						referral to School Board
paraphernalia or	medical facility at						for Expulsion Hearing.
"look-alike"	parent/guardian						
substances at school or any	expense. A signed						
school or any school sponsored	release of medical						
activity on or off	information pertaining to the incident is to be						
school property	requested. Referral to						
school property	SAP Team.						
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Drug & Alcohol offenses will accumulate over students' secondary (grade 6 through 12) years.

SITUATIONAL DISCIPLINE CATEGORY	IMMEDIATE ACTION	INVESTIGATION	NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS/ GUARDIANS	DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE	NOTIFICATION OF POLICE	STUDENT SUPPORT STRATEGY	DISCIPLINARY ACTION
A student distributes alcohol, mood altering substances, "look-alike" substances or suspected drug paraphernalia during school sponsored activity on or off school property. Refer to definition of terms.	Staff member will contact principal or designee. Principal or designee will confiscate chemical substance(s) and/or suspected drug paraphernalia, if possible. Referral to SAP Team.	Principal or designee will search the student, his/her locker, car, desk and other possessions. The principal or designee will investigate the incident.	Yes	Provide information to medical staff to aid in identification and treatment of the emergency.	YES Submit data and materials to police for analysis and request a police report.	Implement SAP support strategies.	Grounds for immediate full Suspension Hearing proceedings and consideration for expulsion.

UNAUTHORIZED GROUP POLICY

IN THE INTEREST OF MAINTAINING A SAFE AND ORDERLY EDUCATIONAL ATMOSPHERE FOR ALL STUDENTS, THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO CREATE CLUBS, CREWS, CLIQUES OR GROUPS WHICH EXIST WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE, RECOGNITION OR CONSENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. STUDENTS MAY NOT IDENTIFY THEMSELVES IN SUCH GROUPS BY CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES, SYMBOLS, HAND SIGNS, GESTURES OR BEHAVIOR. DEPENDING UPON THE SITUATION, A STUDENT IDENTIFYING HIM OR HERSELF AS A MEMBER OF SUCH A GROUP COULD BE CONSIDERED A THREAT TO THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND COULD RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES.

APPENDIX F PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Student use of student owned personal communication devices including, but not limited to: cellular telephones, beepers, digital cameras, video cameras, iPods, mp3 players, or other devices that have the capability to take photographs or record audio or video or text messaging is prohibited during the school day (7:35 am to 2:25pm) in the school.

Although PDAs, laptop computers, tablet PCs, etc. may have communications capabilities, they are not to be used for personal communications except as directed in the Acceptable Use Policy and the Bring Your Own Device Policy (BYOD) of East Penn School District School Board Policy. (www.eastpenn.k12.pa.us/tech/aup.pdf)

Students may transport cellular phones to and from school provided that they adhere to the following requirements:

- 1. The cellular phone must be turned off and remain off from 7:35am to 2:25 pm.
- 2. The cellular phone must be properly stored during school hours within the student's assigned locker or other area designated by the school administration
- 3. The cellular phone must remain off during a school evacuation

EXCEPTION

Students that are engaged in school sponsored activities such as athletic events, school club activities, yearbook and field trips. Students needing a personal communication device during school hours for any of these reasons must have prior approval from the coach, club sponsor or their assistant principal.

School Administration also prohibits possession of laser pointers in any school zone including the bus and bus stops.

The school shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any personal communication device brought to school by a student. Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior approval of the building principal or designee, or when use is provided for in a student's IEP.

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and shall result in confiscation of the personal communication device. If the device is not suspected of being stolen, it shall be returned to the student's parent/guardian. If the device is suspected of being stolen, it shall be turned over to the police.

Telephone Pager/Beepers

With prior administrative approval, the telephone paging device/beeper prohibition shall not apply in the following cases:

- 1. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.
- 2. A student who has a need for such a device due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.
- 3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal or other building administrator.

References:

Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act: 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703

School Code: 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1

East Penn School District Policy No. 138.1, 100 Programs Section: Acceptable Use of Technology Resources, Electronic Communication and Information Systems