



MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Of Directors

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Date:	07.21.2016
To:	Magnolia Board of Directors
From:	Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	David Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer
RE:	Approval of 2016-17 Student/Parent Handbook

Proposed Board Recommendation

I move that the board approve the 2016-17 Student/Parent Handbook.

Background

This is a routine annual item for the Board. MPS updates its Student/Parent handbook each year based on feedback from stakeholders and legal counsel. It is a live document that is consistent with our charter petitions and practices at our school sites. The handbook includes most of our student policies in their entirety except those which are too long or specific to be fully included in a general student/parent handbook, such as independent study and forms or math placement policy. Each of those exceptions is included as a synopsis and the reader is referred to the full policy for details. All those policies will be made available to the schools on our website and in the front office of our school sites for easy parental access.

The handbook includes required annual notices and forms such as Title I meetings, parent-student-school compact, UCP, etc. It also includes agreements for students/parents to sign, such as the Student Technology Use Policy. Instead of mailing students/parents separate notices and forms to review and sign during the year, MPS has consolidated them in a single handbook with an acknowledgment and signature page at the end. This approach has resulted in a handbook with a larger size, but the benefits have been worth it. Besides providing all necessary information in one place to the stakeholders, our school administrations find it very practical for accountability purposes.

Traditionally, Chief Accountability Officer trains MPS school site administrations on changes made to the handbook during the summer training and monthly academies throughout the year as well as leads discussion and collects feedback on our policies to guide for the following year's handbook.

Attached are the two versions of the proposed 2016-17 Student/Parent handbook: a clean one and a highlighted one which shows changes made.

Budget Implications

There are no budget implications.



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Attachments

MPS Student-Parent Handbook_2016-17

MPS Student-Parent Handbook_2016-17 (with highlights) (that shows additions/revisions)

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Student/Parent Handbook 2016-17

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Dear Parents and Students,

Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) staff believes that education is a shared responsibility between parents, teachers and students. The successful operation of this school depends on the cooperation of everyone concerned. Each group is responsible for doing its part to make school a place where we can learn and play together in harmony. Everyone has the right to feel safe, secure, and accepted regardless of color, race, gender, popularity, ability, religion or nationality. This handbook allows us to share our vision with the students and parents of our team.

MPS is a reflection of all of us. All of our policies are intended to provide a safe and orderly environment that will be conducive to learning. Our faculty and staff look forward to sharing their expertise in academics, special programs, and extracurricular activities. We encourage you to get to know the school, its programs, activities, and schedule. Become an active participant in your education. Get involved through classes, clubs, and activities.

MPS is aware of the fact that a school environment is viable only with clearly defined and implemented rules. MPS compiled this student-parent handbook (pending board approval), which addresses the school's regulations and policies to set a standard for our students. It is an essential reference book describing what we expect and how we do things. Read it carefully, discuss it with your parent/guardian, and let it act as a guide for your effective involvement in all aspects of school. Keep this handbook so you can refer to it throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

MPS Administration

Magnolia Public Schools

The Vision

Graduates of Magnolia Public Schools are scientific thinkers who contribute to the global community as socially responsible and educated members of society.

The Mission

Magnolia Public Schools provides a college preparatory educational program emphasizing science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) in a safe environment that cultivates respect for self and others.

Core Values

Magnolia Public Schools has identified the following core values which are reinforced through its Life Skills curriculum, student learning outcomes (SLOs), and all school activities:

- *Excellence*
- *Innovation*
- *Connection*

Locations

<i>Magnolia Science Academy-1</i>	<i>18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335</i>	<i>(818) 609-0507</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-2</i>	<i>17125 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406</i>	<i>(818) 758-0300</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-3</i>	<i>1254 East Helmick St., Carson, CA 90746</i>	<i>(310) 637-3806</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-4</i>	<i>11330 W Graham Place, Los Angeles, CA 90064</i>	<i>(310) 473-2464</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-5</i>	<i>18230 Kittridge St., Reseda, CA 91335</i>	<i>(818) 705-5676</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-6</i>	<i>3754 Dunn Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90034</i>	<i>(310) 842-8555</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-7</i>	<i>18355 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325</i>	<i>(818) 221-5328</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-8 (Bell)</i>	<i>6411 Orchard Ave, Bell, CA 90201</i>	<i>(323) 826-3925</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-San Diego</i>	<i>6365 Lake Atlin Ave., San Diego, CA 92119</i>	<i>(619) 644-1300</i>
<i>Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana</i>	<i>2840 W 1st St., Santa Ana, CA 92703</i>	<i>(714) 557-7002</i>

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & NON- DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In compliance with federal and state equal opportunity laws, equal opportunity will be afforded to all applicants and students regardless of race, color, sex, age, religious creed, disability, national origin, ancestry, or sexual orientation in every aspect of the school community. MPS adheres to all provisions of federal law related to students with disabilities, including but not limited to, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

MPS is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free from unlawful discrimination and harassment. MPS prohibits discrimination and harassment based on an individual's actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, creed, mental or physical disability, age, and any other basis protected by federal, state, and/or local law, ordinance, or regulation, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Harassment based on any of the above-protected categories is a form of unlawful discrimination and will not be tolerated by MPS.

Harassment is intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student or employee that creates a hostile environment and can result in disciplinary action against the offending student or employee. Harassing conduct may take many forms, including but not limited to, verbal remarks and name-calling, graphic and written statements, or conduct that is threatening or humiliating. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission or access to treatment or employment in all MPS programs and activities, including vocational education. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to or participation in MPS programs or activities.

MPS does not condone or tolerate harassment of any type, including bullying, discrimination, or intimidation, by any employee, independent contractor or other person with which MPS does business, or any other individual, student, or volunteer. This applies to all employees, students, or volunteers and relationships, regardless of position or gender. MPS will promptly and thoroughly investigate any complaint of harassment and take appropriate corrective action, if warranted.

Based on Federal law, Title IX, State law and MPS policy, no student shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, and gender (including gender identity, gender expression, marital status, parenting,

pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy or related medical condition). Male and female students have the right to equal learning opportunities in their schools and must be treated the same in all MPS educational activities and programs, including: • Athletics • Physical education • The classes they can take • The way they are treated in the in educational programs and activities • The kind of counseling they are given • The extracurricular activities, programs and clubs in which they can participate • The honors, special awards, scholarships and graduation activities in which they can participate. Students who feel that their rights are being violated have the right to take action and should not be afraid of trying to correct a situation by speaking to a school administrator, Title IX Coordinator, psychologist, counselor, or trusted adult at school, or filing a complaint (see Uniform Complaint Procedures). Students are encouraged whenever possible to try to resolve their complaints directly at the school site. Any student who believes he or she is being discriminated against in violation of Title IX has the right to file a complaint. For further information or assistance, including the Title IX Coordinator contact information, see the MPS Policy Against Unlawful Harassment in this Handbook.

Additional information prohibiting other forms of unlawful discrimination or harassment, inappropriate behavior, and/or hate-motivated incidents/crimes may be found in MPS policies. It is the intent of MPS that all such policies be reviewed consistently to provide the highest level of protection from unlawful discrimination in the provision of educational services and opportunities.

MPS prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint or who participates in a complaint investigation. For inquiries or complaints related to discrimination or harassment based on student's sex (Title IX); sexual orientation or gender identity (Title 5, CCR, §4910); race, color, or national origin (Title VI); or mental or physical disability (Section 504), contact MPS.

PUPIL RECORDS, INCLUDING CHALLENGES AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 5 days after the day MPS receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the MPS principal or designee a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The

MPS official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask MPS to amend a record should write the MPS principal or designee, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If MPS decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, MPS will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. See 'Pupil Records Challenges' section, below, for MPS' policy and procedures regarding this hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before MPS discloses personally identifiable information ("PII") from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to MPS officials with legitimate educational interests. An MPS official is a person employed by MPS as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the MPS board. An MPS official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of MPS who performs an institutional service of function for which MPS would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting MPS School official in performing his or her tasks. An MPS official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, MPS discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by MPS to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from student's education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to MPS officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires MPS to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. MPS may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student —

1. School employees who have a legitimate educational interest as defined by 34 C.F.R. Part 99;
2. Other schools to which a student seeks or intends to enroll so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer. MPS will make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or eligible student of the request for records at his/her last known address, unless the disclosure is initiated by the parent or eligible student. Additionally, MPS will give the parent or eligible student, upon request, a copy of the record that was disclosed and give the parent or eligible student, upon request, an opportunity for hearing pursuant to the procedures outlined here and more completely in the full policy;
3. Certain government officials listed in 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1) in order to carry out lawful functions;
4. Appropriate parties in connection with a student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid if it is necessary to determine eligibility, amount of aid, conditions for aid or enforcing the terms and conditions of the aid;
5. Organizations conducting certain studies for the MPS in accordance with 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(F);
6. Accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions;
7. Parents of a dependent student as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
8. Individuals or entities, in compliance with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. Subject to the exceptions found in 34 C.F.R. 99.31(a)(9)(i), reasonable effort must be made to notify the parent or eligible student of the order or subpoena in advance of compliance, so that the parent or eligible student may seek a protective order;
9. Persons who need to know in cases of health

and safety emergencies;

10. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law;
11. A victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense. The disclosure may only include final results of the disciplinary proceedings conducted by MPS with respect to that alleged crime or offense. MPS may disclose the final results of the disciplinary proceeding, regardless of whether MPS concluded a violation was committed.

Directory Information

"Directory Information" is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Directory information can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish year books. MPS has designated the following information as directory information:

1. Student's name
2. Student's address
3. Parent's/guardian's address
4. Telephone listing
5. Student's electronic mail address
6. Parent's/guardian's electronic mail address
7. Photograph
8. Date and place of birth
9. Dates of attendance
10. Grade level
11. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
12. Degrees, honors, and awards received
13. The most recent educational agency or institution attended
14. Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identified used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student's social security number, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose.)

If you do not want MPS to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify MPS in writing at the time of enrollment or re-enrollment. Please notify the MPS Principal of your child's school at the contact number on Page 3.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Effective Communication:

When issues or concerns arise with a teacher, staff member or administrator, students and parents are encouraged to address the situation with the person involved first.

If students express that they are having a problem at school, it is important for parents to understand the best way to address these problems. If the problem involves a classroom situation or a situation with a teacher, the following remedies are recommended:

1st: Parents should encourage their child to talk with the teacher.

2nd: Parents can encourage their child to talk with an administrator.

3rd: If the child is reluctant to talk with a teacher or administrator, a parent may offer to accompany their child and talk with the teacher.

It is very important to demonstrate to children how to actively and constructively solve a problem. If the problem is important enough for the child to talk about, it is important for the child to learn how to be a part of the solution.

If parent feels there is a concern they should:

1st: Talk with the teacher. Teachers can explain classroom situations from an adult perspective and from a professional perspective, and usually that will resolve misunderstandings.

2nd: If the problem persists after a reasonable time, talk with the teacher again.

3rd: If the problem is still not resolved, make an appointment with the related administrator.

For example, if you are unsure of a decision made in the classroom about a consequence given for a behavior, you should discuss the situation with the teacher first. If after this discussion, you feel the situation is unresolved, it should be brought to the attention of the Dean of Students. If it is still not handled to your satisfaction, the Principal should be notified.

If after meeting with the Principal, you still have concerns, please refer to the Complaint policies contained in this Handbook and available in the MPS office.

Teachers, staff, and administration are available through email, phones, in person and by appointment. Due to the busy schedules of the teachers and administration, parents are asked to not "drop in" for appointments, but to set up a meeting in advance. Parents should not talk to teachers, other parents, students, or administrators in a disrespectful or threatening manner. Please see the "Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation, Shadowing, and

Removal Policy” under the section titled “Visitors” in this Handbook.

Students’ Rights and Responsibilities:

- To be informed of all school rules and regulations.
- To have access to your student account in SIS.
- To have a safe and educational environment.
- To attend class regularly and on time.
- To obey school rules and regulations.
- To respect your rights and the rights of your peers.
- To be familiar with school policies, rules and regulations.
- To be prepared for class with appropriate materials and ready to work.
- To respect all school personnel and their authority (administrators, teachers, office personnel, janitorial staff, security guards, etc.).

Parents’ Rights and Responsibilities:

- To be informed of the school’s rules and regulations.
- To be informed of all school actions related to their child.
- To have access to your personal parent accounts in SIS.
- To contact school to participate in conferences pertaining to academic and behavioral status of their child.
- To provide a supportive environment at home making sure their child gets enough sleep and adequate nutrition before coming to school.
- To be familiar with school policies, rules and regulations.
- To contact teachers directly via phone or email to schedule a conference.
- To be familiar with the handbook signed at the beginning of the school year.
- To monitor your child’s academic progress and behavior records on a weekly basis.
- To ensure that your child does his/her homework on a daily basis and to facilitate a home environment conducive to home study.

Teachers’ Rights and Responsibilities:

- To expect students to behave in a positive manner that will not interfere with other students’ learning.
- To expect parental support related to academic and social progress.
- To expect all students to participate and put forth effort in order to expand their education and earn a passing grade.
- To be familiar with school policies, rules and regulations.
- To inform parents through progress reports, report cards, and conferences about the academic progress and behavior of their child.
- To conduct a well-planned and effective classroom program.
- To initiate and enforce a set of classroom rules, consistent with the school’s discipline policies.

- To keep assignments, grading, and attendance current in SIS.
- To have administrative support for discipline in and outside the classroom.
- To explain the Student Code of Conduct and Bullying Policy to their students.
- To enforce the Student Code of Conduct and Bullying Policy in a consistent manner.
- To function as a positive role model for their students.
- To contact parents as deemed necessary to enforce the Student Code of Conduct and to maintain parent/guardian involvement.

Administrators’ Rights and Responsibilities:

- The right to address the Board of Trustees on any issue.
- To hold students to strict accountability for any disorderly conduct in school or around school.
- To take appropriate action in dealing with students who choose not to follow the rules.
- To recommend in-school suspension, suspension, or expulsion as the situation demands.
- To provide rich leadership that will establish, encourage and promote effective teaching and learning.
- To be familiar with school policies, rules and regulations.
- To establish, promote, and enforce school rules that facilitate effective learning and positive habits and attitudes of excellent citizenship among students.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

As a student at MPS, you are required to abide by and respect all rules and regulations in the handbook, both on and off campus. The handbook was established to maintain a safe and healthy school environment conducive to learning.

I. ACADEMIC POLICIES

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

CAASPP Opt Out:

MPS shall annually administer required state testing to the applicable grades (e.g., the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a parent’s or guardian’s written request to School officials to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of the state assessments shall be granted.

Child Find and Section 504:

MPS is dedicated to the belief that all students can learn and must be guaranteed equal opportunity to become contributing members of the academic environment and society. MPS provides special

education and instruction and related services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (“IDEIA”), Education Code requirements, and applicable policies and procedures of the charter authorizer. These services are available for special education students enrolled in MPS. We offer high quality educational programs and services for all our students in accordance with the assessed needs of each student. MPS collaborates with parents, the student, teachers, and other agencies, as may be indicated, in order to appropriately serve the educational needs of each student.

MPS also recognizes its legal responsibility to ensure that no qualified person with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program of MPS. Any student who has an objectively identified disability which substantially limits a major life activity, including but not limited to learning, is eligible for accommodations by MPS. The parent of any student suspected of needing or qualifying for accommodations under Section 504 may make a referral for an evaluation to the Principal. A copy of MPS’ Section 504 Policies and Procedures is available upon request in each MPS school’s main office.

Math Placement:

MPS has adopted a math placement policy to establish a fair, objective, and transparent protocol for placement in mathematics courses in order to ensure the success of every student. Please see the main office of your MPS school for the math placement policy.

Grading:

The primary purpose for grading is to provide feedback to students and parents on the achievement of learning goals. At MPS course report card grades are to be represented in letter-grade equivalent to the percentage earned in each course.

Course report card grades are based on performance and practice assessments, as can be seen in the following table.

Aligned with the grading guidelines, each department will work with the Department Chair and the Dean of Academics to develop specific and consistent weights for each grading subcategory, to be shared with parents and students.

Teachers will create reasonable number of assignments for each subcategory in their grading system. Teachers will provide students with access to course material, homework assignments, projects, and students’ grades through the school information system, and update SIS records daily/weekly.

Category	Subcategories
Performance Assessments <i>(Summative)</i> 70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unit assessments <i>(no more than 50%)</i> ▪ Benchmark assessments <i>(no more than 30%)</i> ▪ Final assessment <i>(no more than 30%)</i> ▪ Performance tasks (Projects, portfolios, essays, artwork, models, visual representations, multimedia, oral presentations, live or recorded performances, labs, etc.)
Practice Assessments <i>(Formative)</i> 30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Independent practices ▪ Daily assignments ▪ Classwork ▪ Homework <i>(no more than 15%)</i> ▪ Warm-ups ▪ Reviews ▪ Quizzes

Extra Credit:

With prior approval from the Dean of Academics, teachers may offer extra credit. A maximum of five (5) extra credit points (out of 100-point numerical grade) may be applied to a student’s grade in each of their classes. Additionally, for both English and Math classes, a student may earn up to five (5) extra credit points by demonstrating growth in their overall MAP RIT scores, increasing the maximum allowable extra credit points to ten (10). Points may be earned in the testing cycle from Fall to Spring and would be applied to the student’s second semester English/Math grades. If Winter MAP test is offered during the first semester, students may also earn points towards their first semester grades. For each point increase in their overall RIT score, students will earn one (1) point of extra credit towards their applicable grade, up to five (5) credit points maximum for each subject area. Regardless of their growth score, students will earn extra five (5) credit points if they meet or exceed the following “Standard Met” cut scores on their Fall or Winter MAP test in the first semester or Spring MAP test in the second semester:

Grade	MAP RIT ELA* F-W-S	MAP RIT Math* F-W-S
3	192-199-202	191-199-204
4	202-207-209	206-212-217
5	208-212-214	219-225-229

6	214-217-218	222-227-230
7	219-221-222	229-233-235
8	223-224-225	238-240-242
9+	237-238-239	248-250-252

* Source: Linking Data Table: Smarter Balanced & MAP

Homework:

Homework is essential to success at MPS. Doing homework will help students develop many valuable skills such as good study habits, time management, responsibility, and perseverance. Teachers will assign homework that will foster individual learning and growth that is appropriate for the subject area. Homework is part of all student evaluations. It is the student's responsibility to complete and turn in homework on time. If the student or parent has questions about homework, s/he should immediately contact the teacher who assigned it.

Generally, all homework assignments will be posted online, either on teacher/class web pages or on the school information system, which will be accessible to the parents/guardians by using an authenticated password. The password will protect confidentiality and allow parents/guardians to access their children's academic records. SIS is not intended to replace contacting parents for regular conferences to discuss student progress.

Final Assessments/Exams:

All academic classes will have cumulative final assessments/exams at the end of each semester. These final assessments may be in different forms such as test, essay, project, book report, etc. depending on individual teachers' discretion upon approval by the MPS administration. All students are required to take these final assessments. Cumulative assessments are part of the college preparatory culture; these assessments will help students learn how to study more effectively, as well as improve their retention of the subject content.

Make-up Procedures - Incomplete Grades:

Every effort should be made for a student to make-up work as soon as possible when returning to school from an absence or series of absences. If a student fails to complete a significant number of performance and/or homework tasks due to absence or other extraordinary circumstances, a grade of Incomplete (I) may be assigned with administrative approval. If the necessary performance and/or homework tasks are not complete by the end of the following marking period, the report card grade will revert to the earned numeric grade. In the final marking period, an Incomplete (I) will revert to the earned numeric grade if not complete by a date agreed upon by the teacher and administrator.

Course Withdrawals:

Students may withdraw from a course without penalty of an F grade within 15 school days from the beginning of the course. After 15 days, students must remain in the course until its conclusion. Proof of extenuating circumstances must be provided for any late requests to be considered.

Class Change:

During the first 5 school days from the beginning of the course, students will attend the classes they are assigned and/or they signed up for; no changes will be allowed unless there is a scheduling error on the student's schedule. After the first 5 days, if necessary academic changes arise, students will have 10 school days to complete changes. After 15 days, students must remain in the course until its conclusion. Proof of extenuating circumstances must be provided for any late requests to be considered.

Scheduling errors will receive immediate attention by the Dean of Academics. The following are considered scheduling errors: missing a class period, double up of courses in the same period, missing a course needed for graduation, student has not met the prerequisite for a course, etc.

The School will not consider schedule changes for the following reasons: to be with friends, to change teachers, athletics, early/late arrival adjustments (unless required by state or federal law), etc. Class change is at the discretion of the school administration.

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM

MPS will follow the standard scale below to assign percentages/proficiency level for semester work. Individual teachers will establish grading policies and procedures for their classes, and their grades will correspond with this scale. Each teacher will give written policies to students the first week of school.

Percentage	Achievement Level
90% - 100%	Level 4: Standard Exceeded
80% - 89%	Level 3: Standard Met
70% - 79%	Level 2: Standard Nearly Met
Below 70%	Level 1: Standard Not Met

Elementary School Grade Promotion:

The following is MPS' policy regarding the retention of pupils in grades K-5:

- Grades K-2: Any student who is not at benchmark based on reading benchmark assessments, math benchmark assessments or report card grades will be retained only if the teacher and parent are in agreement that

retention is the best intervention to ensure student success.

- Grades 3–5: Any student who does not meet the achievement standards and needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in ELA/Literacy or math needed or likely success in future coursework based on Smarter Balanced assessments (Level 1 on Smarter Balanced assessments) or any student who is more than one year behind grade level in mathematics or ELA/Literacy as determined by the MAP tests.

An identified student who is performing below the minimum standard for promotion shall be recommended by the student's teacher for retention in the current grade unless the student's teacher determines in writing that retention is not the appropriate intervention for the student's academic deficiencies. The teacher's recommendation to promote is contingent upon a detailed plan to correct deficiencies. At MPS, the following steps will be taken prior to a student's being retained:

- A letter shall be sent to the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) informing them that their child is at risk of retention.
- The teacher's evaluation shall be provided to and discussed with the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) and the principal before any final determination of pupil retention. The parent(s)/guardian(s) are informed at that meeting that their child is recommended for retention. This meeting is documented with an academic support plan signed by both the teacher and parent/guardian.
- The principal shall make a decision regarding the recommended retention. Upon the acceptance or rejection of the above stated plan by the principal, a letter shall be sent within five (5) school days to formally inform the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) of the principal's decision regarding the retention.
- The parent(s) or guardian(s) shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) of Magnolia Public Schools (MPS). If the decision of the CAO is not in agreement with the parent(s)/ guardian(s), the latter have the right to appeal directly to the MPS Board of Directors. This meeting will take place at the next regularly scheduled board meeting or by direction of the board president. Or the Board may form a committee to review the appeal and make a recommendation to the Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The program design of MPS is to ensure that all children succeed. Students who are in jeopardy of retention are individually counseled and given extra help in their specific areas of concern, both in class and through intervention offerings.

Report Cards:

Student report cards create a succinct written record of student performance by compiling data from multiple assessments both formal and informal. Report cards are one of several ways to keep parents informed about student performance and to ensure that data collection is regular and consistent. Report cards reflect student achievement toward state standards, and summarize narratives, anecdotal records, attendance data, and information about student participation in class and school life. Results of standardized tests are mailed separately as well as included in the student grade report with explanations designed to help students and parents interpret their relationship to other assessments.

Students will receive progress reports approximately every six weeks and a final report card at the end of each semester. Teachers will arrange a conference to discuss student progress with at least one parent/guardian each semester. End-of-the-year conferences are prioritized for parents/guardians of students not making progress, low-achieving students, and those being retained. Other parents/guardians are encouraged to attend teacher conferences at the end of the year as well.

Ongoing communication between teachers, parents, and students is an essential component of MPS. MPS' school information system provides a very effective online communication tool for teachers, students and parents for course material, homework assignments, projects, course grade statistics and records of student grades. In addition to progress reports, report cards, and assessment reports, newsletters are distributed monthly. Parents can conference with teachers on an informal basis as needed, and on a formal basis at least twice a year, to discuss students' progress reports and proficiency levels. Back to School Nights and Open Houses also take place each year to provide parents with information about the Charter School's programs.

C. MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEMS

Grading Scale:

MPS will follow the standard scale below to assign letter grades for semester work. Grading is based on a 4.0 (unweighted) scale for regular courses and a 5.0 (weighted) scale for Honors, AP, and approved college courses.

Individual teachers will establish grading policies and procedures for their classes, and their grades will correspond with this scale. Each teacher will give written policies to students the first week of school. Courses at MPS have passing grades that are outlined in the below grading scale, with a minimum passing score of 70%.

Numeric al Grade	Letter - Grade Equivalent	Grade-Point Eqv. Unweighted	Grade-Point Eqv. Weighted
98 – 100	A+	4.0	5.0
93 – 97	A	4.0	5.0
90 – 92	A-	3.7	4.7
87 – 89	B+	3.3	4.3
83 – 86	B	3.0	4.0
80 – 82	B-	2.7	3.7
75 – 79	C+	2.3	3.3
70 – 74	C	2.0	3.0
Below 70	F	0.0	0.0

Assignment Grades:

Teachers will create reasonable number of assignments for each subcategory in their grading system and assign a weight to each assignment. The weight of an assignment depends on its importance relative to the other assignments in the same subcategory. Students will receive numerical grades for each graded assignment and the student's final semester grade will be a weighted average of the assignment grades, scaled to a maximum of 100 points. SIS will automatically convert student's final numerical grade to a final letter grade according to the scale in the above table.

MPS promotes use of numerical grades for grading accuracy and our teachers typically use numerical grades when grading student assignments. In the case that a letter grade or a check grade system is used for an individual assignment, SIS will convert those grades to numerical grades according to the following conversion table.

Letter Grade	→ Converted to Numerical Grade	Check Grade	→ Converted to Numerical Grade
A+	100	✓+	100
A	97	✓	85
A-	92	✓-	70
B+	89	x	50
B	86		
B-	82		
C+	79		
C	74		
F	50		

No "D" Policy:

There will not be a "D" grade option in the grading scale. The primary concern of MPS is the educational success of our students. This policy will allow for MPS to maintain a high standard throughout its program and ensure that MPS students remain competitive, especially in the area of college and scholarship applications.

[For High School Only] The "No D Policy" applies to all students in grades 9-12 effective of 2012-13 school year. Students who have earned credits at MPS with a "D" grade prior to 2012-13 school year will keep their credits and do not have to make up credits for any previously passed course at MPS. Also courses transferred from another accredited school will appear on student's transcript as they are and "D" will be accepted as a passing grade for all transferred courses. Therefore, the "No D Policy" does not negatively impact graduation.

Determining Final Grades:

Middle School: In grades 6 through 8, for year-long courses, the numerical grades of two semesters will be averaged to determine an end-of-the-year grade. The average numerical grade will then be converted to a letter-grade and grade-point equivalent for GPA calculations.

To earn course credit, the end-of-the-year grade for the class must be at least a "C" (=2.0) or the second semester grade should be at least a "B-" (2.7).

High School: In high school, course grades are semester-based and credit is granted at the end of each semester. Students need to have an end-of-the-semester final grade of at least a "C" (=2.0) to earn credit for the course. MPS high school grade promotion policy is based on each semester grade and not on yearly average of two semester grades.

Grading for Transfer Students Entering Mid-Semester to MPS from Another School:

When a transfer student enters mid-semester to MPS, the transfer grade from the previous school for the same class, if available, will be given the following weights to determine the final semester grade:

Week of the semester student enrolled in MPS	Weight of transfer grade	Weight of grade at MPS
1-6	0	1
7-9	1/3	2/3
10-12	1/2	1/2
13+	2/3	1/3

The teacher may assign make-up work to determine the grade if no transfer grade is available. Make-up work must be assigned within a reasonable time

frame that allows the student to complete the work for credit.

The following guidelines apply when a transfer student wants or needs to enroll in a class that s/he was not taking at her/his previous school. The decision will be made on a case by case basis.

Week of the semester student enrolled in MPS	Credit
1-6	Full credit enrollment
7-9	Student may or may not be enrolled in new class. If enrolled, it may be either for full credit or for no-credit observation only. Decision will be made on a case by case basis. If a decision is made for full credit enrollment, the student is expected to commit to intense intervention which may include attending after-school tutoring and receiving out-of-school support.
10+	Student may or may not be enrolled in new class. If enrolled, it is for no-credit observation only. The decision will be based on the best interest of the student.

Honor Roll/High Honor Roll:

At the end of each semester MPS publishes the honor rolls for students.

Honors and High Honors are awarded to all students with a semester GPA of 3.00-3.49 (Honors) and 3.50+ (High Honors). Students must pass all classes to make the semester honor rolls.

Grade requirement for school team participation:

All students are required to maintain a "C" or better in all classes to play/participate on a school team.

Middle School Grade Promotion:

Core Courses: Core courses are Math, Science, English Language Arts, and History/Social Science.

Criteria: To be promoted to the next grade, a middle school student must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and passing grades in all core courses by the end of the school year or by the end of the summer before the start of the next school year.

Summer School: Students who fail any core courses should attend summer school at MPS, if available, or at a public school to make up failed course courses during summer. Students who perform successfully at

summer school will receive a passing grade as their final grade on their transcript for that course. Student transcripts will be updated to include summer grades and GPA will be recalculated. If a student earns passing grades during the summer for all the failed core courses and have a recalculated GPA of at least a 2.0, he or she may be promoted to the next grade.

Grade Retention: If the student has a failed core course or has a recalculated GPA less than 2.0 after the summer before the start of the next school year, student will be recommended for retention in the current grade unless the school administration determines that retention is not the appropriate intervention for the student's academic deficiencies. In that case, promotion is contingent upon a detailed plan to correct deficiencies. At MPS, the following steps will be taken prior to a student's being retained:

- A letter shall be sent to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) before the end of the school year informing them that their child is at risk of retention.
- A meeting will be set up with the parent(s)/guardian(s). The student's grade reports shall be provided to and intervention options, including summer school, will be discussed with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). The parent(s)/guardian(s) may be informed at that meeting that their child is recommended for retention. This meeting will be documented with an academic support plan signed by the school administration and the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- By the end of the summer before the start of the next school year, the school administration will make their final decision based on student's performance in summer school and readiness for next grade. A letter shall be sent to formally inform the student's parent(s)/ guardian(s) of the school administration's decision regarding the retention.
- The parent(s)/guardian(s) shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) of Magnolia Public Schools (MPS). If the decision of the CAO is not in agreement with the parent(s)/ guardian(s), the latter have the right to appeal directly to the MPS Board of Directors. This meeting will take place at the next regularly scheduled board meeting or by direction of the board president. Or the Board may form a committee to review the appeal and make a recommendation to the Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Participation in Promotion Activities/ Ceremony:

In order for students to participate in any promotion activities they must fulfill all the promotion requirements and not be on suspension, or

recommended for expulsion at the time of the Promotion Ceremony.

High School Grade Promotion:

Criteria: To be promoted to the next grade, a high school student must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and the minimum required credits described below by the end of the school year or by the end of the summer before the start of the next school year.

Student transcripts will be updated to include summer grades and GPA will be recalculated. If students have the minimum required credits and at least a 2.0 recalculated GPA, they will be promoted to the next grade.

Core Courses: Core courses are Math, Science, English, and History/Social Science.

Minimum required credits:

To be enrolled in grade 10, a student must have a minimum of 50 credits, including at least 20 credits in core courses.

To be enrolled in grade 11, a student must have a minimum of 100 credits, including at least 50 credits in core courses.

To be enrolled in grade 12, a student must have a minimum of 150 credits, including at least 90 credits in core courses.

A student's grade level placement remains the same for an entire school year.

Participation in Senior Activities/ Graduation Ceremony: In order for students to participate in any senior activities they must have a total of 150 credits at the beginning of the first semester and/or 180 credits at the beginning of the second semester of their senior year. In addition, students have to fulfill all the graduation requirements, described herein, and not be on suspension, or recommended for expulsion at the time of the Graduation Ceremony.

D. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MPS believes that students need to have physical and mental experience in high school, which includes academic, life skills, and applied experiences. MPS meets and exceeds the admission requirements of all four-year universities including University of California.

Students must meet the following requirements to graduate from MPS:

Credit Requirement: Currently, every student must earn a total of 210 semester credits in grades 9 through 12 in order to receive a high school diploma. (See section "High School Credit Earned in Middle School" for middle school courses identified for high

school credit.) Each high school course at MPS is semester based and worth 5 credits, with an exception of courses such as Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) or Advisory which last one-half of a typical class period or less and are worth 2.5 credits. Students need to have an end-of-the-semester final grade of at least a "C" (=2.0) to earn credit for the course. Credit is awarded on the basis of student participation, mastery of subject matter, and/or attainment of skills.

Specific Course Requirements: The following table lists courses required in order to graduate from MPS.

Diploma Types: MPS offers three different high school diploma types: **Standard (S), Advanced (A), and Honors (H)**. Each diploma has minimum requirements that meet and exceed the state graduation requirements and the "a-g" subject requirements of California's four-year public universities. Students are always welcome, and often encouraged, to exceed these minimum requirements. (*The advanced and honors diploma types will be available beginning with the class of 2017 – students who are entering the 9th grade during the 2013-14 school year and will depend on student needs/demands and availability of teachers and resources.*)

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE): When required by state law, students will be required to pass the CAHSEE in order to receive a MPS Diploma. Letter of completion will be given to students who do not pass the CAHSEE.

Math Requirement: MPS math requirements are threefold:

1) Credit requirements: MPS requires at least 30 semester credits of math for a standard diploma and 40 semester credits of math for an advanced or honors diploma. Some of these credits can be earned in middle school.

2) Year requirements: MPS requires students to be enrolled in a math course for at least two years in grades nine through twelve for a standard diploma (*state requirement*) and at least three years in grades nine through twelve for an advanced or honors diploma. For example; a student may take Mathematics-I or Algebra I in seventh grade, Mathematics II or Geometry in eighth grade, and Mathematics III or Algebra II in ninth grade. The student still needs to take one more year of math for a standard diploma and two more years of math for an advanced or honors diploma.

3) Course requirements: Students need to complete three years of math courses that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two-and-three dimensional geometry before graduation. Integrated math courses fulfill this requirement.

Service Learning: Completing 40 hours of community service before graduation is no longer a high school requirement for a standard diploma beginning with the class of 2013. However, MPS encourages students to engage in community service to develop and demonstrate crucial life skills. This will help students gain “real life” experience and develop responsibility, caring and respect for the community. Therefore, students will be required to earn 40 hours of community service before graduation for an advanced or honors diploma. Students may begin to earn these hours once they complete their 8th grade year.

[For High School Only] Cumulative GPA:

A cumulative GPA is calculated for all high school level courses based on the number of credits received and their weighted grade point equivalencies. Cumulative GPAs are used to determine class rank and graduation honors, eligibility for National Honor Society, by colleges as part of the admission criteria, by many scholarship and grant providers, and occasionally, by employers. This information is reported to parents on the student’s high school transcript. The high school transcript is a record of all final course grades received for high school courses.

MPS requires a minimum of 2.00 cumulative GPA for graduation, 3.25 for an advanced diploma, and 3.50 for an honors diploma.

All graduating students who are eligible to receive an Honors diploma with a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or above shall be designated as the Valedictorian. Cumulative GPA computation for Valedictorian shall be based upon student’s projected grades as of the first of June prior to the date of graduation.

Note: UC/CSU systems do their own GPA calculations for a-g courses taken between the summer following 9th grade through the summer following 11th grade in calculating a student’s GPA. Please see your high school college advisor for further details.

High School Credit Earned in Middle School:

Students who take high school courses in middle school have the option to have these courses counted toward graduation. These courses must have the same expectations, curriculum and final exams as the equivalent courses taught in high school. Students who choose to have their middle school courses counted toward graduation need to consult with the school administration since these courses need to be reflected on the student’s high school transcript. Grades from such courses will not be included in cumulative GPA calculations.

The following middle school courses have been identified for high school credit: Mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, Integrated Mathematics I, and other high school level mathematics courses), Computers & Technology (approved high-school level courses), and Language Other Than English (LOTE). For middle school LOTE course(s), one year of high school credit will be given for each different language

MPS Graduation Requirements				
Subject Area	Requirements	Diploma Types		
		S	A	H
(a) History / Social Science	Three years, including World History, U.S. History, American Government/Economics	30	30	30
(b) English	Four years of approved courses	40	40	40
(c) Mathematics	Three years of math courses that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two-and-three dimensional geometry. Integrated math courses fulfill this requirement. <i>(Four years recommended)</i>	30	40	40
(d) Science	Two years with lab required; lab chosen from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics <i>(Three years recommended)</i>	20	30	40
(e) Language Other Than English	Two years in same language required. <i>(Three years recommended)</i>	20	20	30
(f) Visual & Performing Arts	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art	10	10	10
(g) Electives*	Additional courses in Social Science, English, Mathematics, Science, Language Other Than English, Visual & Performing Arts, Computers & Technology <i>(20-30 credits of electives required depending on diploma type)</i>	30	30	20
Physical Education	Two years	20	20	20
Computers & Technology	One year	10	10	10
Total Required Credits		210	230	240
AP* Course /College Credit Requirements	AP or college courses can be taken to meet minimum course requirements or as elective. This is not required for a standard diploma.	N/A	20	30
Other Requirements	CAHSEE <i>(when required by state law)</i> Minimum Cumulative GPA Req. Service Learning Hrs.	√ 2.00 N/A	√ 3.25 40	√ 3.50 40

if students demonstrate proficiency by passing those courses or a LOTE proficiency test provided by the School. Again, middle school courses must be comparable in content to courses offered at the high school level. Magnolia Public Schools Home Office ("Home Office") has the final authority to decide which middle school courses will be counted toward graduation.

Language other than English (LOTE) Courses:

MPS will allow other options to satisfy the "e"-LOTE requirement for graduation. Completion of higher-level LOTE coursework with a grade of C or higher may validate D or F grades earned in lower-level courses or when a lower-level course is skipped. Please check UC Admissions website for details of course validation. UC-transferable college courses or satisfactory scores on SAT Subject, AP or IB exams can also be used to fulfill the LOTE subject requirement.

Generally, bilingual students are considered to have met the "e" subject requirement and may choose not to enroll in LOTE courses. Students who elect not to take courses in a LOTE may satisfy the "e" requirement (*for all diploma types*) by one of the following methods:

- Formal schooling in a language other than English – Students who have completed two years of formal schooling at the sixth-grade level or higher in a school where a LOTE was used as the medium of instruction have met the LOTE requirement. A school transcript or other official document is required.
- Assessment by a recognized test or University – Earning a satisfactory score on a SAT Subject, AP or IB exam, or a proficiency test administered by a UC campus or other university can demonstrate a student's proficiency in a LOTE. Most language departments at universities will conduct an assessment and issue a statement of competency on official letterhead serving as certification.
- Certification by high school principal – In cases where the options above are not available, certification by the high school principal is acceptable. Principals should develop and maintain clear standards for providing this certification. Certification should be based on the judgment of language teachers, advice of professional or cultural organizations with an interest in maintaining language proficiency, or other appropriate sources of expertise. The principal notes the certification of competency on the student's transcript with the language and level of proficiency.

Credit Acceptance: Students transferring to MPS from another accredited school, private or public, a home school, or an alternative school, will receive credit toward graduation for courses successfully completed in the sending school.

These courses will appear on student's transcript as they are transferred and will be included in cumulative

GPA calculations. Upon review and approval by the school administration, students transferring to MPS from a non-accredited school may receive credit toward graduation within the following guidelines:

Documentation must be provided to MPS by the sending school as to the course of study the student followed, materials used, course description, total number of contact hours per course, grading criteria, teacher name and qualifications, student work or projects, and scores of any standardized tests the student has taken. Grades from such courses will not be included in cumulative GPA calculations.

Normally, students may not retake courses that they have already passed and for which they have earned credit. Credit is not awarded for classes repeated to raise a grade unless the grade previously earned was a Fail (F) or Incomplete (I). However, the school administration reserves the right to final decision in case of any extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances may include foreign transcripts, transcripts from non-accredited schools, college courses, ESL/ELD courses, and other approved courses on a case-by-case basis. Please consult with the school administration. If the school administration allows repeat of a course for extenuating circumstances, MPS will use the new grade when calculating the student's GPA. However, the repeated grade will not be used in calculating the "a-g" GPA for UCs if a student repeats a course used to satisfy the "a-g" requirement in which the student originally earned a grade of C or higher.

Credit Recovery: A high school student who fails a course at MPS is expected to take full responsibility for their personal credit recovery process. Following are some recovery options:

Summer School: Students can take a summer school course at any public school to recover missing credits. MPS may offer summer school depending on student needs and availability of teachers and resources.

Online Courses: Students who are credit deficient may enroll in accredited online courses to recover missing credits. Some examples to accredited online course providers are: APEX Learning, FuelEd, BYU, etc. College advisor's approval is necessary in order for the grade of an online course to be included in cumulative GPA calculations.

College Dual Enrollment: Students may enroll in a post-secondary course creditable toward high school completion. College advisor's approval is necessary in order for the grade of a college course to be included in cumulative GPA calculations.

WASC Accreditation & Transferability of Courses:

All MPS schools are WASC-accredited and all A-G courses of MPS are transferable to other public schools, and meet the rigorous requirements for admission to both the UC and state university systems. Every transfer student will participate in an intake meeting which includes a review of his/her transcript and tracking towards graduation. Every

exiting student will also receive a transcript to provide him/her with an official record of courses completed and credits earned. In addition, the school's master schedule will be informed by student needs to ensure sufficient intervention opportunities are available for the student population. Please contact your MPS school's Dean of Academics & College Advisor for further information.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: MPS will offer Advanced Placement (AP) classes depending on student needs/demands and availability of teachers and resources. AP courses are college-level courses, taught with college textbooks and exams that can give students college credit in the form of advanced standing when they enter their freshman year. Students have to pass the corresponding AP test in order to get college credit.

Dual Enrollment: Dual enrollment is a program that allows eligible high school students to enroll in a college course. Dual enrollment eliminates duplication of coursework between high school and college and allows students to earn their college degree in less time, save money, and experience the college environment. Junior and senior high school students who have demonstrated academic, personal and social maturity are welcome to apply. Students should visit their high school college advisor prior to the beginning of the semester to seek permission for enrolling and complete a dual enrollment registration / parent consent form.

If a student wishes to receive high school credit for a college class, a 3.0 unit or more one-semester college class will earn two semesters worth of high school credit (10.0 credits). The following table will be used for conversion of college units to high-school credits:

College units	High school credits
1 semester college unit or 1-2 quarter college units	2.5 high school credits
2 semester college units or 3 or more quarter college units	5.0 high school credits
3 or more semester college units	10.0 high school credits

To determine how a college course fulfills a high school requirement see your high school college advisor. College advisor's approval is necessary in order for the grade of a college course to be included in cumulative GPA calculations. *Academic college courses that meet the University of California "a-g" requirements will be given a weighted grade point on the high school transcript and included in cumulative GPA calculations.*

All students in grades 11 and 12 are required to be enrolled in at least five courses each semester. These courses can be classroom-based courses taken at MPS, online courses provided by MPS or approved online course-providers, CSU, UC or community

college courses, and other courses and activities for which academic credit will be provided upon satisfactory completion. MPS requires that the average number of minutes of attendance in any two consecutive schooldays is no less than 240 and minutes of attendance in any one schoolday is no less than 180.

Counseling programs:

MPS offers a comprehensive counseling and guidance program addressing personal/social, career, and academic needs for all grades. Students may sign up to see the counselor at any time to discuss personal or academic concerns. Social skills, career, and college planning lessons will be provided by the counselor at various times throughout the school year depending on grade level, need etc. The counseling office provides the following resources:

- Academic advising
- College planning resources
- Scholarship information
- SAT/ACT/CAHSEE test dates and materials
- Career planning resources
- Conflict resolution
- Family resources
- Counseling resources

Students who wish to see the counselor can make an appointment. Parents are always welcome to make an appointment to see the counselor. All information discussed is confidential except when it involves your safety or the safety of someone else.

MPS adheres to the National Counseling Standards. The standards are as follows:

Academic Development

Standard A: Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across the life span.

Standard B: Students will complete school with the academic preparation essential to choose from a wide range of substantial post-secondary options, including college.

Standard C: Students will understand the relationship of academics to the world of work and home and community life.

Career Development

Standard A: Students will acquire the skills to investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self and to make informed career decisions.

Standard B: Students will employ strategies to achieve future career success and satisfaction.

Standard C: Students will understand the relationship between personal qualities, education and training, and the world of work.

Personal/Social Development

Standard A: Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.

Standard B: Students will make decisions, set goals, and take necessary action to achieve goals.

Standard C: Students will understand safety and survival skills.

PSAT/NMSQT Tests & Applications:

MPS is dedicated to providing a comprehensive college preparatory program that facilitates students' ambitions to pursue higher education at the nation's top universities and colleges. As part of this process, grades 9 through 11 are required to take the PSAT/NMSQT test in Fall.

PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test.™ It also gives the students a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:

- critical reading skills;
- math problem-solving skills; and
- writing skills.

The most common reason for taking the PSAT/NMSQT is for the students to receive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. Students can then focus their preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.

College Board (test maker) charges a fee for the PSAT/NMSQT test and each student is responsible for paying this fee. Economically disadvantaged families may qualify for a fee waiver. Parents should contact MPS administration to request a fee waiver. Each case will be evaluated on an individual basis.

E. ATTENDANCE

Attendance is extremely important for student success. Our research indicates a significant positive correlation between student attendance and achievement. Members of MPS's professional staff will encourage and support student attendance. However, parents and legal guardians have the primary responsibility.

Every student is required to be in school, in each class, on time, and in their seat before the bell rings. It is required by law that every parent or guardian of any minor between the ages of 6 and 18 make sure that the minor child attends school.

A parent must inform the main office via phone of their child's absence the morning of the absence and/or send a note the day the student returns to school. If the student returns to school without a note and no phone call was received, s/he will be marked

TRUANT. The student will have **two days** to bring in a note to change this to an excused absence.

Teachers have the right to fail a student when excessive absences affect the student's performance in the class, such as by resulting in missing classwork or homework. When a student misses 10 full days (unexcused) in a semester, he or she may not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities in that semester. Special circumstances with documented explanations should be reviewed with the administration. Parent/Guardian notes can only be accepted for up to nineteen (19) days in a school year. If a student misses twenty (20) days or more, an acceptable note from a doctor or official authority will be required.

Absences:

MPS recognizes two kinds of absences and tardiness: excused and unexcused. Please read through the definitions of each carefully. In the event of an excused absence, students maintain responsibility for homework, quizzes, and tests. In addition, there are consequences for unexcused absences.

1. Excused absences:

Parent or guardians must explain each absence in writing and sign it and/or call the office. An excuse for absence from school may be approved for one (1) or more of the following reasons or conditions:

Personal illness:

Parent or guardian must call the school each morning the student stays home due to illness. Upon returning to school the student must bring a note from a parent or guardian to the main office.

Illness in the Family or Death of a Relative:

In the case of illness in the family or death of a relative, the parent or guardian should call the office to explain the situation and the estimated time of absence. CA Ed Code allows 1 day of absence for in-state funerals, and 3 days of absence for out-of-state funerals. Upon returning to school, the student must bring an explanatory note from the parent or guardian. It is the parent and student's responsibility to inform the teachers of the estimated time of absence.

Observance of Religious Holidays:

Any student observing a religious holiday consistent with his/her creed or belief shall be excused from classes. The student must bring a note from their parent/guardian the day they return to school or we must receive a phone call from their parent/guardian on the day(s) of the absence.

Professional Appointments:

We encourage parents to schedule medical, dental, legal, and other necessary appointments outside school hours whenever possible. If this is not possible, students must bring a note stating the time they are to be excused from school. In addition,

parents must come to the office to pick up the student. They must sign the student out of school at that time.

Other excused absences include justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, attendance at religious retreats, attendance at an employment conference, on Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. Other reasons will be considered that are requested in writing, consistent with this handbook and approved by the school. If the excuse is not one of the valid excuses listed in the CA Ed Code or in this handbook, the school administrators are authorized to excuse school absences due to the pupil's circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

2. Unexcused Absences:

Students will be marked unexcused if they:

- do not bring a written note within two school days, following an absence,
- leave school without signing out at the school office,
- are absent from class without permission, including walking out of class,
- are absent from school without parental permission (except students in 7-12 grade who are being excused to receive confidential medical services without parental permission),
- get a pass to go to a certain place but do not report there, and/or
- are absent for reasons **not acceptable** to the administration including but not limited to:
 - Not waking up on time
 - Transportation problems (missing the bus, traffic, car trouble, etc.)
 - Inclement weather
 - Running errands for family
 - Work
 - Babysitting
 - Hair appointment
 - Needed at home
 - Vacations or trips

Make up Work for Excused Absences:

An absence from school, even for several days, does not excuse students from responsibilities in the classroom. On the day of return, it is the students' responsibility to find out what work is required and when the work needs to be completed. Students will be given the same number of days they were absent to make up missed work. For students with excused absences, make-up tests will be scheduled at a time designated by the teacher or as outlined in the teacher's syllabus. It is the students' responsibility to take the test at that time. If the student fails to do this, the teacher is not obligated to set another time for make-up. Please check teacher's syllabus and make sure for their individual policy.

Make up Work for Unexcused Absences:

If a student has an unexcused absence, any or all of the following may occur:

- Students may not be permitted to make up work following an unexcused absence.
- Teachers are not obligated to allow students to make up quizzes or tests.
- Students may receive an "F" or "zero" grade for the day in each class missed.

Emergency Leave:

Emergencies and other personal necessity absences:

While parents/guardians are discouraged from taking their child(ren) on extended vacations or leaves of absence outside the designated instructional days, there are circumstances in which a school principal may authorize or approve such time off. Such approval must take place prior to the absences.

Independent Study Policy:

Students with a legitimate need for an extended absence of five (5) or more days can enroll in independent study. Please see the main office of your MPS school for the independent study policy.

Early Dismissal of Students from School:

- Early dismissal from school is an important issue. Because MPS is very concerned about students' safety and well-being, the following precautions will be taken to ensure students' safety.
- A student may be released before the end of a school day, only upon request of a parent or guardian or for emergency reasons.
- A student may be released only to a parent or guardian of record or to a properly identified person, authorized in writing by the parent or guardian to act on his/her behalf.
- A student may be released "on his/her own" only with verified parental permission.

No staff member shall permit or cause a student to leave school prior to the regular hour of dismissal except with the knowledge and approval of the principal and parent or guardian.

Tardiness:

A student is marked tardy when the student is not in class, or designated place as defined by the school, when the tardy bell rings signaling the time class is to begin.

Tardies are marked as excused, unexcused or truant.

The time that a tardy student arrived is to be documented in every instance. MPS requires that parents/guardians write a note of explanation when they have knowledge of their student's tardiness.

Three tardies in excess of 30 minutes constitute truancy and can be counted in combination with whole-day truancy to establish truant and habitual truant status.

Uncleared tardies shall be resolved in the same manner as unexcused absences.

After 20 tardies student will not be allowed to walk on stage for promotion/graduation.

1. Excused Tardiness:

Students must have their parents or guardian write an explanatory note if they arrive late to the school. The student must report to the office when she or she arrives. If the student fails to do this, s/he will receive an unexcused tardy.

2. Unexcused Tardiness:

Tardiness to school and to class (whether the result of oversleeping, missing the bus, car problems, babysitting, athletic workouts, socializing or lingering in the halls) is unacceptable.

If a student arrives at school late but without a note, s/he will get a "late slip" for admittance to class. The student will have two days to bring in a note to change this to an excused tardy.

Consequences for Tardiness:

Habitual tardiness (defined as three unexcused tardies) for any class period will result in disciplinary action ranging from reflection to loss of privileges. Students who regularly arrive late to class may be excluded from extracurricular activities, including proms, athletics and graduation ceremonies.

Truancy:

Any student who is absent from school and/or tardy in excess of 30 minutes on 3 occasions in one school year without valid excuse or any combination thereof, is considered to be truant.

Any pupil is deemed a **habitual truant** who has been reported as a truant 3 or more times per school year and an appropriate district/school officer or employee has made a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with the parent or guardian of the pupil and the pupil himself.

Classification of Initial Truancy:

School staff shall classify and mail 1st Initial Truancy Notification as a formal notification that the student between the ages of 6-18 has accumulated three full days of unexcused absences or unexcused tardies of more than 30 minutes or any combination thereof in one school year and is being classified as truant.

Truant Repeat:

Any student who has once been reported as a truant as defined in this policy, and who is again absent from school without valid excuse one or more days or tardy on one or more days shall again be reported as a truant. After providing parents/guardians the opportunity to respond to the Initial Truancy Letter, school staff shall mail a 2nd Truancy Notification and request a parent conference.

Classification of Habitual Truancy:

Upon the fifth unexcused absence or unexcused tardy of more than 30-minutes or any combination thereof, school staff shall mail 3rd Truancy Notification. This letter notifies the parent/guardian that the student has been classified as a habitual truant for being absent without a valid excuse five or more days, or tardy for more than any 30 minute period, during the school day without a valid excuse or any combination thereof.

An administrator or designated staff shall hold at least one conference with a parent/guardian and the student prior to the student being reclassified as a Habitual Truant. The notifications listed previously shall be mailed, prior to classifying a student as a Habitual Truant.

"Chronic absentee" means a pupil who is absent 10 percent or more of the schooldays in the school year, excused or unexcused.

Any pupil is deemed a "habitual truant" who has been reported as a truant three or more times per school year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your commitment to school attendance will send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family and going to school every day is a critical part of educational success.

II. DISCIPLINE POLICIES

Magnolia Public Schools Student Code of Conduct:

MPS is committed to excellence in academic instruction and in cooperating with parents/guardians to teach students the behaviors and skills that support social successes throughout life. To accomplish this goal, MPS is taking a proactive approach to teaching social skills as a significant component of the educational program. The curriculum includes teaching of the behaviors necessary for effective and

satisfying social interaction in school, on field trips, in the community, and at home.

Uniform and Personal Appearance:

The uniform policy at MPS helps create a safe and orderly environment, instill discipline, and eliminate the competition and distractions caused by varied dress styles. Students are required to arrive in uniform every day except for "free dress days". Students will not be allowed to enter the school if they are not wearing the proper uniform.

All MPS students are required to wear the school uniform at all times including during the after school tutoring/activities. Refer to Student Uniform Policy on later pages.

A. EXPECTED STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Students should always remember that their behavior and actions at school and at school-sponsored activities are a reflection not only of themselves, but also of the school. The following is a guideline of what expected from an MPS student:

Breakfast/Lunch Time:

Students must:

- Proceed to the eating area as instructed by MPS staff.
- Eat and finish their breakfast/lunch in the assigned area. No food should be eaten outside the designated areas.
- Wait patiently for their food, and follow the direction of the adults on duty.
- Clean up after themselves and dispose of their trash in the appropriate area.
- Remember that they are not allowed in the school building without a pass.
- Students must carry a pass that is given to them by security guard/supervisor staff.

On Campus:

Students must:

- Stay in designated areas on-campus.
- Be courteous and respectful at all times to everyone.
- Not use profanity, lie, fight, gamble, possess inappropriate literature or material, or be involved in the abuse/harassment of others.
- Not use or have cellular phones turned on during school hours; students are allowed to use cellular phones **only** in the designated area after school. Phones should not be used during after school programs, such as tutoring.
- Remember that any electronic devices seen during class time will be confiscated and returned to the student's parents/guardians at the discretion of administration.
- Remember that gum chewing is not allowed anywhere on campus.
- Never ride bicycles, use roller blades or skateboards on campus nor bring them to class.

- Not leave campus without permission during school hours (except students in 7-12 grade who are being excused to receive confidential medical services without parental permission).
- Not use matches, lighters, or any type of explosive incendiary device on campus.
- Remember that **no electronic devices** such as CD/MP3/IPOD players may be visible or used on the campus grounds.
- Students are not allowed to loiter in the hallways.

Assemblies:

Students must:

- Be courteous and quiet during the entire assembly.
- Be respectful to the presenter/speaker.
- Follow all teacher/staff directions.

Field Trips:

Students must:

- Be on their best behavior.
 - Pay attention to the directives given by the moderator and trip leader.
- Follow all school rules pertaining to behavior.
- Wear MPS uniform unless authorized by administration.

Public areas: Hallways, Lunchroom & Restrooms:

Hallways, Lunchroom and Restrooms are areas used by all members of School. Students must:

- Use the halls, lunchroom, or restrooms only as needed and then move on to class.
- Eat only in the cafeteria or other designated area.
- Leave gum at home; chewing gum is strictly prohibited anywhere on campus.
- Maintain orderly conduct always; walk in the halls, lunchroom, or restrooms.
- Keep in mind that profanity and vulgar language at any level is unacceptable and is strictly prohibited in all areas and at school functions at all times.
- Limit excessive noise such as yelling, screaming or banging lockers while in these areas.
- Help keep the school clean by picking up after yourself and putting your belongings in their proper place.
- Respect others personal space and keep your hands to yourself even in play.
- Have a pass to be in the above areas during class time.
- Keep in mind that vandalism, littering, or graffiti in the school is prohibited and should be reported as this reflects poorly on everyone.
- Public displays of affection are prohibited.
- Bring only plastic and paper containers to school; all glass containers are prohibited on campus and will be confiscated.
- Be responsible and report any leaks, spills, or other problems in the bathroom to a teacher or the office.

- Be responsible for cleaning up after yourself, including the disposing of or the recycling of garbage.
- Have a hall pass if you are outside of the classroom during class time.
- Not visit with friends or interrupt another classroom.
- Not misuse the hall pass as it will result in loss of the hall pass privilege.
- Get a referral from your teacher before you go to the office. Do not use the hall pass.

Emergency Drills:

Fire drills, lockdowns, and evacuation drills are conducted periodically for everyone’s protection and are required by law. During these drills it is imperative that students remain silent, follow instructions given by the staff, and carry out all directions in an orderly fashion.

Classroom:

Students must:

- Be seated and ready to begin their assignment when the bell rings.
- Be courteous to all teachers and students.
- Follow all school and classroom rules.
- Bring all necessary materials/supplies ready to work daily.

Classroom Procedures and Consequences:

Please check the teacher’s syllabus for specific consequences which may include:

1. **In Class Warning**
2. **Student-Teacher Conference**
3. **Reflection / Parental Notification**
4. **Parent Conference**
5. **Office Referral & Administrative Disciplinary Procedures**

B. SIS BEHAVIOR POINTS

[For Middle & High School Only] Student behavior will be recorded on SIS and students will receive the following rewards or consequences based on their behavior points.

Positive Rewards:

- +5 Contact parent/guardian
- +10 Lunch speed pass
- +15 Treat
- +20 One day free dress (pass will be given)
- +25 Extended lunch period
- +30 Two day free dress (pass will be given)
- +35 VIP breakfast
- +40 Entered in a raffle
- +45 Free dress – every Friday for one month (pass will be given)
- +50 VIP lunch and “Race to the top”

Negative Consequences:

- 5 Contact parent/guardian
- 10 Loss of privileges
- 15 Parent/guardian conference / Red slip*
- 20 Behavior plan and lunch reflection
- 25 Shadowed by parent/guardian for a day and one hour after school reflection
- 30 Student improvement team
- 35 Pending Reflection Committee outcome
- 40 Pending Reflection Committee outcome
- 45 Pending Reflection Committee outcome
- 50 Reflective hearing with Reflection Committee, parent/guardian and student

**Students earn a positive SIS point for receiving all acceptable marks and a signature on their red slip.*

When a student receives negative twenty or more behavior points recorded on SIS, the MPS administration will arrange a meeting with that student and the parent to develop a behavioral plan. If the student fails to abide by the discipline tracker rules or an agreement between the administration, parents, and student, cannot be reached, the student will be referred to the School Reflection Committee.

C. UNACCEPTABLE TYPES OF BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCES

All students at MPS are entitled to the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, and applicable case law, and their rights will not be knowingly denied by the required code of conduct or by any disciplinary actions taken by the school. Accordingly, after an analysis of each case, any student who exhibits any of the unacceptable student behaviors listed in this handbook may incur consequences. These consequences range from notification of parents, reflection, to emergency removal from a school activity, suspension, expulsion, and referral to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

MPS reserves the right to notify the authorities and the Department of Education as required by law relating to disciplinary actions taken. It is to be noted that MPS reserves the right to discipline any act that has a nexus with MPS or the school community and causes a substantial disruption to the normal operation of the School. In other words MPS may discipline behavior at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored function or any activity or any act that causes a substantial disruption on the school environment or that is performed with/on/by/via school equipment or school property. MPS respects and observes the rights of student to lawful student expression, as outlined in the MPS Student Expression Policy available in the office of each MPS school.

The following tables delineate unacceptable types of behavior and possible consequences.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS				
BE SAFE	BE RESPONSIBLE	BE RESPECTFUL		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Keep hands to yourself. ◆ Ask for permission to use any equipment, resources or materials. ◆ Use equipment appropriately and for its intended use. ◆ Walk to and from class during transition periods. ◆ Report unsafe behaviors (e.g., bullying) ◆ Remain in assigned areas. ◆ Solve problems peacefully. ◆ If you are unsure of something, seek help from or ask an adult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Arrive to class on time and ready to work. ◆ Be on task. ◆ Be prepared each day with school materials. ◆ Give full effort in all work. ◆ Raise hand in class. ◆ Be in proper uniform. ◆ Follow classroom expectations. ◆ Throw away waste in proper receptacle. ◆ Keep campus clean. ◆ Sit in assigned seat. ◆ Respect school property and ask before borrowing other's property. ◆ Use restroom during non-class time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Follow the teacher's directions and use positive language with peers. ◆ Acknowledge one's mistakes and correct them. ◆ Be kind to others. ◆ Respect each other's differences. ◆ Respect other's property and personal space. ◆ Use a quiet, conversational voice. ◆ Use polite language such as thank you, you're welcome, and I'm sorry. ◆ If in disagreement, voice concerns respectfully and appropriately. ◆ Cooperate with adults and peers. 		
Level 1 Infractions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invading personal space ▪ Fighting and/or arranging altercations ▪ Antagonizing others ▪ Violation of school/class rules ▪ Horseplaying ▪ Violating off-limits/restricted area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Habitually tardy and/or not being in assigned location ▪ Disrupting the learning environment/Off task ▪ Littering ▪ Not having proper materials, supplies, and/or equipment for class participation ▪ Inappropriate use of electronic devices ▪ Dress code violation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inappropriate language/actions (hurtful, vulgar, gossip, etc.) ▪ Violation of school/class rules ▪ Passive participation in hurtful acts/words against others ▪ Public display of affection (holding hands, kissing, hugging, etc.) ▪ Disrupting learning environment ▪ Refusing to cooperate and comply with school rules/personnel 		
Possible Corrective Strategies				
<p>Multiple strategies may be used depending on individual student's needs. Corrective strategies may include, but are not limited to:</p> <p><u>First Infraction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-teaching school behavior expectations • Having the student apologize and making amends with those affected <p><u>Repeated Infractions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and/or confer with parent or legal guardian 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a Home to School and School to Home Communication System (e.g., SIS) • Implement a behavior contract that includes expected student behavior, incentives for demonstrating expected behavior and consequences for infractions • Use of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS) services • Assigned reflection (lunch, after-school, Saturday, etc.) • Loss of privileges • Refer the student to the Reflection Committee 	

Level 2 Infractions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using/possessing tobacco and/or lighter ▪ Violating traffic or safety regulations ▪ Encouraging other students to violate school rules ▪ Leaving school and/or school bus without permission ▪ Fighting and/or arranging altercations ▪ Using objects inappropriately (i.e., the use of an object to harm others or damage property) ▪ Physical assault without serious bodily injury (i.e., pushing with intent, kicking, hitting, pinching, spitting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defacing and/or vandalism of school property ▪ Plagiarism/academic dishonesty ▪ Leaving school or classroom without permission (truancy) ▪ Improper use of computer (e.g., viewing unauthorized websites, cheating, overriding district filter, etc.) ▪ Stealing and/or possessing stolen property ▪ Failure to attend to/complete assigned restorative action ▪ Gambling ▪ Habitual violations of school/class rules ▪ Forgery of signatures ▪ Extortion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sexual explicit behavior ▪ Planning and/or arranging actions with malicious intent ▪ Writing or drawing obscene /profane language/pictures ▪ Harassment (i.e., physical, verbal, and sexual) ▪ Bullying/cyberbullying ▪ Violation of personal boundaries ▪ Refusing to cooperate and comply with school rules/personnel ▪ Disrupting learning environment
Possible Corrective Strategies		
<p><u>Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/guardian contact to inform parent of accusation and status of investigation. Parent/guardian will be given the option to attend the student conference. • School-level investigation and student conference • School-level conference with student, parent/guardian, principal or designee and staff member(s) involved to determine and implement appropriate corrective strategies • Complete behavior assessment need and behavior intervention plan • If needed, refer to Response to Intervention (RTI) team. <p>Note: Students may be suspended or expelled for committing any of the above offenses that are also listed in Section D: Suspension and Expulsion Procedures, by following the applicable procedures.</p>	<p><u>Corrective Strategies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and/or confer with parent/guardian • Implement a home to school and school to home communication system (e.g., SIS) • Post, teach, and re-teach school behavior expectations • Utilize Check-In/Check-Out • Implement a behavior contract that includes expected student behavior, incentives for demonstrating expected behavior and consequences for infractions • Intensive academic support • Intensive social skills teaching • Self-management program • Firm, fair, and corrective discipline • Use of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS) services • Assigned reflection (lunch, after-school, Saturday, etc.) • Loss of privilege • Data-based decision making • Refer the student to the Response to Intervention (RTI) team 	

Level 3 Infractions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physically assaulting with serious bodily injury ▪ Conduct or habits injurious to others (peers/authority) ▪ Using/possessing controlled and/or dangerous substances and/or paraphernalia ▪ Bullying (harassing, intimidating, cyberbullying) ▪ Fighting and/or arranging altercations ▪ Possessing/shooting fireworks (i.e., smoke bombs, sink bombs, etc.) ▪ Using/possessing weapons and/or weapon paraphernalia including but not limited to those prohibited under federal law ▪ Harassment (i.e., physical, verbal, and sexual) ▪ Arson, attempting to commit arson and/or possession of explosives ▪ Causing a false fire alarm ▪ Making a bomb/explosive threat ▪ Encouraging other students to violate school rules ▪ Student hazing ▪ Using gang and/or secret society symbols/acts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inappropriate use of electronic devices ▪ Public displays of sexually explicit behavior ▪ Defacing and/or vandalism of school property ▪ Gambling ▪ Habitual violations of school/class rules ▪ Forgery of signatures ▪ Stealing and/or possessing stolen property ▪ Improper use of computer (e.g., viewing unauthorized websites, cheating, overriding school filter, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sexual explicit behavior ▪ Lewd conduct ▪ Planning and/or arranging actions with malicious intent ▪ Bullying/cyberbullying ▪ Harassment (i.e., physical, verbal, and sexual) ▪ Writing or drawing obscene /profane language/pictures
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Infractions Explained:

(See also the Enumerated Offenses and applicable procedures listed in Section D: Suspension and Expulsion Procedures)

Assaulting, Fighting and/or Arranging Fights
School is not a place to arrange fights, whether those fights take place on or off school grounds. Any fight and/or attempting to fight will involve disciplining all students involved.
Bringing / Using Electronic Devices
CD players, IPOD, MP3 players, phones, PDA, PSP, laptops, smart watches, electronic games, and/or similar devices are not allowed to be used at school. They disrupt classes and distract others from learning. If you choose to bring them for use outside of school it is at your own discretion. MPS assumes no liability for any damaged, destroyed, lost, stolen, misplaced or otherwise compromised electronic device brought onto MPS property.
Scholastic Dishonesty
Scholastic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) plagiarism, cheating on tests, and/or any other types of deception to obtain credit without effort. Scholastic dishonesty is unacceptable conduct. As a consequence, student will receive a failing grade on the assignment/test, and all other possible corrective strategies listed under the Behavioral Expectations table will apply as well.
Texting/Sexting
Sexting can be defined as the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photographs electronically, primarily between mobile phones and/or any other communication devices.
Disrupting Learning
Disrupting learning includes any behavior that prevents other students from learning. It may include but is not limited to inappropriate language, eating or drinking during class against teachers' classroom rules, chewing gum, insubordination and/or selling or trading personal possessions to other students.
Horseplay
Rough or boisterous play including but not limited to shoving, play fighting, kicking, name calling, teasing, pushing/pulling on a student and shoulder bumps.

Violating Uniform Policy
A student's dress and appearance shall conform to the specific uniform and appearance limitations described in this handbook.
Possession or Use of Drugs and/or Alcohol and the Sale or Intention to Sell Drugs and/or Alcohol
Use of drugs or alcohol means a student knowingly possesses, consumes, uses, handles, gives, stores, conceals, offers to sell, sells, transmits, acquires, buys, represents, makes, applies, or is under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, tranquilizer, non-prescription or prescription drug (except when under the direction of a physician/parent and within school procedure), alcohol, intoxicant, solvent, gas, or any mood-altering chemical, drug of abuse or any counterfeit-controlled substance of any kind including butane lighters.
The sale, distribution, possession, or use of drugs, alcohol, fake drugs, steroids, inhalants, and look-alike drugs is prohibited everywhere on school grounds, at all school activities, and on all school transportation (drug free zone 1000 feet radius). Backpacks, gym bags, coats, and/or any other containers might be searched by Administration and/or Law Enforcement if they suspect the presence of such items.
False Fire Alarms
Issuing a false fire alarm is a violation of State law. Making false 911 calls is also violation of the State Law.
Forgery of Signatures
Any attempt by a student to sign a teacher's, administrator's, parent/guardian's, and/or another student's name to any school document will be considered forgery.
Vulgarity, Profanity and Obscenity
Any gesture or material of this nature is not permitted at school or school functions.
Bullying & Cyber Bullying
Bullying is not permitted at MPS. In addition MPS will not tolerate unlawful intimidation and bullying due to actual or perceived characteristics such as age, ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, gender expression, gender identity, gender, disability, nationalist, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or a person's association with a person, or group, with or more of these actual or perceived

<p>characteristics. Each student deserves an equal opportunity to obtain an education without dealing with the negative pressures of peers. Bullying consists of any of the following: pushing, shoving, hitting, and spitting, name calling, picking on, making fun of, laughing at, and excluding someone physically or via social media or electronic communications.</p> <p>Bullying causes pain and stress to those who are victims and is never justified or excusable as “kids being kids”, “just teasing”, “joking”, “playing around” or any other rationalization. This includes the use of social media for wrongful purposes.</p> <p>Each MPS student agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value student differences and treat others with respect. • Not become involved in bullying incidents or be a bully.
<p>Harassment of Students, Teachers, Administrators, or Staff</p>
<p>Harassment means making unwelcome advances or any form of improper physical contact or sexual remark and any speech or action that creates a hostile, intimidating or offensive learning environment. See also the MPS Policy Against Unlawful Harassment.</p> <p><i>Harassment can be verbal, physical and visual. (Education Code, § 212.5)</i></p> <p>Harassment is a violation of Federal Law and is contrary to the School Board’s commitment to provide a physically and psychologically safe environment in which to learn.</p>
<p>Behaving Disrespectfully towards Teachers or Staff</p>
<p>Disrespect (i.e. arguing, talking back, etc.) and insubordination (failure to comply with directives) toward any member of the faculty or staff will not be tolerated. Profanity, either spoken or written is considered a form of disrespect.</p>
<p>Student Hazing</p>
<p>Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another person for initiation into any organization that causes or creates a substantial risk or causes mental or physical harm. Permission, consent or assumption of the risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. Hazing may carry heavy legal consequences.</p>
<p>Smoking or Use of Other Tobacco Products</p>

<p>Possession of tobacco products in any part of the school (drug free zone 1000 feet radius) or on the student is prohibited under this policy. This includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, cigars, herbs, and smokeless tobacco. Backpacks, gym bags, coats, and/or any other containers might be searched if the presence of such items is suspected.</p>
<p>Stealing and/or Vandalizing School/Private Property & Graffiti</p>
<p>This means to cause or attempt to cause damage to private property, stealing or attempting to steal private property either on school grounds or during school activities, functions or events. Students and their parents or guardians will be held responsible for any theft/vandalism/graffiti (including graffiti tools such as permanent markers) that the student commits. Theft or vandalism of school property carries heavy legal penalties.</p>
<p>No Permanent markers or aerosol cans are allowed at school.</p>
<p>Displaying Threatening Behavior</p>
<p>Threatening behavior includes: verbal threats, both face to face and over electronic media (phone and/or computers), non-verbal threats (“hard” stares, gestures), willfully causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person, causing or attempt to cause any student, teacher, administrator, or staff member to feel frightened or intimidated.</p>
<p>Bringing Weapon in School</p>
<p>A weapon includes, but is not limited to, conventional objects like guns, pellet guns, knives, smoke bombs, fireworks, club of any type, mace, tear gas, or other chemicals. This may also include any toy that is presented as a real weapon. It also includes objects converted from their original use to threaten or injure another. The Administration reserves the right to all final decisions regarding the definition of a weapon. Backpacks, gym bags, coats, and/or any other containers might be searched by administration or law enforcement if they suspect the presence of such items.</p>
<p>If you are aware of a weapon /drugs/alcohol on campus and do not inform school staff, you will be subject to disciplinary actions and serve consequences.</p>
<p>Possession or Use of Fireworks</p>
<p>Using or possessing any amusement device, smoke bomb, stink bomb, etc.</p>
<p>Gang and Secret Society Symbols</p>

Disruption and/or intimidation caused by the wearing of any type of clothing/jewelry or by writing of any signs identified as or associated with gangs. No gang activity or gang association will be permitted at school or school sponsored activities. Gang symbols on notebooks, lockers, book bags, etc. are not permitted and will be documented. Students may not promise to become or be members of a gang, secret society, illegal club, sorority or fraternity.
Arson
Intentionally starting any fire or combustion on school property
Public Display of Affection
Public displays of affection are not allowed.
Provoking/Intimidating Behavior Encouraging or Urging Other Students to Violate School Rules
Any student who, by means of provocation, intimidation, encouragement, request, or other means of promotion, induces or attempts to induce another student to violate a MPS school rule shall be subject to discipline.

Students with an IEP:

If a student has an IEP, that IEP and any applicable behavior plan shall be followed, accordingly to state and federal law. If the behavior(s) worsens or the frequency increases, the student’s IEP team may meet to review the plan and its implementation, and modify it, as necessary, to address the behavior(s). Special Education staff, general education staff, parents, and related service providers specified in the IEP must be informed and involved.

MPS follows state and federal laws regarding discipline, including suspension and expulsion, of students with disabilities. See also Section D: Suspension and Expulsion Procedures for more information.

D. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES

The following Student Suspension and Expulsion Policy has been established in order to promote learning and protect the safety and well-being of all students at MPS. Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules and procedures fairly and consistently among all students. In creating this policy, the Charter School has reviewed Education Code Section 48900 et seq. which describes the non-charter schools’ list of

offenses and procedures to establish its list of offenses and procedures for suspensions and expulsions. The language that follows closely mirrors the language of Education Code Section 48900 et seq. The Charter School is committed to annual review of policies and procedures surrounding suspensions and expulsions and, as necessary, modification of the lists of offenses for which students are subject to suspension or expulsion.

When the policy is violated, it may be necessary to suspend or expel a student from regular classroom instruction. This policy shall serve as MPS’ policy and procedures for student suspension and expulsion. Suspended or expelled students shall be excluded from all school and school-related activities unless otherwise agreed during the period of suspension or expulsion.

This Policy and its Procedures will clearly describe discipline expectations, and it will be printed and distributed as part of the Student Handbook which is sent to each student at the beginning of the school year. The MPS administration shall ensure that students and their parents/guardians are notified in writing upon enrollment of all discipline policies and procedures.

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of or willfully causing the infliction of physical pain on a student. For purposes of the Policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee’s use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff or other persons or to prevent damage to school property.

Discipline includes but is not limited to advising and counseling students, conferring with parents/guardians, reflection during and after school hours, use of alternative educational environments, suspension and expulsion.

PROGRESSIVE POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

Positive Consequences

MPS school staff has committed itself to encouraging and supporting the attainment of academic skills as well as social skills, such as listening, friendship-making, problem solving, and alternatives to aggression. To inspire and encourage students to develop their potential in all of these areas, the following reinforcements will be used for positive behavior:

- Individual awards/recognition
- Classroom awards/recognition
- Certificates
- Displays
- Positive contact with parent/guardian
- Special activities (field trips, movie nights, picnics, etc.)
- Publications
- Assemblies
- Positive SIS points

Positive student behavior and improvements will be acknowledged and encouraged by the MPS staff. Teachers will not only report discipline issues on the school information system, but also positive behaviors and accomplishments. Parents will also be informed of positive behavior and improvements via phone, email, and home visits. Students will receive certificates and/or rewards for outstanding performance and behaviors.

Alternatives to Suspension

To intervene in student behavior, MPS has a progressive discipline plan in place at each of its schools. This plan is published at the beginning of each school year in the Parent/Student handbook. The handbook also includes a school-parent-student compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will develop a partnership to help children achieve high academic and behavior standards. The discipline plan includes information about student expectations and progression of disciplinary procedures from day-to-day discipline to suspension and expulsion.

MPS believes that alternatives to suspension align with our schoolwide positive behavior support plan. Following are list of alternatives to be considered before suspending a student: warning, phone call home, parent conference, teacher/administrative reflection, written assignment/research/presentation, loss of privileges, behavior contract, parent shadowing, mentorship (peer/teacher), referral (counseling, SST, Dean of Students/Principal), assigning volunteer work/community service, Saturday school, and in-school suspension.

Alternatives to suspension or expulsion will first be attempted with students who are truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from assigned school activities.

Reflection:

Reflection will be held on assigned day either during the lunch period or after school for up to 60 minutes. Students will have at least one (1) day notice that they must serve a reflection that is longer than twenty (20) minutes in order to make arrangements to be picked up from school. Parents may request in person a delay of the reflection; no phone calls or notes will be accepted for this request.

In School Suspension (ISS):

Notice of In School Suspension (ISS) and the reasons for the ISS will be given to the student and the parent in writing. The student will remain on campus during school hours in a designated area not in their regular class setting. The student will have no or limited contact with students and teachers while serving an ISS. Student is expected to complete their classroom assignments and school community service during ISS.

GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION

Jurisdiction

A student may be suspended for prohibited misconduct if the act is (1) related to school activity; (2) school attendance occurring at MPS or at any other school; or (3) a MPS sponsored event. A student may be suspended for acts that are enumerated below and related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, and of the following:

- a) while on school grounds;
- b) while going to or coming from school;
- c) during the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus; or
- d) during, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity.

Enumerated Offenses

Students may be suspended for any of the following acts when it is determined the student:

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
2. Willfully used force of violence upon the person of another, except self-defense.
3. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the students had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the Principal or designee's concurrence.
4. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold or otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
5. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid substance or material and represented same as controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
6. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
7. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
8. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
9. Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco,

- snuff, chew packets and betel. This section does not prohibit the use of his or her own prescription products by a student.
10. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
 11. Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5.
 12. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
 13. Possessed an imitation firearm, i.e.: a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
 14. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code Sections 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code Section 243.4.
 15. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness.
 16. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
 17. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in hazing. For the purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student. For purposes of this section, "hazing" does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
 18. Engaged in an act of bullying, including bullying by means of electronic act, as defined in Education Code Section 48900(r).
 19. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property. For purposes of this section, "terroristic threat" shall include any statement, whether written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family's safety, or for the protection of school property, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.
 20. Committed sexual harassment, as defined in Education Code Section 212.5. For the purposes of this section, the conduct described in Section 212.5 must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
 21. Caused, attempted to cause, threaten to cause or participated in an act of hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233 of the Education Code. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
 22. Intentionally harassed, threatened or intimidated a student or group of students to the extent of having the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder and invading student rights by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12 inclusive.
 23. Engaged in, or aided another in, academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, alteration of grades or academic marks, or theft or unpermitted review of tests prior to testing.
 24. Intentionally "hacked" or broken into a School or School affiliated computer system.
 25. A pupil who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may be subject to suspension, but not expulsion, except that a pupil who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider and abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (1).

SUSPENSION PROCEDURES

Suspensions shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

Conference

Suspension shall be preceded, if possible, by a conference conducted by the Principal or the Principal's designee with the student and his or her parent and, whenever practical, the teacher,

supervisor or school employee who referred the student to the Principal. The conference may be omitted if the Principal or designee determines that an emergency situation exists. An "emergency situation" involves a clear and present danger to the lives, safety or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student's right to return to school for the purpose of a conference.

At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action and the evidence against him or her and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her version and evidence in his or her defense.

This conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives this right or is physically unable to attend for any reason including, but not limited to, incarceration or hospitalization.

No penalties may be imposed on a student for failure of the student's parent or guardian to attend a conference with school officials. Reinstatement of the suspended student shall not be contingent upon attendance by the student's parent or guardian at the conference.

Notice to Parents/Guardians

At the time of suspension, the Principal or designee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension and the date of return following suspension. This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. In addition, the notice will also state the date and time when the student may return to school. If school officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice will request that the parent/guardian respond to such requests without delay.

Suspension Time Limits

Suspensions, when not including a recommendation for expulsion, shall not exceed five (5) consecutive school days per suspension. A student may be suspended from school for not more than 20 school days in any school year unless, for purposes of adjustment, the student enrolls in or is transferred another regular school, an opportunity school, or continuation school or class, in which case suspension shall not exceed 30 days in any school year. However, this restriction on the number of days of suspension does not apply when the suspension is extended pending an expulsion. (Education Code 48903, 48911, 48912)

Suspension Appeals

Students and parent/guardian may appeal a suspension within five (5) school days of the suspension. This appeal will be made to the Principal and heard by a discipline committee. All discipline

committee hearings on suspensions will be held within two (2) school days of the appeal being made. The decision of the discipline committee is final. Based on the information submitted or requested, the Discipline Committee may make one of the following decisions regarding the suspension:

- Uphold the suspension
- Determine that the suspension was not within school guidelines, overturn the suspension, and order that all records and documents regarding the disciplinary proceeding be destroyed. No information regarding the suspension will be placed in the student's permanent record, or shared with anyone not directly involved in the proceedings.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Charter School will maintain student records in accordance with Education Code Section 49602 and 5 CCR 16024.

Recommendation for Placement/Expulsion

Upon a recommendation of Placement/ Expulsion by the Principal, the student and the student's parent/guardian or representative will be invited to a conference to determine if the suspension for the student should be extended pending an expulsion hearing. This determination will be made by the Principal upon either of the following determinations: (1) the student's presence will be disruptive to the education process; or (2) the student poses a threat or danger to others. Upon either determination, the student's suspension will be extended pending the results of an expulsion hearing.

Access to Education

For suspensions that are not pending an expulsion hearing, Charter School shall make arrangements to provide the student with classroom material and current assignments to be completed at home during the length of the suspension. For suspensions pending an expulsion hearing, Charter School shall be responsible for the appropriate interim placement of students. Please see "Interim Placement" below for details.

GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION

Jurisdiction

A student may be expelled for prohibited misconduct if the offense is (1) related to school activity; (2) school attendance occurring at MPS or at any other school; or (3) a MPS sponsored event. A student may be expelled for offenses that are described below and related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, and of the following:

- a) while on school grounds;
- b) while going to or coming from school;

c) during the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus; or

d) during, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity.

Expulsion (Mandatory and Discretionary Offenses)

Category I

The Principal shall immediately suspend and recommend expulsion when the following occur on school campus or at a school activity off campus, for any of the following reasons:

1. Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm, as defined below. E.C. 48915(c)(1)
2. Brandishing a knife at another person. E.C. 48915(c)(2)
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance. E.C. 48915(c)(3)
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery, as defined in the enumerated offenses, above. E.C. 488915(c)(4);
5. Possession of an explosive, as defined below. E.C. 48915(c)(5)

If it is determined that a student has brought a fire arm or destructive device, as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, on to campus or to have possessed a firearm or dangerous device on campus, the student shall be expelled for one year, pursuant to the Federal Gun Free Schools Act of 1994.

The term "firearm" means (A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device.

The term "destructive device" means (A) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, including but not limited to: (i) bomb, (ii) grenade, (iii) rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, (iv) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, (v) mine, or (vi) device similar to any of the devices described in the preceding clauses.

Category II

The Principal has limited discretion with Category II student offenses listed below. The Principal must recommend expulsion when any of the following occur at school or at a school activity off campus, unless the Principal determines that expulsion is inappropriate (E.C. 48915[a]):

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense. E.C. 48915(a)(1); 48900(a)(1), and 48900(a)(2).
2. Possession of a knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil. E.C. 48915(a)(2); 48900(b)
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, except for the first offence of less than an ounce of marijuana. E.C. 48915(a)(3); 48900(c).
4. Robbery or extortion. E.C. 48915(a)(4); 48900(e).
5. Assault or battery upon any school employee. E.C. 48915(a)(5); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(a)(2)

Category III

The Principal may recommend expulsion when any of the following Category III offenses occur at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds; while on school grounds; while going to or coming from school; during the lunch period, whether on or off the campus; or during, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity:

1. Category I and II offenses that are related to a school activity or school attendance, but that did not occur on school campus or at a school activity.
2. Caused or attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person, unless the injury is serious, as set forth under the Category II offenses.. (Unless, in the case of "caused," injury is serious. [See II.1]). E.C. 48900(a)(1); 48915(b)
3. First offense of possession of marijuana of not more than one ounce, or possession of alcohol. E.C. 48900(c); 48915(b)
4. Sold, furnished, or offered a substitute substance represented as a controlled substance. E.C. 48900(d); 38915(b)
5. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property. E.C. 48900(f); 48915(e)
6. Stole or attempted to steal school or private property. E.C. 48900(g); 48915(e)
7. Possessed or used tobacco. E.C. 48900(h); 48915(e)
8. Committed an obscene act or engage in habitual profanity or vulgarity. E.C. 48900(i); 48915(e)
9. Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. E.C. 48900(j); 48915(e)
10. Knowingly received stolen school or private property. E.C. 48900(l); 48915(e)
11. Possessed an imitation firearm. E.C. 48900(m); 48915(e)

12. Engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils or school district personnel. E.C. 48900.4**; 48915(e)
13. Engaged in sexual harassment (applicable to grades 4 through 12 only). E.C. 48900.2**; 48915(e)
14. Caused or attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence (applicable to grades 4 through 12 only). E.C. 48900.3**; 48915(e)
15. Made terrorist threats against school officials or school property, or both. E.C. 48900.7; 48915(e)
16. Willfully use force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. E.C. 48900(a)(2); 48915(b)
17. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or a witness in a disciplinary action. E.C. 48900(o); 48915(e)
18. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. E.C. 48900(p); 48915(e)
19. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing, as defined in Section 32050. E.C. 48900(q); 48915(e)
20. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of electronic act directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel. E.C. 48900(r); 48915 (e)

Additional Findings

For all Category II and III offenses (Category I offenses do not require additional findings), the student may be expelled only if one or both of the following findings are substantiated:

- a) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.
- b) Due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others.

The following chart delineates the mandatory and discretionary offenses that have been listed above.

Matrix for Student Suspension & Expulsion Recommendations

CATEGORY I Must Recommend Expulsion (MANDATORY)	CATEGORY II Shall Recommend Expulsion Unless Particular Circumstances Render Inappropriate (QUASI-MANDATORY)
Principal shall immediately suspend and recommend expulsion when the following occur at school or at a school activity off campus. (E.C. 48915[c])	Principal must recommend expulsion when the following occur at school or at a school activity off campus unless the principal determines that the expulsion is inappropriate. (E.C. 48915[a])
1. Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm E.C. 48915(c)(1); 48900(b)	1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense E.C. 48915(a)(1); 48900(a)(1), maybe also 48900(a)(2)
2. Brandishing a knife at another person E.C. 48915(c)(2); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(b)	2. Possession of any knife, explosive, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil E.C. 48915(a)(2); 48900(b)
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance E.C. 48915(c)(3); 48900(c)	3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, except for the first offense of no more than an ounce of marijuana E.C. 48915(a)(3); 48900(c)
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery (as defined in 48900[n]) E.C. 48915(c)(4); 48900(n)	4. Robbery or extortion E.C. 48915(a)(4); 48900(e)
5. Possession of an explosive E.C. 48915(c)(2); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(b)	5. Assault or battery upon any school employee E.C. 48915(a)(5); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(a)(2)

For Categories II and III, the school must provide evidence of one or both of the following ***additional findings***:

- (1) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct,
- (2) Due to the nature of the act, the student's presence causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

CATEGORY III**May Recommend Expulsion (DISCRETIONARY)**

Principal **may** recommend expulsion when the following occur at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds; while going to or coming from school; during the lunch period, whether on or off the campus; or during, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity.

1. **Any behavior listed in Category I or II that is related to school activity or school attendance but that did not occur on campus or at a school activity off campus.**
2. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. **(Unless, in the case of "caused," the injury is serious. [See II.1])** E.C. 48900(a)(1)
3. First offense of possession of marijuana of not more than one ounce, or alcohol. E.C. 48900(c)
4. Sold, furnished, or offered a substitute substance represented as a controlled substance. E.C. 48900(d)
5. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property. E.C. 48900(f)
6. Stole or attempted to steal school or private property. E.C. 48900(g)
7. Possessed or used tobacco. E.C. 48900(h)
8. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity. E.C. 48900(i)
9. Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. E.C. 48900(j)
10. Knowingly received stolen school or private property. E.C. 48900(l)
11. Possessed an imitation firearm. E.C. 48900(m)
12. Engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils or school district personnel. E.C. 48900.4** (***Grades 4 through 12 inclusive*)
13. Engaged in sexual harassment. E.C. 48900.2** (***Grades 4 through 12 inclusive*)
14. Caused, attempted or threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence E.C. 48900.3** (***Grades 4 through 12 inclusive*)
15. Made terrorist threats against school officials or school property, or both. E.C. 48900.7
16. Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. E.C. 48900(a)(2)
17. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a disciplinary action. E.C. 48900(o)
18. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma E.C. 48900(p)
19. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing, as defined in Section 32050. E.C. 48900(q)
20. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of electronic act directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel. E.C. 48900(r)

EXPULSION PROCEDURES

Authority to Expel

A student may be expelled by an Administrative Panel to be assigned by the Board as needed. The Administrative Panel will include three or more certificated persons, none of whom have been members of the Board or on the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled. The Administrative Panel may expel any student found to have committed an expellable offense.

Expulsion Hearing

Students recommended for expulsion are entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within thirty (30) school days after the Principal determines that the Student has committed an expellable offense.

After an Administrative Panel hears the case, it will make a determination whether to expel.

Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the student and the student's parent/guardian at least ten (10) calendar days before the date of the hearing. Upon mailing the notice, it shall be deemed served upon the student. The notice shall include:

1. The date and place of the expulsion hearing;
2. A statement of specific facts, charges and offenses upon which the proposed expulsion is based;
3. A copy of MPS' disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation;
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to provide information about the student's status at the school to any other school district or school to which the student seeks enrollment;
5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person or to employ and be represented by counsel or a non-attorney advisor;
6. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing;
7. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing;
8. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf including witnesses.

Special procedures for Expulsion Hearings Involving Sexual Assault or Battery Offenses

MPS may, upon finding a good cause, determine that the disclosure of either the identity of the witness or the testimony of that witness at the hearing, or both, would subject the witness to an unreasonable risk of psychological or physical harm. Upon this

determination, the testimony of the witness may be presented at the hearing in the form of sworn declarations which shall be examined only by the Board, administrative panel, or the hearing officer. Copies of these sworn declarations, edited to delete the name and identity of the witness, shall be made available to the student.

1. The complaining witness in any sexual assault or battery case must be provided with a copy of the applicable disciplinary rules and advised of his/her right to (a) receive five days notice of his/her scheduled testimony, (b) have up to two (2) adult support persons of his/her choosing present in the hearing at the time he/she testifies, which may include a parent, guardian, or legal counsel, and (c) elect to have the hearing closed while testifying.
2. MPS must also provide the victim a room separate from the hearing room for the complaining witness' use prior to and during breaks in testimony.
3. At the discretion of the person or panel conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he or she may leave the hearing room.
4. The person conducting the expulsion hearing may also arrange the seating within the hearing room to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness.
5. The person conducting the expulsion hearing may also limit time for taking the testimony of the complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours.
6. Prior to a complaining witness testifying, the support persons must be admonished that the hearing is confidential. Nothing in the law precludes the person presiding over the hearing from removing a support person whom the presiding person finds is disrupting the hearing. The person conducting the hearing may permit any one of the support persons for the complaining witness to accompany him or her to the witness stand.
7. If one or both of the support persons is also a witness, MPS must present evidence that the witness' presence is both desired by the witness and will be helpful to MPS. The person presiding over the hearing shall permit the witness to stay unless it is established that there is a substantial risk that the testimony of the complaining witness would be influenced by the support person, in which case the presiding official shall admonish the support person or persons not to prompt, sway, or influence the witness in any way. Nothing shall preclude the presiding officer from exercising his or her discretion to remove a

person from the hearing whom he or she believes is prompting, swaying, or influencing the witness.

8. The testimony of the support person shall be presented before the testimony of the complaining witness and the complaining witness shall be excluded from the courtroom during that testimony.
9. Especially for charges involving sexual assault or battery, if the hearing is to be conducted in the public at the request of the student being expelled, the complaining witness shall have the right to have his/her testimony heard in a closed session when testifying at a public meeting would threaten serious psychological harm to the complaining witness and there are not alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm. The alternative procedures may include videotaped depositions or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing by means of closed-circuit television.
10. Evidence of specific instances of a complaining witness' prior sexual conduct is presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard absent a determination by the person conducting the hearing that extraordinary circumstances exist requiring the evidence be heard. Before such a determination regarding extraordinary circumstances can be made, the witness shall be provided notice and an opportunity to present opposition to the introduction of the evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of the evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of the complaining witness is not admissible for any purpose.

Record of Expulsion Hearing

A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made.

Presentation of Evidence

While technical rules of evidence do not apply to expulsion hearings, evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. A recommendation by the Administrative Panel to expel must be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed an expellable offense.

Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. While hearsay evidence is admissible, no decision to expel shall be based solely on hearsay and sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses of whom the Board, Panel or designee determines that disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm.

If, due to a written request by the accused student, the hearing is held at a public meeting, and the charge is committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery as defined in Education Code Section 48900, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his or her testimony heard in a session closed to the public.

The decision of the Administrative Panel shall be in the form of written findings of fact.

If the Administrative Panel decides not to recommend expulsion, the student shall immediately be returned to his/her educational program.

Written Notice to Expel

The Principal or designee following a decision of the Administrative Panel to expel shall send written notice of the decision to expel, including the Administrative Panel's adopted findings of fact, to the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall also include the following:

1. Notice of the specific offense committed by the student
2. Notice of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with MPS
3. The reinstatement eligibility review date; a copy of the rehabilitation plan; the type of educational placement during the period of expulsion, and notice of appeal rights/procedures

The Principal or designee shall send a copy of the written notice of the decision to expel to the student's district of residence. This notice shall include the following:

1. The student's name
2. The specific expellable offense committed by the student

Disciplinary Records

MPS shall maintain records of all student suspensions and expulsions at MPS. Such records shall be made available to the District upon request.

Expulsion Appeals

In order to appeal an expulsion, the student/parent/guardian must submit a written appeal to the CEO of MPS outlining the reason for the appeal, attaching any supporting documentation, within ten (10) calendar days of being informed of the expulsion.

In response to the written request for an appeal, the CEO of MPS shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board shall convene a hearing on the

appeal within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of a timely written request for an appeal.

At the hearing on the appeal, the student shall have the right to present evidence. The Board will consider evidence and/or testimony as appropriate and will render a written decision that shall be in the best interest of the student and the Charter School. That decision shall be final.

Interim Placement

Charter School shall be responsible for the appropriate interim placement of students during and pending the completion of the Charter School's student expulsion process and shall facilitate the post-expulsion placement of expelled students.

Charter School shall work with the District for an interim placement or other alternative program. Should Charter School determine after the referral that the student will remain at the charter school pending the expulsion hearing based on the best interest of the student, or if Charter School secures another alternative interim placement at another charter school or school within its CMO, if appropriate and aligned with applicable charter petitions, Charter School will notify the District of such determination.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Bullying

The Charter School shall comply with Education Code Section 234 et seq. regarding bullying.

Special Procedures for the Consideration of Suspension and Expulsion of Students with Disabilities

1. Notification of SELPA

The Charter School shall immediately notify the SELPA and coordinate the procedures in this policy with the SELPA of the discipline of any student with a disability or student who the Charter School or SELPA would be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability.

2. Services During Suspension

Students suspended for more than ten (10) school days in a school year shall continue to receive services so as to enable the student to continue to participate in the general education curriculum, although in another setting, and to progress toward meeting the goals set out in the child's IEP/504 Plan; and receive, as appropriate, a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications, that are designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur. These services may be provided in an interim alternative educational setting.

3. Procedural Safeguards/ Manifestation Determination

Within ten (10) school days of a recommendation for expulsion or any decision to change the placement of

a child with a disability because of a violation of a code of student conduct, the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team shall review all relevant information in the student's file, including the child's IEP/504 Plan, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by the parents to determine:

- a. If the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the child's disability; or
- b. If the conduct in question was the direct result of the local educational agency's failure to implement the IEP/504 Plan.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team determine that either of the above is applicable for the child, the conduct shall be determined to be a manifestation of the child's disability.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team make the determination that the conduct was a manifestation of the child's disability, the IEP/504 Team shall:

- a. Conduct a functional behavioral assessment and implement a behavioral intervention plan for such child, provided that the Charter School had not conducted such assessment prior to such determination before the behavior that resulted in a change in placement;
- b. If a behavioral intervention plan has been developed, review the behavioral intervention plan if the child already has such a behavioral intervention plan, and modify it, as necessary, to address the behavior; and
- c. Return the child to the placement from which the child was removed, unless the parent and the Charter School agree to a change of placement as part of the modification of the behavioral intervention plan.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team determine that the behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability and that the conduct in question was not a result of the failure to implement the IEP/504 Plan, then the Charter School may apply the relevant disciplinary procedures to children with disabilities in the same manner and for the same duration as the procedures would be applied to students without disabilities.

4. Due Process Appeals

The parent of a child with a disability who disagrees with any decision regarding placement, or the manifestation determination, or the Charter School believes that maintaining the current placement of the child is substantially likely to result in injury to the child or to others, may request an expedited administrative hearing through the Special Education Unit of the Office of Administrative Hearings or by

utilizing the dispute provisions of the 504 Policy and Procedures.

When an appeal relating to the placement of the student or the manifestation determination has been requested by either the parent or the Charter School, the student shall remain in the interim alternative educational setting pending the decision of the hearing officer or until the expiration of the forty-five (45) day time period provided for in an interim alternative educational setting, whichever occurs first, unless the parent and the Charter School agree otherwise.

5. Special Circumstances

Charter School personnel may consider any unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis when determining whether to order a change in placement for a child with a disability who violates a code of student conduct.

The Principal or designee may remove a student to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than forty-five (45) days without regard to whether the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability in cases where a student:

- a. Carries or possesses a weapon, as defined in 18 USC 930, to or at school, on school premises, or to or at a school function;
- b. Knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs, or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance, while at school, on school premises, or at a school function; or
- c. Has inflicted serious bodily injury, as defined by 20 USC 1415(k)(7)(D), upon a person while at school, on school premises, or at a school function.

6. Interim Alternative Educational Setting

The student's interim alternative educational setting shall be determined by the student's IEP/504 Team.

7. Procedures for Students Not Yet Eligible for Special Education Services

A student who has not been identified as an individual with disabilities pursuant to IDEIA and who has violated the Charter School's disciplinary procedures may assert the procedural safeguards granted under this administrative regulation only if the Charter School had knowledge that the student was disabled before the behavior occurred.

The Charter School shall be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability if one of the following conditions exists:

- a. The parent/guardian has expressed concern in writing, or orally if the parent/guardian does not know how to write or has a disability that prevents a written statement, to Charter School supervisory or

administrative personnel, or to one of the child's teachers, that the student is in need of special education or related services.

- b. The parent has requested an evaluation of the child.
- c. The child's teacher, or other Charter School personnel, has expressed specific concerns about a pattern of behavior demonstrated by the child, directly to the director of special education or to other Charter School supervisory personnel.

If the Charter School knew or should have known the student had a disability under any of the three (3) circumstances described above, the student may assert any of the protections available to IDEIA-eligible children with disabilities, including the right to stay-put.

If the Charter School had no basis for knowledge of the student's disability, it shall proceed with the proposed discipline. The Charter School shall conduct an expedited evaluation if requested by the parents; however the student shall remain in the education placement determined by the Charter School pending the results of the evaluation.

The Charter School shall not be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability if the parent has not allowed an evaluation, refused services, or if the student has been evaluated and determined to not be eligible.

Required Notification

If a pupil is expelled or leaves the Charter School without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, the Charter School shall notify the superintendent of the school district of the pupil's last known address within 30 days, and shall, upon request, provide that school district with a copy of the cumulative record of the pupil, including a transcript of grades or report card and health information.

GENERAL POLICIES

A. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MPS will offer a range of activities that will enrich student development during and after school. Because the safety of students is very important to us, specific rules will apply to these activities.

School administration reserves the right to refuse any body to attend these activities based on academic and behavioral concerns. However, no student will be excluded from any MPS activity based solely on the basis of disability.

Athletic Activities:

A concussion is a brain injury that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications, including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. MPS offers an athletic program, and so we must immediately remove from the school-sponsored athletic activity for the remainder of the day an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during that activity. The athlete may not return to that activity until he or she is evaluated by, and receives written clearance from, a licensed health care provider. If the licensed health care provider determines the athlete has a concussion or head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than 7 days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.

Additionally, on a yearly basis, MPS must provide a concussion and head injury information sheet to athletes, which must be signed and returned by the athlete and the athlete's parent/guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. This requirement does not apply to an athlete engaging in an athletic activity during the regular schoolday or as part of a physical education course. MPS shall distribute this information sheet to athletes prior to the start of the athletic season. Copies are also available in the main office of each MPS school.

Field Trips:

Field Trips offer exciting ways to learn. MPS students may have the opportunity to go on field trips at various times throughout the school year.

MPS plans many field trips, weekend getaways, summer camp, and the Europe Trip during spring break.

Students must bring to school a Field Trip Permission Slip signed by a parent or guardian by the specified date. Phone calls will not be accepted as permission for students to attend.

Academic Tutoring Program:

- Tutoring will be available as part of the MPS after-school program.
- Students can receive tutoring from faculty and volunteers from local universities.
- The program will benefit all students.
- The sessions will generally occur after school; some may be scheduled on the weekends.
- Upon availability, Saturday tutoring is available to all students who wish to improve their academic skills. We offer math and SAT/ACT prep. All students are welcome to join at specified times.

After School Activities:

MPS offers a variety of after school tutoring, clubs, sports, and activities for all students free of charge. There is no better way for students to enrich their education than by taking part in clubs, after-school activities or working with a teacher (Tutoring). These opportunities allow students to explore more deeply things they already enjoy and to try other areas that sound interesting. Students who stay for an after-school activity must follow these rules:

- Be with a teacher or other staff member at all times.
- Arrange to have their transportation pick them up at the end of the activity.
- Abide by the MPS code of student conduct and all school rules and policies as outlined in the handbook while participating in the activity.

Students who are disruptive, disrespectful, or who do not follow the rules will be prohibited from participating in the after school program.

Students not participating in after school activities may not stay after school to wait for another student.

A full list and description of after school clubs and activities will be posted after school starts. We strongly encourage our students to explore and take advantage of these after school opportunities.

MPS is not responsible for students on campus who are not participating in after school activities or who remain on campus after the completion of the after school activity. Those students must leave the campus within ten minutes of school or after dismissal time. Following is the MPS policy regarding students left on campus after school hours. Contact the office of each MPS school for more information.

POLICY REGARDING STUDENTS LEFT ON CAMPUS AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Magnolia Public Schools ("MPS") is committed to providing a safe campus for all students. When

students are left on school property after the close of business hours, MPS will follow certain steps to ensure students are safe until their parents/guardians come to pick them up. In the event students are left on campus after school hours, MPS staff will:

1. Notify the principal or designee immediately.
2. Attempt to reach parents/guardians through the phone number provided to the School by parents/guardians at the beginning of the year. This may include contacting any emergency contact(s) listed for the student.
3. If a staff person becomes aware a child is on campus more than ten minutes after dismissal of the regular school day or after school activity, the staff person or another employee will remain on site until an adult, including but not limited to an emergency contact, police officer, or social worker, retrieves the student.
4. Notify the principal or designee after the ten minutes after dismissal has passed if there is a possibility that law enforcement may be called to assist the student.
5. As a last resort, contact law enforcement and/or child welfare services who may remove the student and may assume responsibility for the student until the parent/guardian retrieves the student.
6. In cases of repeated incidents where parents/guardians have been late in picking up their child, notify the parents/guardians in writing of parental responsibilities and consequences for their child. A consequence may include: refusal to allow the student to attend after school programs if the parent is repeatedly late in retrieving the child.

B. ILLNESS, INJURY, AND MEDICATION POLICIES

MPS does not have a nurse on staff. Consistent with doctor's orders, properly trained office staff can assist students with basic first aid treatment; however office staff is not registered nurse. Students sent to the office or visiting the office claiming that they are ill will be quickly evaluated by the office staff. If a student needs treatment beyond basic first aid, Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick him/her up.

Illness or Injury during the school day:

If a student becomes ill or injured during the school day, s/he must report to the Main Office. Do not leave the building without permission. Any absence or departure from class that is not first cleared through the office will be considered unexcused.

Illness at Home:

If a student is not physically well prior to the beginning of the school day, the office should be informed and the student should be kept at home.

Medications:

- Medication shall be administered during school hours only if determined by a physician to be necessary.
- All medications must be in the original container.
- The container must be clearly marked with the students first and last name.
- A "Request for Medication to be Taken During School Hours" must accompany all medication, containing instructions for administration, including exact times and dosages. The "Request for Medication to be Taken During School Hours" will be filed in the student's folder. This form can be obtained from the Main Office. This form shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for the administration changes.
- All medications are to be delivered to the Main Office in their original containers, with the name of the student, medication, dosage, and frequency of administration clearly marked. Extra medication should be picked up by the parent/guardian at the completion of the medication regimen or end of the school year, whichever is earlier. The school is not liable for any medication not picked up after the end of the school year.
- MPS staff shall keep records of medication administered at MPS.
- Medication will be kept in a secure and appropriate storage location at each MPS school, and administered per physician's instructions by appropriately designated staff.
- Administration will consult with the parent/guardian and student's medical professionals to establish a written plan for Students with chronic health issues or conditions that require specific medication regimens or health plans, such as diabetes, asthma, etc.

Epinephrine Auto-Injectors:

Trained MPS personnel who have volunteered may use epinephrine auto-injectors to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from, an anaphylactic reaction. MPS will ensure it has the appropriate type of epinephrine auto-injector on site (i.e., regular or junior) to meet the needs of its pupils. MPS will ensure staff properly store, maintain, and restock the epinephrine auto-injectors as needed.

MPS will ensure any school personnel who volunteer are appropriately trained regarding the storage and emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors based on the standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. MPS will distribute an annual notice to all staff describing the request for volunteers who will be trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person if that person is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from, anaphylaxis. The annual notice shall also describe the training the volunteer will receive.

Contagious Diseases:

If, during the course of the year, a child develops any contagious disease or condition, please notify the school immediately so that precautions can be taken and appropriate notifications sent home.

The School reserves the right to notify the municipal bodies and Department of Health if necessary under federal and state laws.

Diabetes Information Sheet:

MPS will provide an information sheet regarding Type 2 Diabetes to the parent or guardian of incoming 7th grade students, pursuant to Education Code Section 49452.7. The information sheet shall include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following:

1. A description of Type 2 Diabetes.
2. A description of the risk factors and warning signs associated with Type 2 Diabetes.
3. A recommendation that students displaying or possibly suffering from risk factors or warning signs associated with Type 2 Diabetes should be screened for Type 2 Diabetes.
4. A description of treatments and prevention of methods of Type 2 Diabetes.
5. A description of the different types of diabetes screening tests available.

Oral Health Assessment:

Students enrolled in kindergarten in a public school or while enrolled in first grade if the pupil was not previously enrolled in kindergarten in a public school are required to have an oral health assessment completed by a dental professional. Please contact the office if you have questions about this requirement. MPS provides the appropriate forms to incoming students to be completed by the oral health professional to satisfy this requirement. Please see the main office at your MPS school if you need another copy of this form.

C. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT

Since your child's education is a continuing process, parent cooperation, support, and assistance are needed if we are to be successful. Together, we can make a positive difference in your children's lives. The following are ways that we can work to fulfill our common goals:

Parents/Guardians are asked to:

- Be a good listener to both your child and the school staff when conflicts arise.
- Be a positive role model for your child.
- Contact the school as necessary.
- Participate as fully as possible in volunteer opportunities, student presentations, parenting programs, special projects, and assembly events.
- Be familiar with MPS student handbook and explain it as necessary.

D. PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

- Parents are encouraged and are always welcomed to discuss the progress or problems of their children with the school faculty when an appointment is made prior.
- Parents may not disturb a teacher during school hours.
- An appointment is required for all conferences.
- To make an appointment with a teacher, call the main office or email them directly.
- Please do not attempt to have an impromptu conference with a teacher on campus as appointments are mandatory.
- If your question relates to the classroom, please ask the appropriate teacher.
- Any question involving a student's work or behavior must be discussed with the teacher before it is discussed with the administration.
- Parents are expected to make every reasonable effort to cooperate with the teachers and school staff to help their child have a successful educational experience.
- Parents who wish to observe their child's classes need to make arrangements with the teacher whom they like to visit and get approval from administration at least a day prior to their visit.
- Parent/teacher/student conferences are strongly encouraged when an appointment is made prior.

E. HOME VISITS

- Research has shown that one of the keys to successful teaching and schooling is creating personal connections with students. MPS teachers visit students at their homes to enhance student learning and involvement. Family visits offer invaluable insights about students. They can provide new understanding about students' learning styles. Visits might also reveal the emotional and social needs and behaviors of students. It is helpful to know if they react to problems with tears, anger, or withdrawal, and how they socialize with peers. Through family visits, teachers can identify students' latest interests or concerns, such as a new hobby, an upcoming trip, or a change in the family.
- For most students home and school are two different domains. Especially for minority students even the people, languages, foods, rules, duties, and concerns are different in these two worlds. They do not intersect considerably. Parents and the teachers are critical partners in educating the "whole child." However, parent conferences and other school-hosted meetings do not provide sufficient means for the parties to communicate enough and effectively and to show the student that they are on the same team. Home visits are the teachers' attempt to break the virtual border between the partners, which is most of the time successful.

F. CONTACTING YOUR CHILD DURING SCHOOL HOURS

- Parents/Guardians should only contact the main office if they must leave a message for their child in case of an emergency. Students will not be disrupted during school hours for non-emergency reasons. In case of an emergency, the message will be given to the student by office personnel.
- Parents/Guardians should not contact their child's cellular phone during school hours; students are required to turn off all electronic devices, including cellular phones, and put them away and out of sight.

G. VISITORS

All visitors including parents and guardians must report to the main office when they arrive, sign in and obtain a visitor's pass if they are to go to any part of the building. To prevent interruption to the instructional program, we request that all items brought to the schools are left in the office labeled with the name of the teacher and student. Student visitors are NOT permitted, at any time, on campus. Visitors must make prior arrangements with administration and must be approved to visit MPS at any time. Please see the Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation, Shadowing, and Removal Policy in this Handbook for more details.

Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation, Shadowing, and Removal Policy

General Visitation Guidelines

Magnolia Public Schools ("MPS") encourages parents/guardians and interested members of the community to visit MPS and view the educational program. No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without the teacher's and principal's written permission.

To ensure the safety of students and staff as well as to minimize interruption of the instructional program, MPS has established the following procedures to facilitate visits during regular school days:

1. Visits during school hours should first be arranged with the teacher and principal or designee, at least three (3) days in advance. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non-instructional time, at least three days in advance. Parents seeking to visit a classroom during school hours must first obtain the written approval of the classroom teacher and the principal or designee.
2. All visitors shall register with the front office immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when during regular school hours. When registering, the visitor is required to provide his/her name, address, age (if under 21), his/her purpose for entering school grounds, and

proof of identity. For purposes of school safety and security, the principal or designee have designated that each visitor wear a visitor's pass as a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises.

3. A principal, or designee, may refuse to register a visitor if it is believed that the presence of the visitor would cause a threat of disruption or physical injury to teachers, other employees, or students.
4. A principal or designee may withdraw consent to be on campus even if the visitor has a right to be on campus whenever there is reason to believe that the person has willfully disrupted or is likely to disrupt the school's orderly operation. If consent is withdrawn by someone other than the principal, the principal may reinstate consent for the visitor if the principal believes that the person's presence will not constitute a disruption or substantial and material threat to the school's orderly operation. Consent cannot be withdrawn for more than fourteen (14) days.
5. The principal or designee may request that a visitor who has failed to register, or whose registration privileges have been denied or revoked, promptly leave school grounds. When a visitor is directed to leave, the principal or designee shall inform the visitor that if he/she reenters the school without following the posted requirements he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor.
6. The principal or designee shall seek the assistance of the police in dealing with or reporting any visitor in violation of this policy.

"Shadowing" Guidelines

"Shadowing" gives parents and students an opportunity to observe instruction during an ordinary school day and can help open dialog between parents and students about school. Parents are welcome to shadow their children, that is, to follow them through their school day. In order to maximize the benefits of shadowing, we request that parents adhere to the following guidelines:

- Follow the above procedure for providing three (3) days advance notice of your visit, signing in at the Office when arriving to the School, and obtaining a visitor's pass. Notice of your visit and intent to shadow should be provided by completing the below form and submitting it to the School at least three (3) days in advance of your visit.
- Shadowing is not a time for parent/teacher conferences. If you desire a conference, please make prior arrangements with your child's teachers.
- To preserve the academic environment, please do not take part in the lesson unless invited to do so by the teacher. Do not visit with your child or

other students during class time. At no time may visiting parents address other students directly. Visitors are not allowed to record audio or video, or take photos. Should you have any concerns, report them to the school administrators.

- Meet with the school administration to debrief your visit.

MPS administration has the right to withdraw consent for a visitor to be on campus, as described above. All persons making the visit shall be deemed to have waived claims against the school for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of visit.

H. SCHOOL INFORMATION SYSTEM

Parents, as well as students, will have access to their child's grades in each class, missing/incomplete/upcoming assignments, upcoming tests/projects, discipline, communication log, and teacher contact information. Each parent will be provided with a username and password to have access throughout the school year, 24 hours a day.

All discipline entries will remain on SIS for the entire year.

I. PHONE USE

In case of emergency, students may go to the office with a hall pass from a teacher.

Please note: The office phone is for emergency calls only.

J. NEWSLETTER

- Communications regarding school activities from faculty to parents/guardians and students will be sent home periodically.
- Copies of the newsletter are available at the school office.

K. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

MPS policy regarding possession of cellular phones, any personal electronic devices, iPods, MP3 players, cameras, video cameras, laptops, and recording devices is as follows:

- From the moment a student arrives on campus to the time that the student leaves the campus, the power of the electronic device must be turned off and all devices are to be out of sight, secure with the student's belongings in a backpack or purse. The duration of the non-permitted use includes before school on school grounds, instructional time, passing periods, lunch time, and tutoring. At no time, shall the educational program or school activity be interrupted.
- The school is not liable if such devices are damaged, lost or stolen. The use of these devices or their ringing/vibrating during school

time will be considered a disruption of school activities and subject to disciplinary action which will include confiscation and discipline entry.

- All confiscated devices will be returned to the parent/guardian accompanied by the student at the end of the school day.

L. LOST AND FOUND

There will be a lost and found box in the school. If you find books, clothing, or personal items on school grounds, please bring the items to the main office. Items not picked up will be donated monthly.

M. PE LOCKERS

- When available, lockers are provided for physical education class during that period only.
- Lockers are not assigned to students.
- The lockers are school property; anything placed in them or brought to campus is subject to inspection at the discretion of the administration.
- Students are responsible for all items in their locker.
- Students may be provided with a lock or allowed to bring a lock for their gym lockers and use it for the period with the condition of removing them daily. Please check with the school administration for specifics.

MPS does not accept any responsibility for stolen or lost money, clothing, valuables or other articles.

N. TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks and work books are issued at teacher's discretion. Students may be assigned a set of textbooks in addition to a classroom set. Students are responsible for the care of all textbooks and work books. Books are to be returned to the school in good condition at the end of the school year or at the time a student transfers out to another school.

Students will be required to report any damages to the textbooks to their classroom teachers. Parents/Guardians will be held responsible for the loss or willful cutting, defacing, or otherwise damaging of MPS textbooks, up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), adjusted annually for inflation.

O. MEAL PROGRAM

- Students must submit the MPS meal program application before the first day of school.
- Students are responsible for adding funds to their meal account if they pay reduced or full price.
- An outstanding balance of \$5.00 or more will not allow students to receive a meal. Students are

responsible for making sure their account does not have an outstanding balance.

MPS participates in the National School Lunch Program. Applications for free or reduced price meals are included in the enrollment packets to all families and can also be obtained on the MPS website and in the main office of each MPS school. All families are encouraged to complete the application form in order to include as many eligible students as possible.

P. EARTHQUAKE AND MAJOR DISASTER PROCEDURES

- Parents may contribute to supply ten dollars (\$10) to cover the cost of a survival kit to be kept at school and used in case of emergency.
- In the event of a fire, major earthquake or major disaster, students are to be evacuated to the assigned area by MPS.
- If the local public schools announce that the students will be dismissed, MPS will do the same.
- Parents are to remain in assigned area and sign out their child with the appropriate staff member because MPS has to account for all students.
- MPS Emergency Dismissal/Evacuation Card information must be updated with any change in information by parents/guardians as soon as it occurs.

Q. STUDENT TRANSFER

- Any student transferring out of Magnolia Public Schools must complete the "Student Transfer Form" which can be obtained from the main office. The form must be completed prior to a student transferring. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to complete the form. The school is not responsible for having it completed.
- It is the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to contact the school that student will be transferring to. It is the parent's responsibility to make all necessary arrangements for a successful transfer.
- If a student will be transferring to another school for the following school year, the parent is still responsible to inform the main office before the last day of school, or last day of attendance.
- All textbooks must be turned in before the last day of attendance in order to complete a successful transfer. Parents/Guardians are responsible to pay for the loss, or willful cutting, defacing, or otherwise damaging of MPS textbooks, up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), adjusted annually for inflation.
- The application of these obligations are enforced notwithstanding any contrary provisions of law applicable to homeless students or foster youth,

R. HOMELESS STUDENTS

It is the policy of MPS that homeless students are provided with a full and equal opportunity to succeed and receive an education. "The term "homeless children and youth" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship. It includes children and youths who (42 USC 11434(a)):

1. Are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
2. Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings;
3. Are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings;
4. Runaway children or children who are abandoned; and
5. Migratory children and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) may be considered homeless if they meet the above definition of "homeless."

Homeless status is determined in cooperation with the parent or guardian. In the case of unaccompanied youth, status is determined by the Homeless Liaison.

School Liaison: The Principal of each MPS school site shall serve as the Homeless Liaison for homeless students ((42 USC 11432(g)(1)(J) & (e)(3)(C).):

Principal

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The Homeless Liaison shall ensure that (42 U.S.C. 11432(g)):

1. Homeless students are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
2. Homeless students enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed at MPS.
3. Homeless students and families receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start and Even Start programs.
4. Parents/guardians are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.
5. Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children is disseminated at places where children receive services, such as schools, shelters, and soup kitchens.
6. Enrollment/admissions disputes are mediated in accordance with law, the MPS charter, and Board policy.

7. Parents/guardians are fully informed of all transportation services, as applicable.
8. The School Liaison collaborates with State coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths.

For any homeless student who enrolls at the School, a copy of the School's complete policy shall be provided at the time of enrollment and at least twice annually.

S. DRESS CODE

MPS has a uniform policy to help create a safe, orderly environment, instill discipline, and eliminate the competition and distractions caused by varied dress styles. Students are expected to arrive in a clean and neat uniform every day. Students will not be allowed to enter the campus if they are not in proper uniform. This uniform policy will be enforced, without exception, from the very first day of school. Please cooperate, display modesty and neatness, and take pride in the MPS uniform. We rely on your understanding and your parents' and/or guardians' support in helping to maintain this uniform policy and follow it daily.

In addition to wearing the school uniform, MPS requires that you follow these additional guidelines in terms of uniform appearance and personal appearance. If you are still unsure about how you should look, or how the uniform should fit, check with administration. Religious head coverings shall be permitted. **If any aspect of the uniform, including clothes, shoes, jewelry, cosmetics, or any type of body adornment, is not explicitly listed as acceptable in this handbook, then that item is not permitted to be worn when the student is at school or representing the school.**

If a student is unable to wear the school uniform to school due to extenuating circumstances, you need to obtain written permission from the school's administration.

Free Dress & Theme Dress Days Code:

Free Dress days are earned at the discretion of the administration. These days are granted at different times of the year for positive behavior and special occasions. Violation of this policy may result in loss of free dress privileges for the remainder of the school year.

- On free dress days, clothing must be in good taste and appropriate for school. Clothing should not be form fitting, revealing, or transparent.
- The school's dress code is strictly enforced during free dress days as well. All students must follow the same guidelines with the exception of not wearing their uniform.
- T-shirts are acceptable; however printing on clothing must be suitable for school, no

inappropriate image(s) or language may be displayed. The administration has discretion in determining appropriateness of images or language on clothing.

- Mini-skirts, skirts, and short shorts are not allowed. Jeans may be worn during free dress days but cannot be tight fitting or baggy.
- Midriffs, backless or side less shirts or dresses, halter tops, or tank tops with less than a 1 inch strap are NOT allowed.
- Hats, gloves, bandanas, or sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in school, except for religious head coverings.
- Neatness and good grooming is required.
- Hairstyles must follow the schools dress code policy.

MPS STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

BOTTOM	<p>Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, or capris are acceptable.</p>	<p>Pants/Skirts/Skorts/Shorts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be baggy or tight fitting. May not be rolled at waist. Waist size must be same as student’s waist size. Top of garment must be at or above hip bone. • Skorts/shorts should be no shorter than your longest finger when standing with your hands by your sides. • Skirts that are above the top of the kneecap should be worn with leggings/tights, and must be no shorter than the longest fingertip. • Pants may not be made from legging or jegging material. • Pants must touch the top of the shoes when the student is standing, but not be long enough to bunch up around the ankle. • The bottom of the skirt, skort, and/or shorts must be no higher than 1 inch above the middle of the kneecap when the student is standing. • Socks may not be worn over pants. • Rubber bands are not allowed on the bottom of pants or ankles. • No Jean style pants. • No Cargo pants/shorts. • Must have a built in pocket not a sewn on pocket. <p>Undergarments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should not be noticeable through or outside of clothing, tops and bottoms. <p>Uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woven Shirt or Polo Shirt must be tucked in neatly at the waist at all times on campus, inside and outside. These shirts may not fit tightly or be baggy. • Undershirts must be short-sleeved if worn. • The student may choose to button, or not button, the top button of the woven shirt. All other buttons of the woven shirt must be buttoned. • Under shirt may not hang out of sleeves. <p>Shoes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptable athletic shoes must be low-profile with minimal design. They must be modest and not attract attention. Shoe laces must match shoes and be in solid color.
	<p>Skirts, pants, shorts, skorts, or capris must be either khaki color or navy blue.</p> <p>Belts (required for all variations of dress uniform):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smooth, straight edge, all black, all blue or all brown belts no wider than 1½ inches with a plain, unadorned buckle (no mesh, rope, or all metal). • The buckle may only have one catch. • Belt must be of correct waist size, so that there is minimal excess length (less than five inches). • Any excess length of belt must be tucked through a belt loop and may not hang down. 	
TOP	<p>White, gray, black or navy blue polo shirts must have the school logo. They may be either short or long sleeved. Hoods may not be worn at school.</p> <p>Top of garment must be no lower than the level of the navel when student is standing. Top of garment must be at or above hipbone when student is standing up.</p>	
FOOTWEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of the shoe must be black, brown, white or gray. Small logos are acceptable. (Shoes must be closed toe.) • “Athletic” shoes for the dress code must be completely black, white or brown. • Plain, unadorned socks or tights (for girls) must always be worn. Color of socks or tights: Black, dark brown, navy blue, or white 	
	<p>No sandals, boots, clogs, mules, slippers, flip flops, high heels, platform shoes or shoes with wheels.</p>	
PE UNIFORM	<p>TOP: Students will wear a solid gray t-shirt, preferably with the MPS logo. MPS sweatpants and MPS sweatshirts may also be worn during PE.</p>	
	<p>BOTTOM: Properly fitting MPS Navy shorts of comfortable length for active participation. Waist size of shorts must be appropriate to student’s waist size. The same rules which apply to the level at which the tops of the dress pants are worn, also apply to PE shorts.</p>	
	<p>FOOTWEAR: Any athletic shoes suitable for basketball, tennis, and field sports. PE shoes may be the same black athletic shoes discussed in the dress uniform section.</p>	

<p>OUTERWEAR</p>	<p>Hats, hoods, caps, and other headgear may not be worn in school buildings, except for religious head coverings. No gloves or finger lacing of any sort are allowed.</p> <p>For colder weather:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPS Navy Crew-Neck and zip V-Neck Sweatshirt, and Jackets are recommended and preferred to be worn on campus, inside and outside. • Sweatshirts and jackets must be solid navy blue or gray. <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If a student is unable to wear the school uniform to school due to extenuating circumstances, you need to check with your school's administration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Each individual MPS campus may include site-specific amendments into the uniform policy addressing local issues.</p>	<p>Jewelry and accessories/Cosmetics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be modest, appropriate for school, and not attract undue attention. • Necklaces: If worn must be underneath uniform. If visible through an open collar, it must be tasteful and formal (no leather or string). Pendants must not be large or attract attention. Must be tucked in collar of shirt. • No "glitter", decorations, or drawing of any kind should be visible on the skin, hair, body, or uniform. • Facial, tongue, and body piercing are not allowed. • Bracelets: Must be tasteful and not attract undue attention. • Visible tattoos are not acceptable. Permanent visible tattoos must be covered by a flesh-tone bandage while at school or representing the school. • Cosmetics must be appropriate for school and not attract undue attention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No brightly colored or glitter eye shadow, or blush. • Mascara and eyeliner should be minimal. • Lipstick should be a natural color. • Earrings must be studs or one (1) inch hoops and worn on earlobe. <p>Hair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme hairstyles, and hair colors that are not natural for the student, are not permitted. Modest highlights in a shade similar to the student's natural hair color, done tastefully, are acceptable. • Colors such as red, blue, purple, green, white, etc. are not permitted. • Hair must be neat, clean, and well kept. • If the hair obstructs the student's sight, then the hair must be pinned or somehow fixed in place, so that it no longer obstructs the student's sight. • Excessive "gel" of any kind is not acceptable, and should not be visible. • Hair may be "spiked" with gel or any similar-acting substance but must be no longer than 1 inch. • Combs may not be left in hair. • No shaving the head bald with a razor. Hair must be at least ½ inch on the top and ¼ inch on the sides and back. • No Mohawks or Fohawks • For male students, hair must not touch shoulder when down. If hair is longer than shoulder length, it must be tied back.
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STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

New technologies are modifying the way in which information may be accessed, communicated and transferred. Those changes also alter instruction and student learning. Magnolia Public Schools ("Charter School") offers students access to technologies that may include Internet access, electronic mail, and equipment, such as computers, tablets, or other multimedia hardware. The Charter School Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the school be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

Educational Purpose

Use of Charter School equipment and access to the Internet via Charter School equipment and resource networks is intended to serve and pursue educational goals and purposes. Student use of the Internet is therefore limited to only those activities that further or enhance the delivery of education. Students and staff have a duty to use Charter School resources only in a manner specified in the Policy.

"Educational purpose" means classroom activities, research in academic subjects, career or professional development activities, Charter School approved personal research activities, or other purposes as defined by the Charter School from time to time.

"Inappropriate use" means a use that is inconsistent with an educational purpose or that is in clear violation of this policy and the Acceptable Use Agreement.

Notice and Use

The Charter School shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of school computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities.

Before a student is authorized to use the Charter School's technological resources, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the Charter School or any Charter School staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Charter School and Charter School personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

Safety

The Charter School shall ensure that all Charter School computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to websites that have no educational purpose and/or contain visual depictions that are obscene, constitute child pornography, or that are

harmful to minors. While the Charter School is able to exercise reasonable control over content created and purchased by the Charter School, it has limited control over content accessed via the internet and no filtering system is 100% effective. Neither the Charter School nor its staff shall be responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence.

To reinforce these measures, the Principal or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services on campus and may have teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers assist in this supervision.

The Principal or designee also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

The Principal or designees shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, maintaining the student's online reputation and ensuring their personal safety by keeping their personal information private, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying. Students are expected to follow safe practices when using Charter School technology.

Students shall not use the Internet to perform any illegal act or to help others perform illegal acts. Illegal acts include, but are not limited to, any activities in violation of local, state, and federal law and/or accessing information designed to further criminal or dangerous activities. Such information includes, but is not limited to, information that if acted upon could cause damage, present a danger, or cause disruption to the Charter School, other students, or the community. Damaging, debilitating or disabling computers, computer networks or systems through the intentional or overuse of electronic distribution or the spreading of computer viruses or other harmful programs shall be prohibited. Any unauthorized online access to other computers by means of hacking into other computers, downloading hacker tools such as port scanners and password crackers designed to evade restrictions shall also be strictly prohibited.

Student use of Charter School computers to access social networking sites is not prohibited, but access is limited to educational purposes only. To the extent possible, the Principal or designee shall block access to such sites on Charter School computers with Internet access. The Principal or designee shall

oversee the maintenance of the Charter School's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use.

All employees shall receive a copy of this policy and the accompanying Acceptable Use Agreement describing expectations for appropriate use of the system and shall also be provided with information about the role of staff in supervising student use of technological resources. All employees shall comply with this policy and the Acceptable Use Agreement, in addition to any separate policies governing employee use of technology.

Student use of school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Compliance with the Charter School's policies and rules concerning computer use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their computer privileges limited and may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion per school policy.

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

The Charter School believes that providing access to technology enhances the educational experience for students. However, student use of school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. To make that experience successful for everyone, students must abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. **Security.** Students shall not impair the security of Charter School technology resources. Students are expected to:
 - a. Safeguard all personal passwords. Students should not share passwords with others and should change passwords frequently. Students are expected to notify an administrator immediately if they believe their student account has been compromised.
 - b. Access technology only with their account or with a shared account as directed by their teacher and not to allow others to use their account or to use the accounts of others, with or without the account owner's authorization.
2. **Authorized Use.** Students may use Charter School technology resources when directed by a teacher, when technology has been designated for open student use (e.g., computers in the library), and for other educational purposes.
3. **Protection Measures.** While the Charter School is able exercise reasonable control over content created and purchased by the Charter School, it has limited control over content accessed via the internet and no filtering system is 100% effective. Neither the Charter School nor its staff shall be responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. The student and parent agree not to hold the Charter School or any Charter School staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Charter School and Charter School personnel for any damages or costs incurred.
4. **Inappropriate Use.** Charter School technology, hardware, software and bandwidth are shared and limited resources and all users have an obligation to use those resources responsibly. Students are provided access to the Charter School technology primarily for educational purposes. Students shall not use Charter School technology or equipment for personal activities or for activities that violate school policy or local law. These include but are not limited to:
 - a. Playing games or online gaming.
 - b. Downloading software, music, movies or other content in violation of licensing requirements, copyright or other intellectual property rights.
 - c. Installing software on Charter School equipment without the permission of a teacher or other authorized Charter School staff person.
 - d. Downloading, viewing or sharing inappropriate content, including pornographic, defamatory or otherwise offensive material.
 - e. Conducting any activity that is in violation of school policy, the student code of conduct or local, state or federal law.
 - f. Engaging in any activity that is harmful to other student(s), including the use of technology to harass, intimidate, bully or otherwise disrupt the educational process.
 - g. Participating in political activities.
 - h. Conducting for-profit business.
 - i. Using hacking tools on the network or intentionally introducing malicious code or viruses into the Charter School's network.
 - j. Using any software or proxy service to obscure either the student's IP address or the sites that the student visits.
 - k. Disabling, bypassing, or attempting to disable or bypass any system monitoring, filtering or other security measures.
 - l. Accessing or attempting to access material or systems on the network that the student is not authorized to access.
5. **No Expectation of Privacy.** Student acknowledges that computer equipment, Internet access networks, email accounts, and any other technology resources are owned by Charter School and provided to students for educational purposes. The Charter School may require staff

to monitor and supervise all access to computer equipment, Internet access networks, and email accounts. To facilitate monitoring of activities, computer screens may be positioned so that they are visible to the staff member supervising the students. The Charter School reserves the right to access stored computer records and communications, files, and other data stored on Charter School equipment or sent over Charter School networks. Such communications, files, and data are not private and may be accessed during routine system maintenance; during inspection of Charter School equipment at the end of the school year/term or agree to use period; and review of individual files or monitoring of individual activity when there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is engaging in an inappropriate use.

6. **Disruptive Activity.** Students should not intentionally interfere with the performance of the Charter School's network or intentionally damage any Charter School technology resources.
7. **Unauthorized Networks.** Students may not create unauthorized wireless networks to access the Charter School's network. This includes establishing wireless access points, wireless routers and open networks on personal devices.
8. **Consequences of Inappropriate Use.** Students who violate this Agreement will be subject to discipline which may include loss of access to Charter School technology resources and/or other appropriate disciplinary or legal action in accordance with the MPS student discipline policy and applicable laws.
9. **Technology Systems/Equipment Care.** Students are not permitted to have food or drink near computers/other technology and must keep equipment and assigned areas free of vandalism.

MPS promotes the use of networked computer technology in its instructional program in order to facilitate learning and teaching. Towards this end, students may be provided with a "device" (computer, laptop / iPad / Chromebook, etc.) for educational activities at school and home. MPS will make every effort to ensure that the MPS technology services are used responsibly by students. Students are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner in accordance with this Agreement, accepted rules of network etiquette, and Federal and State law. Following are some safekeeping instructions for MPS-provided devices. As applicable, students shall:

- Bring their MPS device to school every day, fully charged;
- Never leave the MPS device unattended;
- Never loan the MPS device to other individuals;
- Know where the MPS device is at all times;

- Store the MPS device in the bag/case if provided by MPS; otherwise students are encouraged to purchase protective covers/cases for their devices;
- Store and use the device in a safe location and environment to avoid loss or damage to the device;
- Not remove the Asset Tag or other school property identifiers;
- Charge the MPS device's battery daily;
- Keep food and beverages away from the MPS device;
- Only use a soft cloth or approved screen cleaning solution to clean the screen of the device;
- Not disassemble any part of the MPS device or attempt any repairs;
- Not place decorations (such as stickers, markers, etc.) on the MPS device;
- Understand that the MPS device is subject to inspection at any time without notice and remains the property of MPS;
- Notify MPS by the next school day in the event of loss or damage to the device;
- File a police report in case of theft, vandalism, and other acts covered by MPS' insurance;
- Return the device to MPS when requested by the Technology Department for maintenance and upgrades;
- Return the MPS device and accessories upon demand, upon termination of enrollment and/or at the expiration of the school year in good working condition;
- Be aware that they may be held accountable for damage to a laptop resulting from "user abuse." Examples of "user abuse" include, but are not limited to, the following: leaving cables plugged in when storing the device in the carrying case which can cause broken connectors or ports; using the carrying case/sleeve for carrying textbooks, etc.; eating or drinking while using the device, resulting in damage to the device; storing the device for prolonged periods while in "stand by" or "sleep" mode (overheating can occur).

WAIVER OF PRIVACY RIGHTS

Users of the MPS technology services expressly waive any right of privacy in anything they create, store, send, or receive on the MPS device or through the Internet or any other computer network. Users consent to allowing MPS to access and review all materials users create, store, send, or receive on the device or through the Internet or any other computer network. Users understand that MPS monitors the use of its computer resources.

DISCLAIMER

Electronic information available to students does not imply endorsement of the content by MPS, nor can

MPS guarantee the accuracy of information obtained on the Internet.

MPS makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, with respect to the information technology services it provides. MPS will not be responsible for damages resulting from the use of MPS device and MPS information technology services, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries, service interruptions.

MPS shall not be responsible for any charges or fees resulting from access to the internet or internet resources which are not authorized in writing by MPS.

SIGNATURES

After reading the Student Technology Use Policy and this Acceptable Use Agreement, please note that your signature on the MPS Acknowledgement of Student Handbook page at the end of this Handbook indicates that you agree to the terms and conditions provided here. Please note, the signature of both the parent/guardian and student are mandatory before access may be granted to the technologies available at MPS. This document, which incorporates the Use Policy and procedure, reflects the entire agreement and understanding of all parties.

TITLE I INFORMATION:

MPS receives Title I funding, and is therefore required to provide certain information to parents as well as develop, with parental input, a Parent Involvement Policy. Please see below for these required notices and Policy.

Teacher Qualifications

Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and/or paraprofessionals to parents upon request.

Program Improvement Identification

MPS notifies parents at the start of each school year of any MPS schools that have been identified for Program Improvement. Program Improvement status is determined by the California Department of Education based on its review of student academic performance data in English Language Arts and Mathematics as required by the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 2001. In addition to offering school choice, supplemental education services (SES) are also available for qualifying students attending schools in Program Improvement years 2 and up. Parents will receive letters regarding any MPS school(s) in Program Improvement. Please contact the MPS Principal at each school site for more information regarding Program Improvement or SES.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

I. Introduction

Research has shown that the attitudes, behavior and achievement of children are enhanced when parents or other caregivers are involved in their children's education. To that end, the **Magnolia Public Schools (MPS)** (the "LEA") has adopted this parent involvement policy in order to promote learning and provide a more positive learning experience for the students of its schools.¹ This policy has also been submitted to the California Department of Education with the LEA's Consolidated Application.

II. Involvement in Drafting the LEA Plan

Parents will be involved in the development of the LEA/SSD plan, Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), and the LEA's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). On an annual basis, the LEA will submit California Department of Education ("CDE") –required plans to the Parent Council for review and suggested changes before appropriate plans are submitted to the authorizers and the CDE with the Consolidated Application. In addition, all parents of participating children will annually be invited to review the LEA plan and submit comments.

If the LEA/SSD plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the LEA will submit any comments from parents of participating children with the LEA/SSD plan when it is submitted to the CDE.

III. Involvement in School Review and Improvement

All parents will be involved, to the extent applicable, in the process of school review and improvement. This includes disseminating the results of the local annual review of each school served under Title I, Part A to parents.

In addition, the parents of participating children will be invited to annually review the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy and other Title I, Part A activities and provide comments to the LEA.

Identification of a school for improvement: Before the LEA identifies its school for improvement, for corrective action, or for restructuring, it shall provide the parents of all children enrolled in the school with notice of an opportunity to review the school-level data, including academic assessment data, on which the proposed identification is based. If the **Principal** of the school believes, or a majority of the parents of the students enrolled in such school believe, that the proposed identification is in error for statistical or other substantive reasons, the **Principal** may provide supporting evidence to the LEA, which shall consider that evidence before making a determination.

¹ Within this policy, the word "parent" is employed. This word is intended to reach any caregiver of students enrolled in the LEA's school, including but not limited to, parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, stepparents, etc.

School plan: Parents of participating children will be involved in the development and/or revision of a school plan required of the school identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring, which plan shall be approved by the LEA in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Notice required after school identification: If the LEA's school is identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring, the LEA will promptly provide to all parents of children enrolled in the school (in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand), a notice containing the following:

- An explanation of what the identification means, and how the school compares in terms of academic achievement to other elementary or secondary schools served by the LEA and the CDE;
- The reasons for the identification;
- An explanation of what the LEA or the CDE is doing to address the problem of low achievement;
- An explanation of how the parents can become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement; and
- As applicable, an explanation of the parents' option to transfer their child to another public school under the control of the LEA, return to their district of residence or to obtain supplemental educational services for the child.

Information regarding corrective action taken:

The LEA shall publish and disseminate information regarding any corrective action taken at a school to parents of each student enrolled in the school in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

Restructuring: Whenever a school fails to make adequate yearly progress after 1 full school year of corrective action or when the LEA is required to implement alternative governance, the LEA shall provide prompt notice to parents and provide parents with an adequate opportunity to comment before taking any action and to participate in developing any plan required by ESSA.

IV. Coordination, Technical Assistance, and Other Support

The LEA will provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist its participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance in the following ways:

- The LEA will reserve funds to the school for parent involvement activities as required by law;
- The LEA (board and school leaders) will collaborate to devise a timeline for parental involvement activities throughout the school year and create a follow up tool to ensure that the activities occur.
- The LEA will develop the necessary technical assistance for planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

V. Annual Meeting

Within 60 days of the first day of school, the School shall convene an annual meeting to which all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs are invited and encouraged to attend. The School will hold additional meetings to ensure the maximum parental participation, providing the same information, to be offered at flexible times, such as in the morning or evening.

The information provided at the meetings will inform parents of the School's receipt of Title I, Part A funds and the specific requirements of Title I, Part A. Additionally, parents shall be informed of their rights to be involved in Title I, Part A programs.

VI. Notice

Within 60 days of the beginning of school, the School will send [e.g., via mail, sent home with students, and/or placed in orientation packets and/or registration packets] a notice to [if in a targeted assistance school] [parents of participating children] [or if in a school with a school wide program] [all parents] containing, but not limited to, the following information:

- Information about Title I, Part A programs;
- An explanation of the requirements of Title I, Part A programs;
- A description of the rights parents have for participation in Title I, Part A programs;
- A description (including timing of meetings, location, etc.) of how parents can participate in the planning, review and/or improvement of the parent involvement policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program.
- A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the School, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet;
- An invitation to attend the annual meeting and additional meetings, providing information about the purpose of the meetings and the dates and times.

- A copy of the most current Parent Involvement Policy and a feedback form for parents to comment on its content.

With this notice, the School will include a survey for parents to complete identifying whether they will require transportation, child care or home visits in order to participate in the parental involvement program of the School. If there is sufficient need for transportation or child care at any of the parental involvement activities identified in this policy, the School may provide such services and notify the parents of such provided services.

In addition to mailing this notice to parents of participating children, the School will post the information on its website.

VII. Title I, Part A Program Involvement

In order to involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I, Part A programs, the parent involvement policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program plan, the School will involve parents of participating students as follows:

- The School will conduct at least one Family Learning Night each year where all parents of participating children will be invited to the School to learn about the different Title I, Part A programs, details of this policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program plan. These meetings will be held at flexible times. Additionally, some may be located at community libraries or at parent volunteer homes for those who live far from the School.
- Parents not attending the Family Learning Nights will be contacted by a volunteer by telephone to encourage participation and inform them of future Family Learning Nights.
- The School will publish a regular Newsletter with notification of upcoming participation opportunities.
- The School will create a School Site Council (SSC) where it will plan, review and improve Title I, Part A programs, the parent involvement policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program plan. The SSC will meet at the School and will consist of:

Category (a):

- The principal
- 4 teacher representatives selected by teachers at the school
- 1 other school personnel selected by peers at the school

Category (b):

- 3 parents of students attending the school selected by such parents
- 2 students selected by students attending the school
- 1 community member selected by parents of students attending the school

The SSC shall be constituted to ensure parity between the principal, classroom teachers and other school personnel; (b) equal numbers of parents or other community members selected by parents, and pupils. Classroom teachers shall comprise the majority of persons represented under category (a). (Education Code Section 52852)

Furthermore, Education Code Section 52852 states that parents or community members on the SSC may not be employed by the school district.

Additionally, the SSC will be involved in decisions regarding how funds reserved for parent involvement activities are allotted for those activities.

- Each year, the School will hold an End of School Night, at which parents of participating children will be invited to review Title I, Part A programs, the parent involvement policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program plan and recommend any changes.
- **At least one** of parents of participating children will be invited to accompany School staff on retreats to participate in discussions and sessions dealing with Title I, Part A programs.
- If requested by parents of participating children, the School will schedule regular meetings where parents are able to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children. The School will respond to such suggestions within **48 hours**.
- If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to parents of participating children, the School will submit any parent comments on the plan when it submits the plan to the LEA.

VIII. Building Capacity for Involvement

A. Standards, Assessments, Title I Requirements, Monitoring Progress and Improving Student Achievement

In order to ensure effective parental involvement and support a partnership among the LEA, parents and the community to improve student academic

achievement, the LEA will provide the following programs to assist parents in understanding State academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, Title I requirements, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve the academic achievement of their children (collectively referred to "Standards and Requirements"):

- The LEA will encourage parents to serve on its board of directors;
- The LEA will seek input from the Parent/Guardian Club and the SSC on ways to assist parents to understand the Standards and Requirements.
- The LEA will encourage parents to serve on its board committees.
- The LEA will regularly publish in its Newsletter, and/or on its website, descriptions and explanations of State academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, Title I requirements, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve the academic achievement of their children.
- Regular meetings will be held by the LEA at each school, at community libraries and/or parent volunteer homes to discuss how parents can work with educators to improve their child's academic achievement.
- The LEA will hold Back to School nights to introduce parents to the School's curriculum and its correlation to the State's academic content standards and academic achievement standards.
- Parents will be invited to attend regular classes to learn about State and local academic assessments and to take sample tests.

B. Helping Parents to Work with their Children

In an effort to foster parental involvement, the LEA will provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement through the following programs:

- **Student-Teacher Status Portal:** MPS uses an online web portal to enable parents, students, and teachers to communicate more efficiently. Teachers have a webpage for every class in which they post course material, homework assignments, projects, course grade statistics and records of students' grades on quizzes, tests, class participation and homework assignments. Students and parents use confidential passwords to log on.

Families without home computers will be encouraged to come to the school and use one of the available computer stations. Classes are held at the school on how to use the portal as well as how to access it via free Internet access at public libraries if that is more convenient than coming to the school.

- The LEA will provide parents with access to literacy programs that bond families around reading and using the public library.
- The LEA will provide annual seminars on parenting skills and parent-child communication.
- The school's psychologist will work with parents to better understand their children and the issues facing them.
- The LEA will train parents how to tutor their children in the school.
- Individualized student and parent advisory sessions: Each of LEA teachers and mentors will be assigned to a small group of students. They will arrange two to four meetings at school during the school year to discuss their students' academic achievements.
- One-on-one meetings with the parents of academically low-achieving students to support the parent in providing the student the study environment he/she needs.

C. Education on Parent Involvement

The LEA will annually educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and the School. The training shall take place each year in staff orientations, annual staff development materials and other in-service trainings held throughout the school year.

In order to better understand what works best for the current parents of participating children attending the LEA's schools, the education will take place after the following research is done (which shall be accomplished within the first 90 days of the commencement of the School year):

- **Home Visits:** Research has shown that one of the keys to successful teaching and schooling is creating personal connections with students inside and outside of school.² Knowing the students' outside interests, families, and home routines, and then using this information to connect in meaningful, individualized ways can have huge rewards

² Source:
http://crede.berkeley.edu/products/print/pract_briefs/pb1.shtml

in helping to create happier, healthier, and smarter kids. Recognizing these facts, the LEA will use home visits as one of the important features of its education program to not only improve student and school performance, but also to identify and intervene early with low-achieving students.

The LEA teachers will visit students at their homes to enhance student learning and involvement. Family visits offer invaluable insights about students. They can provide new understanding about students' learning styles. Visits might also reveal the emotional and social needs and behaviors of students. It is helpful to know if they react to problems with tears, anger, or withdrawal, and how they socialize with peers. Through family visits, teachers can identify students' latest interests or concerns, such as a new hobby, an upcoming trip, or a change in the family.

- A phone tree will be established where volunteers call all parents of participating students to solicit feedback and ideas for building ties between parents and the LEA, how to best communicate with parents and how to work with parents as equal partners.
- A survey will be sent home to parents of participating students that solicits information on what skills each parent has to offer the LEA and what types of parental involvement programs in which parents would most likely participate.

D. Other Optional Parent Participation

The LEA will involve parents in the development of the training regarding the importance of parent involvement for teachers, principals and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training.

In order to maximize parental involvement and participation, the LEA will arrange school meetings at various times or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at the LEA.

The LEA will adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement.

The LEA will develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities, such as sponsoring events, providing volunteers for school activities, and creating internships for students.

IX. Coordination with Other Programs

If applicable, the LEA shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with programs such as Head Start, Early Reading First, and public preschool and other programs and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that

encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

The LEA will coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with these programs as follows: 1) requiring that the school conduct meetings involving parents, kindergarten or elementary school teachers, and Head Start teachers or, if appropriate, teachers from other early childhood development programs such as the Early Reading First program, to discuss the developmental and other needs of individual children; 2) developing and implementing a systematic procedure for receiving records regarding such children, transferred with parental consent from a Head Start program or, where applicable, another early childhood development program such as the Early Reading First program.

X. Annual Evaluation

The LEA, with the involvement of parents, shall conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this family involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served under Title I, Part A, including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities under NCLB. The LEA will pay particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. The LEA will use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, this family involvement policy.

XI. School-Parent Compact

At the beginning of each school year, the School will enter in to School-Parent Compacts with parents of participating children. The School-Parent Compact will outline how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the School and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

The Parent Council will annually evaluate the effectiveness of the School-Parent Compact and provide feedback and suggestions for revision.

XII. Involvement of Parents of Limited English Proficient Students, Disabled Parents and Parents of Migratory Children

The LEA shall implement an effective means of outreach to parents of limited English proficient students to inform them regarding how they can be involved in the education of their children, and be active participants in assisting their children to attain English proficiency, achieve at high levels in core academic subjects and meet challenging State academic achievement standards and State academic content standards expected of all student. To accomplish this goal, the LEA will do the following:

- The LEA will hold regular meetings, and send notice of these meetings, for the purpose of formulating and responding to recommendations from parents of participating children.
- The LEA will provide language translators at parent meetings to the extent practicable.
- The LEA will schedule meetings to enable families to share information about culture, background, children's talents and particular needs for the schools.
- The LEA will provide parents of limited English proficiency with access to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to increase their English language proficiency to assist their children with homework. The school's principal will visit the classes to interact with the parents.
- **English Learner Advisory Committee:** The English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) is mainly a committee of parents or other community members who want to advocate for English Learners. The committee provides parents of English Learners opportunities to learn more about the programs offered to their students and advises the principal and the School Site Council (SSC) on programs and services for English Learners.

State law mandates each school site with 21 or more students of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in attendance, regardless of language, to form a functioning English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). The ELAC will be formed at the LEA when the School has 21 or more students of LEP.

The LEA will provide full opportunities for participation of parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. To accomplish this goal, the LEA will do the following:

- The LEA will schedule meetings to enable families to share information about culture, background, children's talents and particular needs for the schools.
- Teachers will be encouraged to make home visits to discuss student progress with the parents. Parents, students, and teachers meet throughout the year to monitor students' progress.
- Teachers will meet one-on-one with parents of such students on an as needed basis to ensure the proper supports are in place for the student.

XIII. Notices

In accordance with law, the LEA will provide the following notices to parents of children attending Title I, Part A schools:

- Annual report card;
- A notice regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers;
- The notice regarding language instruction programs;
- Any other notices required by law.

XIV. Miscellaneous

The LEA shall ensure that all information related to LEA and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

The LEA will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested by parents.

SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT

This School-Parent³-Student Compact is adopted by the Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) (hereinafter "School") and is intended to outline how parents, the entire School staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the School and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. To this end, the School, the Parent, and the Student roles are outlined as follows:

I. School Responsibilities

- The School will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards in all content areas through aligned curriculum and rigorous assessment.
- The School will provide a variety of support programs to enhance instruction at all grade levels.
- The School will send frequent reports to parents on their child's progress.
- The School will hold parent-teacher conferences during which this Compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual student's achievement. Conference dates will be listed on the school calendar and additional dates will be sent through notification by the School.

³ Within this policy, the word "parent" is employed. This word is intended to reach any caregiver of students enrolled in the School, including but not limited to, parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, stepparents, etc.

- The School will grant parents reasonable access to staff by appointment through the office.
- The School will provide parents with the ability to observe classroom activities by appointment through the office.

II. Parent Responsibilities

I understand that my child's studies are very important and my participation in activities at MPS is a critical component of my child's educational success. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- I will take a positive and active role in supporting my student's education.
- I will make certain my student attends school regularly and on time.
- I will notify school when child is absent and provide appropriate documentation.
- I will ensure that my student follows the school attendance policy and dress codes.
- I will ensure that my child come to school rested, clean, well-fed, and appropriately dressed (in student uniform).
- I will notify office immediately if there is a change of home address or phone number.
- I will set aside a specific time and place for my student to do homework.
- I will support my student in completing homework, including, if necessary, limiting time watching television, computer gaming, and recreational internet use.
- I will allow my student to attend remedial and other programs offered if requested by the school as is needed for individual improvement.
- I will set up a college bound environment at home and support my student through the college admission and scholarship finding process.
- I will emphasize my child adhere to the MPS Discipline Code at all times.
- I will enforce the School Code of Conduct with my child, including ensuring my child is wearing the uniform and promoting respect for teachers and all adults and students.
- I will follow through with any problem behaviors noted by the School.
- I will attend orientation meetings prior to the start of School.
- I will communicate regularly with my student's teachers to ensure his/her academic success (includes attending at least two conferences in a school year).
- I will review information and work sent home and/or posted on-line for parents and students via the school website and the

online Student Information System and respond as necessary (computer access is available for parents at School if needed).

- I will review progress reports that are sent by the School, and respond as necessary.
- I will encourage positive attitudes toward school.
- I will talk with my student about what he/she is learning.
- I will expect and encourage my student to be focused on learning.
- I will expect and support my student to strive consistently to give his/her best, and to make his/her best academic progress.
- I will assure that my child do not destroy materials (textbooks, equipment, etc.) and/or MPS property.
- I will pay for any damages to materials and/or property incurred by student.
- I will assure that students do not bring destructive materials to school (markers, paint, etc.)
- I will assure that all school materials loaned to students will be returned in the condition issued (textbooks, library books, etc.) I will pay for any lost or damaged books in CASH only.
- I understand that a student's bringing or possession of any weapon is grounds for expulsion from the Charter School.
- I will complete and return all necessary school forms and documents on time as requested by school officials.
- I will volunteer at School when requested.

III. Student Responsibilities

I am aware of my responsibilities and will do my best to satisfy my parents'/teachers' expectations at MPS because this will help me do better in the future. I agree to really try and do the following:

- I will come to school dressed in uniform every day and on time.
- I will be prepared for all my classes with all required materials.
- I will complete class work and homework on time.
- I will do all the homework assigned to me the best way I can and ask for help when needed.
- I will strive consistently to give my best, and to make my best academic progress.
- I will act responsibly and respectfully at all times and towards all members of the school community.
- I will follow all school rules.
- I will obey the School's Code of Conduct.

- I will respect my property, that of others, and that of the School.
- I will take good care of my books, and other materials the School allows me to use.
- I will serve my community.

INTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The purpose of the "Internal Complaint Review Policy" is to afford all employees of the School the opportunity to seek internal resolution of their work-related concerns. All employees have free access to the CEO or Board of Directors to express their work-related concerns. Please use the Internal Complaints Policy Form following this Policy to file complaints. A copy of this Policy and Complaint Form are also available in the main office of each MPS school.

Specific complaints of unlawful harassment are addressed under the School's "Policy Against Unlawful Harassment."

a) Internal Complaints:

(Complaints by Employees Against Employees)

This section of the policy is for use when a School employee raises a complaint or concern about a co-worker.

If reasonably possible, internal complaints should be resolved at the lowest possible level, including attempts to discuss/resolve concerns with your direct supervisor. However, in the event an informal resolution may not be achieved or is not appropriate, the following steps will be followed by the Principal (or the CEO (or designee) for MPSCO employees):

- The complainant will bring the matter to the attention of the Principal (or the CEO (or designee) for MPSCO employees) as soon as possible after attempts to resolve the complaint with the immediate supervisor have failed or if not appropriate; and
- The complainant will reduce his or her complaint to writing, indicating all known and relevant facts. The Principal (or the CEO for MPSCO employees) (or designee) will then investigate the facts and provide a solution or explanation;
- If the complaint is about the Principal, the complainant may file his or her complaint in a signed writing to the CEO (or designee.) The CEO (or designee) will then investigate the facts and provide a solution or explanation;
- If the complaint is about the CEO, the complainant may file his or her complaint in a signed writing to the President of the Board of Directors of the School, who will then confer with the Board and may conduct a fact-finding or authorize a third party investigator on behalf of the Board. The Board President or investigator will report his or her findings to the Board for review and action, if necessary.

This policy cannot guarantee that every problem will be resolved to the employee's satisfaction. However, the School values each employee's ability to express concerns and the need for resolution without fear of adverse consequence to employment.

b) Policy for Complaints Against Employees:

(Complaints by Third Parties Against Employees)

This section of the policy is for use when a non-employee raises a complaint or concern about a School employee.

If complaints cannot be resolved informally, complainants may file a written complaint with the office of the Principal or the CEO (if the complaint concerns the Principal) or the Board President (if the complaint concerns the CEO) as soon as possible after the events that give rise to the complainant's concerns. The written complaint should set forth in detail the factual basis for the complaint.

In processing the complaint, the Principal (or the CEO (or the Board President)) (or designee) shall abide by the following process:

- The Principal (or the CEO) (or designee) shall use his or her best efforts to talk with the parties identified in the complaint and to ascertain the facts relating to the complaint.
- In the event that the Principal (or the CEO) (or designee) finds that a complaint against an employee is valid, the Principal (or the CEO) (or designee) may take appropriate disciplinary action against the employee. As appropriate, the Principal (or the CEO) (or designee) may also simply counsel/reprimand employees as to their conduct without initiating formal disciplinary measures.
- The Principal's (or the CEO's) (or designee's) decision relating to the complaint shall be final unless it is appealed to the Board of Directors of the School. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

General Requirements:

- Confidentiality: All complainants will be notified that information obtained from the complainants and thereafter gathered will be maintained in a manner as confidential as possible, but in some circumstances absolute confidentiality cannot be assured.
- Non-Retaliation: All complainants will be advised that they will be protected against retaliation as a result of the filing of any complaints or participation in any complaint process.

Resolution: The Board (if a complaint is about the CEO) or the CEO (if a complaint is about the Principal or MPSCO employees) or the Principal or designee will investigate complaints appropriately under the circumstances and pursuant to the applicable procedures, and if necessary, take appropriate remedial measures to ensure effective resolution of any complaint.

INTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FORM

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____

Name of Person(s) you have a complaint against: _____

List any witnesses that were present: _____

Where did the incident(s) occur?

Please describe the circumstances, events, or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I hereby authorize MPS to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation. I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand providing false information in this regard could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Complainant

Print Name

To be completed by MPS:

Received by: _____ Date: _____

POLICY AGAINST UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

MPS is committed to providing a work and educational atmosphere that is free of unlawful harassment. MPS's policy prohibits sexual harassment and harassment based upon pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, race, religion, creed, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by federal, state, local law, ordinance or regulation. MPS will not condone or tolerate harassment of any type by any employee, independent contractor or other person with which MPS does business, or any other individual, student, or volunteer. This policy applies to all employee, student, or volunteer actions and relationships, regardless of position or gender. MPS will promptly and thoroughly investigate any complaint of harassment and take appropriate corrective action, if warranted. Please see the complaint form following this Policy to use when filing a complaint. A copy of this Policy and Complaint Form are also available in the main office of each MPS school.

Prohibited Unlawful Harassment

- Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory jokes or comments or slurs;
- Physical conduct including assault, unwanted touching, intentionally blocking normal movement or interfering with work because of sex, race or any other protected basis;
- Retaliation for reporting or threatening to report harassment
- Deferential or preferential treatment based on any of the protected classes above.

Prohibited Unlawful Sexual Harassment

In accordance with existing policy, discrimination on the basis of gender in education institutions is prohibited. All persons, regardless of gender, are afforded equal rights and opportunities and freedom from unlawful discrimination in education programs or activities conducted by MPS.

MPS is committed to provide a workplace and educational environment free of sexual harassment and considers such harassment to be a major offense, which may result in disciplinary action, up to, and including dismissal, of the offending employee, and disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion for students.

Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: (a) Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or a condition of an individual's employment, academic status, or progress; (b) submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis of employment or

academic decisions affecting the individual; (c) the conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work or academic performance, or of

creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment; and/or (d) submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the educational institution.

It is also unlawful to retaliate in any way against an individual who has articulated a good faith concern about sexual harassment against him/her or against another individual.

All supervisors of staff will receive sexual harassment training within six (6) months of their assumption of a supervisory position and will receive further training once every two (2) years thereafter. All staff will receive sexual harassment training and/or instruction concerning sexual harassment in the workplace as required by law.

Each employee, volunteer, and student has the responsibility to maintain a workplace and educational environment free from any form of sexual harassment. Consequently, should any individual, in particular those with supervisory responsibilities, become aware of any conduct that may constitute sexual harassment or other prohibited behavior, immediate action should be taken to address such conduct. Employees and students are expected to act in a positive and professional manner and to contribute to a productive school environment that is free from harassing or disruptive activity. Any employee or student who believes they have been harassed or has witnessed harassment is encouraged to immediately report such harassment to their supervisor or the Principal. See the "Harassment Complaint Form" following this policy.

Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- Physical assaults of a sexual nature, such as:
 - Rape, sexual battery, molestation or attempts to commit these assaults and
 - Intentional physical conduct that is sexual in nature, such as touching, pinching, patting, grabbing, brushing against another's body, or poking another's body.
- Unwanted sexual advances, propositions or other sexual comments, such as:
 - Sexually oriented gestures, notices, remarks, jokes, or comments about a person's sexuality or sexual experience.
 - Preferential treatment or promises of preferential treatment to an individual for submitting to sexual conduct, including soliciting or attempting to solicit any

- individual to engage in sexual activity for compensation or reward or deferential treatment for rejecting sexual conduct.
- Subjecting or threats of subjecting an employee to unwelcome sexual attention or conduct or intentionally making performance of the employee's job more difficult because of the employee's sex.
- Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications anywhere in the workplace or educational environment, such as:
 - Displaying pictures, cartoons, posters, calendars, graffiti, objections, promotional materials, reading materials, or other materials that are sexually suggestive, sexually demeaning or pornographic or bringing or possessing any such material to read, display or view at work or the educational environment.
 - Reading publicly or otherwise publicizing in the work or educational environment materials that are in any way sexually revealing, sexually suggestive, sexually demeaning or pornographic; and
 - Displaying signs or other materials purporting to segregate an individual by sex in an area of the workplace or educational environment (other than restrooms or similar rooms).

The illustrations of harassment and sexual harassment above are not to be construed as an all-inclusive list of prohibited acts under this policy.

Complainants and witnesses under these policies will be protected from further harassment and will not be retaliated against in any aspect of their employment, academic status, or progress due to their participation in or filing of a complaint or reporting sexual harassment.

MPS will investigate complaints promptly and provide a written report of the investigation and decision as soon as practicable. The investigation will be handled in as confidential a manner as possible consistent with a full, fair, and proper investigation.

While in most situations a personal relationship is a private matter, these relationships are not appropriate in a professional setting, particularly where one of the parties has management or supervisory responsibilities.

Compliance Officers

The Board of Directors designates the following compliance officer(s) to receive and investigate complaints and to ensure MPS' compliance with law:

Chief Executive Officer
Magnolia Public Schools
250 E. 1st St., Ste. 1500
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 628-3634

The Director or designee shall ensure that employees designated to investigate complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs for which they are responsible.

HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM

It is the policy of Magnolia Public Schools ("MPS") that all individuals be free from harassment including sexual harassment. This form is provided for you to report what you believe to be harassment, so that MPS may investigate and take appropriate disciplinary or other action when the facts show that there has been harassment.

If you are an employee of MPS, you may file this form with the Director or Board President. If you are a student/parent, you may file this form with the Director, or if the complaint involves the Director, the Board President.

Please review MPS's policies concerning harassment for a definition of sexual harassment and a description of the types of conduct that are considered to be harassment.

MPS will undertake every effort to handle the investigation of your complaint in a confidential manner. In that regard, MPS will disclose the contents of your complaint only to those persons having a need to know. For example, to conduct its investigation, MPS will need to disclose portions of your factual allegations to potential witnesses, including anyone you have identified as having knowledge of the facts on which you are basing your complaint, as well as the alleged harasser.

In signing this form below, you authorize MPS to disclose to others the information you have provided herein, and information you may provide in the future. Please note that the more detailed information you provide, the more likely it is that MPS will be able to address your complaint to your satisfaction.

Charges of harassment are taken very seriously by MPS both because of the harm caused to the person harassed, and because of the potential sanctions that may be taken against the harasser. It is therefore very important that you report the facts as accurately and completely as possible and that you cooperate fully with the person or persons designated to investigate your complaint.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____

Name of Person(s) you believe harassed you or someone else:

List any witnesses that were present:

Where did the incident(s) occur? _____

Please describe the events or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I acknowledge that I have read and that I understand the above statements. I hereby authorize MPS to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Complainant Date: _____

Print Name

To be completed by MPS:

Received by: _____ Date: _____

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, DISCRIMINATION, AND BULLYING POLICY

MPS believes all students have the right to a safe and civil learning environment. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying are all disruptive behaviors which interfere with students' ability to learn, negatively affect student engagement, diminish school safety, and contribute to a hostile school environment. As such, MPS prohibits any acts of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying related to school activity or school attendance. This policy is inclusive of instances that occur on any area of the school campus, at school-sponsored events and activities, regardless of location, through school-owned technology, and through other electronic means, consistent with this policy.

As used in this policy, "discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying" describe the intentional conduct, including verbal, physical, written communication, or cyberbullying, that is based on the actual or perceived characteristics of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. In addition, bullying encompasses any conduct described in the definitions set forth in this policy.

To the extent possible, MPS will make reasonable efforts to prevent students from being discriminated against, harassed, intimidated and/or bullied, and will take action to investigate, respond, and address any reports of such behaviors in a timely manner. MPS staff who witness acts of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying will take immediate steps to intervene, so long as it is safe to do so. Please use the Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination, and Bullying Complaint Form to file any complaints pursuant to this policy. A copy of this Policy and Complaint Form are also available in the main office of each MPS school.

Definitions

"Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a student or group of students which would be deemed hate violence or harassment, threats, or intimidation, which are directed toward one or more students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

1. Placing a reasonable student (defined as a student, including, but is not limited to, a student with exceptional needs, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with exceptional needs) or students in fear of

harm to that student's or those students' person or property.

2. Causing a reasonable student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
3. Causing a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance.
4. Causing a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the Charter School.

"Electronic Act" means the creation and transmission originated on or off the school site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. A message, text, sound, or image.
2. A post on a social network Internet Web site including, but not limited to:
 - a. Posting to or creating a burn page. A "burn page" means an Internet Web site created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects as listed in the definition of "bullying," above.
 - b. Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in the definition of "bullying," above. "Credible impersonation" means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.
 - c. Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in the definition of "bullying," above. "False profile" means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
3. Notwithstanding the definitions of "bullying" and "electronic act" above, an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.

Reporting

All staff are expected to provide appropriate supervision to enforce standards of conduct and, if they observe or become aware of discrimination,

intimidation, harassment, or bullying, to intervene as soon as it is safe to do so, call for assistance, and report such incidents. The Board requires staff to follow the procedures in this policy for reporting alleged acts of bullying.

All other members of the school community, including students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and visitors, are encouraged to report any act that may be a violation of this policy to the Principal or designee. While submission of a written report is not required, the reporting party is encouraged to use the report form available in the Main Office. However, oral reports shall also be considered. Reports may be made anonymously, but formal disciplinary action cannot be based solely on anonymous information.

Students are expected to report all incidents of discrimination, intimidation, harassment, bullying, teasing, or other verbal or physical abuse. Any student who feels she/he is a target of such behavior should immediately contact a teacher, counselor, principal, or staff person so that she/he can get assistance in resolving the issue consistent with this policy.

MPS acknowledges and respects every individual's rights to privacy. To that end, consistent with legal requirements, all reports shall be investigated in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties and the integrity of the process to the greatest extent possible.

MPS prohibits any form of retaliation against any reporter in the reporting process, including but not limited to a reporter's filing of a complaint or the reporting of violations of this policy. Such participation shall not in any way affect the status, grades or work assignments of the reporter.

Investigation

Upon receipt of a report of harassment, intimidation, or bullying from a student, staff member, parent, volunteer, visitor or affiliate of MPS, the Principal or designee will promptly initiate an investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Principal or designee will notify the complainant of the outcome of the investigation. However, in no case may the Principal or designee reveal confidential student information related to other students, including the type and extent of discipline issued against such students.

Complaints shall be investigated and resolved within thirty (30) school days, unless circumstances reasonably require additional time.

All records related to any investigation of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying will remain in a secure location in the Main Office of MPS.

In those instances when the complaint filed under this policy also requires investigation under the Uniform Complaint Procedures, such investigation will be undertaken concurrently.

Appeal

Should the Complainant find the Principal or designee resolution unsatisfactory, he/she may within five (5) school days of the date of resolution, file an appeal with the Designated Appeals Committee. In such cases, at least three (3) certificated MPS employees who are unfamiliar with the case and who have been previously designated and trained for this purpose shall be assembled to conduct a confidential review of the Complainant's appeal and render a final disposition.

Consequences

Students who engage in discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, as outlined in the Student Discipline Policy of MPS.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, DISCRIMINATION, AND BULLYING COMPLAINT FORM

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____

Name of Person(s) you have a complaint against: _____

List any witnesses that were present: _____

Where did the incident(s) occur? _____

Please describe the events or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I hereby authorize MPS to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation. I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand providing false information in this regard could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Date: _____

Signature of Complainant

Print Name

To be completed by MPS:

Received by: _____ Date: _____

Follow up Meeting with Complainant held on: _____

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

- a. MPS has the primary responsibility to insure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and has established procedures to address allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and complaints alleging violations of state or federal laws governing educational programs and the charging of unlawful pupil fees.
- b. MPS shall investigate and seek to resolve complaints using policies and procedures known as the Uniform Complaint Procedure ("UCP") adopted by our local board. Unlawful discrimination harassment, intimidation, or bullying complaints may be based on actual or perceived characteristics of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnic group identification, gender expression, gender identity, gender, genetic information, nationality, national origin, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any MPS program or activity.
- c. The UCP shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in:

Adult Education Programs; After School Education and Safety Programs; Agricultural Vocational Educational Programs; American Indian Education Centers and Early Child Education Program Assessments; Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs; Migrant Education; Career Technical and Technical Education and Training Programs; Child Care and Developmental Programs; Child Nutrition Programs; Foster and Homeless Youth Services; No Child Left Behind Act (2001) Programs (Titles I-VII), including improving academic achievement, compensatory education, limited English proficiency, and migrant education; Regional Occupational Centers and Programs; Special Education Programs; State Preschool; Tobacco-Use Prevention Education.

- d. A complaint of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees may be filed pursuant to the local UCP. A pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity. A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1. A fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, or as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, regardless of whether the class or activity is elective or compulsory, or is for credit.
 2. A security deposit, or other payment, that a pupil is required to make to obtain a lock, locker, book, class apparatus, musical instrument, clothes, or other materials or equipment.
 3. A purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, equipment, or clothes associated with an educational activity.
 4. A pupil fee complaint shall not be filed later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred.
- e. Complaints of noncompliance with the requirements governing the Local Control Funding Formula or Sections 47606.5 and 47607.3 of the Education Code, as applicable, may also be filed under the local UCP.
- f. Complaints of noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code Section 222 regarding the rights of lactating pupils on a school campus may also be filed under the local UCP.
- g. All complaints that fall within the UCP, including complaint of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees, must be filed in writing with the complaint officer listed below. A complaint regarding pupil fees may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence or information to support an allegation of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees. The compliance officer is:
- Chief Executive Officer
Magnolia Public Schools
250 E. 1st St., Ste. 1500
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 628-3634
- h. Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, must be filed within six (6) months from the date the alleged unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, occurred or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, unless the time for filing is extended by the Compliance Officer or his or her designee.
- i. Complaints will be investigated and a written Decision or report will be sent to the complainant within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the complaint. This sixty (60) day time period may be extended by written agreement of the complainant. The School person responsible for investigating the complaint shall conduct and

complete the investigation in accordance with California regulations and in accordance with the School's procedures.

- j. The complainant has a right to appeal the School's Decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the Decision. The appeal must include a copy of the complaint filed with the School and a copy of the School's Decision.
- k. Civil law remedies may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying laws, if applicable. In appropriate cases, an appeal may be filed pursuant to Education Code Section 262.3. A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of [the LEA]'s complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders.
- l. A complete copy of the UCP policy and complaint procedures is posted in every classroom and shall be available free of charge in the main office of each MPS school and MPS website. A copy of the UCP complaint form is contained in this Handbook.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURE FORM

Last Name: _____ First Name/MI: _____

Student Name (if applicable): _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address/Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

School/Office of Alleged Violation: _____

For allegation(s) of noncompliance, please check the program or activity referred to in your complaint, if applicable:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education | <input type="checkbox"/> After School Education and Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Vocational Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated Categorical Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Career/Technical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster/Homeless Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Education | <input type="checkbox"/> No Child Left Behind Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Occupational Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> State Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco-Use Prevention Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil Fees | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Control Funding Formula | <input type="checkbox"/> Lactating Pupils |

For allegation(s) of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying, please check the basis of the unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying described in your complaint, if applicable:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender / Gender Expression / Gender Identity | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex (Actual or Perceived) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ancestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetic Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation (Actual or Perceived) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color | <input type="checkbox"/> National Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability (Mental or Physical) | <input type="checkbox"/> Race or Ethnicity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Group Identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | |

1. Please give facts about the complaint. Provide details such as the names of those involved, dates, whether witnesses were present, etc., that may be helpful to the complaint investigator.

2. Have you discussed your complaint or brought your complaint to any MPS personnel? If you have, to whom did you take the complaint, and what was the result?

3. Please provide copies of any written documents that may be relevant or supportive of your complaint.

I have attached supporting documents. Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail complaint and any relevant documents to:

Chief Executive Officer
Magnolia Public Schools
250 E. 1st St., Ste. 1500
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 628-3634

MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Receipt of and Agreement to the MPS Handbook, Student Technology Use Policy-Acceptable Use Agreement, and School-Parent-Student Compact

I have received a copy of the Magnolia Public Schools Student/Parent Handbook including the Student Technology Use Policy-Acceptable Use Agreement, and School-Parent-Student Compact, or I can access it at the school website. I understand that it is a source of information and a set of guidelines for implementation of school policies and procedures. I have read, understood, and agreed to the Student/Parent Handbook including the Student Technology Use Policy-Acceptable Use Agreement and School-Parent-Student Compact. I, as a Magnolia Public School student, understand and agree that use of Magnolia Public Schools computer and technology is a privilege and not a right. I understand that if I violate the Student Technology Use Policy-Acceptable Use Agreement in any way, I will be subject to referral and possible suspension. I, as a Magnolia Public School parent or guardian, understand that I may be liable for the replacement cost for property Magnolia Public School loaned to my student that my student fails to return or that is willfully cut, defaced, or otherwise damaged, up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), adjusted annually for inflation. When I am unable to pay for the damages, Magnolia Public School will provide a program of voluntary work for my student in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. If my child is over the age of majority, he/she shall be liable for the same. I understand that Magnolia Public Schools can unilaterally rescind, modify, or make exceptions to any of these policies, or adopt new policies, at any time. I also understand that the provisions of the Handbook will control over any contrary statements, representations or assurances made by any supervisory personnel except those made in writing by the Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- *Please read and discuss the policies, procedures, and expectations with your child/children before signing and returning the receipt on this page.*
- *Each individual MPS campus may include amendments into this handbook addressing local issues.*
- *Any changes or additions to this handbook will be given to the students and parents/guardians in writing.*

Student's Name: _____ **Student's Signature:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ **P/G's Signature:** _____

(If known, circle grade and group.) **Date:** _____

Grade:

TK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Group:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Other:
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Copy for Student File

Magnolia Public Schools

Student/Parent Handbook 2016-17

Magnolia Public Schools

250 E. 1st St., Ste. 1500

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tel: (213) 628-3634

Fax: (714) 362-9588

www.magnoliapublicschools.org

Dear Parents and Students,

Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) staff believes that education is a shared responsibility between parents, teachers and students. The successful operation of this school depends on the cooperation of everyone concerned. Each group is responsible for doing its part to make school a place where we can learn and play together in harmony. Everyone has the right to feel safe, secure, and accepted regardless of color, race, gender, popularity, ability, religion or nationality. This handbook allows us to share our vision with the students and parents of our team.

MPS is a reflection of all of us. All of our policies are intended to provide a safe and orderly environment that will be conducive to learning. Our faculty and staff look forward to sharing their expertise in academics, special programs, and extracurricular activities. We encourage you to get to know the school, its programs, activities, and schedule. Become an active participant in your education. Get involved through classes, clubs, and activities.

MPS is aware of the fact that a school environment is viable only with clearly defined and implemented rules. MPS compiled this student-parent handbook (pending board approval), which addresses the school's regulations and policies to set a standard for our students. It is an essential reference book describing what we expect and how we do things. Read it carefully, discuss it with your parent/guardian, and let it act as a guide for your effective involvement in all aspects of school. Keep this handbook so you can refer to it throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

MPS Administration

Magnolia Public Schools

The Vision

Graduates of Magnolia Public Schools are scientific thinkers who contribute to the global community as socially responsible and educated members of society.

The Mission

Magnolia Public Schools provides a college preparatory educational program emphasizing science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) in a safe environment that cultivates respect for self and others.

Core Values

Magnolia Public Schools has identified the following core values which are reinforced through its Life Skills curriculum, student learning outcomes (SLOs), and all school activities:

- Excellence
- Innovation
- Connection

Locations

Magnolia Science Academy-1	18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335	(818) 609-0507
Magnolia Science Academy-2	17125 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406	(818) 758-0300
Magnolia Science Academy-3	1254 East Helmick St., Carson, CA 90746	(310) 637-3806
Magnolia Science Academy-4	11330 W Graham Place, Los Angeles, CA 90064	(310) 473-2464
Magnolia Science Academy-5	18230 Kittridge St., Reseda, CA 91335	(818) 705-5676
Magnolia Science Academy-6	3754 Dunn Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90034	(310) 842-8555
Magnolia Science Academy-7	18355 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325	(818) 221-5328
Magnolia Science Academy-8 (Bell)	6411 Orchard Ave, Bell, CA 90201	(323) 826-3925
Magnolia Science Academy-San Diego	6365 Lake Atlin Ave., San Diego, CA 92119	(619) 644-1300
Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana	2840 W 1 st St., Santa Ana, CA 92703	(714) 557-7002

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & NON- DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In compliance with federal and state equal opportunity laws, equal opportunity will be afforded to all applicants **and students** regardless of race, color, sex, age, religious creed, disability, national origin, ancestry, or sexual orientation in every aspect of the school community. **MPS adheres to all provisions of federal law related to students with disabilities, including but not limited to, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.**

MPS is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free from unlawful discrimination and harassment. MPS prohibits discrimination and harassment based on an individual's actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, **gender expression**, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, **creed**, mental or physical disability, age, **and any other basis protected by federal, state, and/or local law, ordinance, or regulation**, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Harassment based on any of the above-protected categories is a form of unlawful discrimination and will not be tolerated by MPS.

Harassment is intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student or employee that creates a hostile environment and can result in disciplinary action against the offending student or employee. Harassing conduct may take many forms, including but not limited to, verbal remarks and name-calling, graphic and written statements, or conduct that is threatening or humiliating. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission or access to treatment or employment in all MPS programs and activities, including vocational education. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to or participation in MPS programs or activities.

MPS does not condone or tolerate harassment of any type, including bullying, discrimination, or intimidation, by any employee, independent contractor or other person with which MPS does business, or any other individual, student, or volunteer. This applies to all employees, students, or volunteers and relationships, regardless of position or gender. MPS will promptly and thoroughly investigate any complaint of harassment and take appropriate corrective action, if warranted.

Based on Federal law, Title IX, State law and MPS policy, no student shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, and gender (including gender identity, gender expression, marital status, parenting,

pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy or related medical condition). Male and female students have the right to equal learning opportunities in their schools and must be treated the same in all MPS educational activities and programs, including: • Athletics • Physical education • The classes they can take • The way they are treated in the in educational programs and activities • The kind of counseling they are given • The extracurricular activities, programs and clubs in which they can participate • The honors, special awards, scholarships and graduation activities in which they can participate. Students who feel that their rights are being violated have the right to take action and should not be afraid of trying to correct a situation by speaking to a school administrator, Title IX Coordinator, psychologist, counselor, or trusted adult at school, or filing a complaint (see Uniform Complaint Procedures). Students are encouraged whenever possible to try to resolve their complaints directly at the school site. Any student who believes he or she is being discriminated against in violation of Title IX has the right to file a complaint. For further information or assistance, including the Title IX Coordinator contact information, see the MPS Policy Against Unlawful Harassment in this Handbook.

Additional information prohibiting other forms of unlawful discrimination or harassment, inappropriate behavior, and/or hate-motivated incidents/crimes may be found **in MPS policies**. It is the intent of MPS that all such policies be reviewed consistently to provide the highest level of protection from unlawful discrimination in the provision of educational services and opportunities.

MPS prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint or who participates in a complaint investigation. For inquiries or complaints related to discrimination or harassment based on student's sex (Title IX); sexual orientation or gender identity (Title 5, CCR, §4910); race, color, or national origin (Title VI); or mental or physical disability (Section 504), contact MPS.

PUPIL RECORDS, INCLUDING CHALLENGES AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law **that affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.** The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. **These rights are:**

1. **The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 5 days after the day MPS receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the MPS principal or designee a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The**

MPS official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask MPS to amend a record should write the MPS principal or designee, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If MPS decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, MPS will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. See 'Pupil Records Challenges' section, below, for MPS' policy and procedures regarding this hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before MPS discloses personally identifiable information ("PII") from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to MPS officials with legitimate educational interests. An MPS official is a person employed by MPS as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the MPS board. An MPS official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of MPS who performs an institutional service of function for which MPS would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting MPS School official in performing his or her tasks. An MPS official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, MPS discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by MPS to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from student's education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to MPS officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires MPS to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. MPS may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student —

1. School employees who have a legitimate educational interest as defined by 34 C.F.R. Part 99;
2. Other schools to which a student seeks or intends to enroll so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer. MPS will make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or eligible student of the request for records at his/her last known address, unless the disclosure is initiated by the parent or eligible student. Additionally, MPS will give the parent or eligible student, upon request, a copy of the record that was disclosed and give the parent or eligible student, upon request, an opportunity for hearing pursuant to the procedures outlined here and more completely in the full policy;
3. Certain government officials listed in 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1) in order to carry out lawful functions;
4. Appropriate parties in connection with a student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid if it is necessary to determine eligibility, amount of aid, conditions for aid or enforcing the terms and conditions of the aid;
5. Organizations conducting certain studies for the MPS in accordance with 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(F);
6. Accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions;
7. Parents of a dependent student as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
8. Individuals or entities, in compliance with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. Subject to the exceptions found in 34 C.F.R. 99.31(a)(9)(i), reasonable effort must be made to notify the parent or eligible student of the order or subpoena in advance of compliance, so that the parent or eligible student may seek a protective order;
9. Persons who need to know in cases of health

and safety emergencies;

10. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law;
11. A victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense. The disclosure may only include final results of the disciplinary proceedings conducted by MPS with respect to that alleged crime or offense. MPS may disclose the final results of the disciplinary proceeding, regardless of whether MPS concluded a violation was committed.

Directory Information

"Directory Information" is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Directory information can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish year books. MPS has designated the following information as directory information:

1. Student's name
2. Student's address
3. Parent's/guardian's address
4. Telephone listing
5. Student's electronic mail address
6. Parent's/guardian's electronic mail address
7. Photograph
8. Date and place of birth
9. Dates of attendance
10. Grade level
11. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
12. Degrees, honors, and awards received
13. The most recent educational agency or institution attended
14. Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identified used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student's social security number, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose.)

If you do not want MPS to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify MPS in writing at the time of enrollment or re-enrollment. Please notify the MPS Principal of your child's school at the contact number on Page 3.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Effective Communication:

When issues or concerns arise with a teacher, staff member or administrator, students and parents are encouraged to address the situation with the person involved first.

If students express that they are having a problem at school, it is important for parents to understand the best way to address these problems. If the problem involves a classroom situation or a situation with a teacher, the following remedies are recommended:

1st: Parents should encourage their child to talk with the teacher.

2nd: Parents can encourage their child to talk with an administrator.

3rd: If the child is reluctant to talk with a teacher or administrator, a parent may offer to accompany their child and talk with the teacher.

It is very important to demonstrate to children how to actively and constructively solve a problem. If the problem is important enough for the child to talk about, it is important for the child to learn how to be a part of the solution.

If parent feels there is a concern they should:

1st: Talk with the teacher. Teachers can explain classroom situations from an adult perspective and from a professional perspective, and usually that will resolve misunderstandings.

2nd: If the problem persists after a reasonable time, talk with the teacher again.

3rd: If the problem is still not resolved, make an appointment with the related administrator.

For example, if you are unsure of a decision made in the classroom about a consequence given for a behavior, you should discuss the situation with the teacher first. If after this discussion, you feel the situation is unresolved, it should be brought to the attention of the Dean of Students. If it is still not handled to your satisfaction, the Principal should be notified.

If after meeting with the Principal, you still have concerns, please refer to the Complaint policies contained in this Handbook and available in the MPS office.

Teachers, staff, and administration are available through email, phones, in person and by appointment. Due to the busy schedules of the teachers and administration, parents are asked to not "drop in" for appointments, but to set up a meeting in advance. Parents should not talk to teachers, other parents, students, or administrators in a disrespectful or threatening manner. Please see the "Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation, Shadowing, and

Removal Policy” under the section titled “Visitors” in this Handbook.

Students’ Rights and Responsibilities:

- To be informed of all school rules and regulations.
- To have access to your student account in SIS.
- To have a safe and educational environment.
- To attend class regularly and on time.
- To obey school rules and regulations.
- To respect your rights and the rights of your peers.
- To be familiar with school policies, rules and regulations.
- To be prepared for class with appropriate materials and ready to work.
- To respect all school personnel and their authority (administrators, teachers, office personnel, janitorial staff, security guards, etc.).

Parents’ Rights and Responsibilities:

- To be informed of the school’s rules and regulations.
- To be informed of all school actions related to their child.
- To have access to your personal parent accounts in SIS.
- To contact school to participate in conferences pertaining to academic and behavioral status of their child.
- To provide a supportive environment at home making sure their child gets enough sleep and adequate nutrition before coming to school.
- To be familiar with school policies, rules and regulations.
- To contact teachers directly via phone or email to schedule a conference.
- **To be familiar with the handbook signed at the beginning of the school year.**
- To monitor your child’s academic progress and behavior records on a weekly basis.
- To ensure that your child does his/her homework on a daily basis and to facilitate a home environment conducive to home study.

Teachers’ Rights and Responsibilities:

- To expect students to behave in a positive manner that will not interfere with other students’ learning.
- To expect parental support related to academic and social progress.
- To expect all students to participate and put forth effort in order to expand their education and earn a passing grade.
- To be familiar with school policies, rules and regulations.
- To inform parents through progress reports, report cards, and conferences about the academic progress and behavior of their child.
- To conduct a well-planned and effective classroom program.
- To initiate and enforce a set of classroom rules, consistent with the school’s discipline policies.

- To keep assignments, grading, and attendance current in SIS.
- To have administrative support for discipline in and outside the classroom.
- To explain the Student Code of Conduct and Bullying Policy to their students.
- To enforce the Student Code of Conduct and Bullying Policy in a consistent manner.
- To function as a positive role model for their students.
- To contact parents as deemed necessary to enforce the Student Code of Conduct and to maintain parent/guardian involvement.

Administrators’ Rights and Responsibilities:

- The right to address the Board of Trustees on any issue.
- To hold students to strict accountability for any disorderly conduct in school or around school.
- To take appropriate action in dealing with students who choose not to follow the rules.
- To recommend in-school suspension, suspension, or expulsion as the situation demands.
- To provide rich leadership that will establish, encourage and promote effective teaching and learning.
- To be familiar with school policies, rules and regulations.
- To establish, promote, and enforce school rules that facilitate effective learning and positive habits and attitudes of excellent citizenship among students.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

As a student at MPS, you are required to abide by and respect all rules and regulations in the handbook, both on and off campus. The handbook was established to maintain a safe and healthy school environment conducive to learning.

I. ACADEMIC POLICIES

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

CAASPP Opt Out:

MPS shall annually administer required state testing to the applicable grades (e.g., the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a parent’s or guardian’s written request to School officials to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of the state assessments shall be granted.

Child Find and Section 504:

MPS is dedicated to the belief that all students can learn and must be guaranteed equal opportunity to become contributing members of the academic environment and society. MPS provides special

education and instruction and related services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act ("IDEIA"), Education Code requirements, and applicable policies and procedures of the charter authorizer. These services are available for special education students enrolled in MPS. We offer high quality educational programs and services for all our students in accordance with the assessed needs of each student. MPS collaborates with parents, the student, teachers, and other agencies, as may be indicated, in order to appropriately serve the educational needs of each student.

MPS also recognizes its legal responsibility to ensure that no qualified person with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program of MPS. Any student who has an objectively identified disability which substantially limits a major life activity, including but not limited to learning, is eligible for accommodations by MPS. The parent of any student suspected of needing or qualifying for accommodations under Section 504 may make a referral for an evaluation to the Principal. A copy of MPS' Section 504 Policies and Procedures is available upon request in each MPS school's main office.

Math Placement:

MPS has adopted a math placement policy to establish a fair, objective, and transparent protocol for placement in mathematics courses in order to ensure the success of every student. Please see the main office of your MPS school for the math placement policy.

Grading:

The primary purpose for grading is to provide feedback to students and parents on the achievement of learning goals. At MPS course report card grades are to be represented in letter-grade equivalent to the percentage earned in each course.

Course report card grades are based on performance and practice assessments, as can be seen in the following table.

Aligned with the grading guidelines, each department will work with the Department Chair and the Dean of Academics to develop specific and consistent weights for each grading subcategory, to be shared with parents and students.

Teachers will create reasonable number of assignments for each subcategory in their grading system. Teachers will provide students with access to course material, homework assignments, projects, and students' grades through the school information system, and update SIS records daily/weekly.

Category	Subcategories
Performance Assessments <i>(Summative)</i> 70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unit assessments <i>(no more than 50%)</i> ▪ Benchmark assessments <i>(no more than 30%)</i> ▪ Final assessment <i>(no more than 30%)</i> ▪ Performance tasks (Projects, portfolios, essays, artwork, models, visual representations, multimedia, oral presentations, live or recorded performances, labs, etc.)
Practice Assessments <i>(Formative)</i> 30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Independent practices ▪ Daily assignments ▪ Classwork ▪ Homework <i>(no more than 15%)</i> ▪ Warm-ups ▪ Reviews ▪ Quizzes

Extra Credit:

With prior approval from the Dean of Academics, teachers may offer extra credit. A maximum of five (5) extra credit points (out of 100-point numerical grade) may be applied to a student's grade in each of their classes. Additionally, for both English and Math classes, a student may earn up to five (5) extra credit points by demonstrating growth in their overall MAP RIT scores, increasing the maximum allowable extra credit points to ten (10). Points may be earned in the testing cycle from Fall to Spring and would be applied to the student's second semester English/Math grades. If Winter MAP test is offered during the first semester, students may also earn points towards their first semester grades. For each point increase in their overall RIT score, students will earn one (1) point of extra credit towards their applicable grade, up to five (5) credit points maximum for each subject area. Regardless of their growth score, students will earn extra five (5) credit points if they meet or exceed the following "Standard Met" cut scores on their Fall or Winter MAP test in the first semester or Spring MAP test in the second semester:

Grade	MAP RIT ELA* F-W-S	MAP RIT Math* F-W-S
3	192-199-202	191-199-204
4	202-207-209	206-212-217
5	208-212-214	219-225-229

6	214-217-218	222-227-230
7	219-221-222	229-233-235
8	223-224-225	238-240-242
9+	237-238-239	248-250-252

* Source: Linking Data Table: Smarter Balanced & MAP

Homework:

Homework is essential to success at MPS. Doing homework will help students develop many valuable skills such as good study habits, time management, responsibility, and perseverance. Teachers will assign homework that will foster individual learning and growth that is appropriate for the subject area. Homework is part of all student evaluations. It is the student's responsibility to complete and turn in homework on time. If the student or parent has questions about homework, s/he should immediately contact the teacher who assigned it.

Generally, all homework assignments will be posted online, either on teacher/class web pages or on the school information system, which will be accessible to the parents/guardians by using an authenticated password. The password will protect confidentiality and allow parents/guardians to access their children's academic records. SIS is not intended to replace contacting parents for regular conferences to discuss student progress.

Final Assessments/Exams:

All academic classes will have cumulative final assessments/exams at the end of each semester. These final assessments may be in different forms such as test, essay, project, book report, etc. depending on individual teachers' discretion upon approval by the MPS administration. All students are required to take these final assessments. Cumulative assessments are part of the college preparatory culture; these assessments will help students learn how to study more effectively, as well as improve their retention of the subject content.

Make-up Procedures - Incomplete Grades:

Every effort should be made for a student to make-up work as soon as possible when returning to school from an absence or series of absences. If a student fails to complete a significant number of performance and/or homework tasks due to absence or other extraordinary circumstances, a grade of Incomplete (I) may be assigned with administrative approval. If the necessary performance and/or homework tasks are not complete by the end of the following marking period, the report card grade will revert to the earned numeric grade. In the final marking period, an Incomplete (I) will revert to the earned numeric grade if not complete by a date agreed upon by the teacher and administrator.

Course Withdrawals:

Students may withdraw from a course without penalty of an F grade within 15 school days from the beginning of the course. After 15 days, students must remain in the course until its conclusion. Proof of extenuating circumstances must be provided for any late requests to be considered.

Class Change:

During the first 5 school days from the beginning of the course, students will attend the classes they are assigned and/or they signed up for; no changes will be allowed unless there is a scheduling error on the student's schedule. After the first 5 days, if necessary academic changes arise, students will have 10 school days to complete changes. After 15 days, students must remain in the course until its conclusion. Proof of extenuating circumstances must be provided for any late requests to be considered.

Scheduling errors will receive immediate attention by the Dean of Academics. The following are considered scheduling errors: missing a class period, double up of courses in the same period, missing a course needed for graduation, student has not met the prerequisite for a course, etc.

The School will not consider schedule changes for the following reasons: to be with friends, to change teachers, athletics, early/late arrival adjustments (unless required by state or federal law), etc. Class change is at the discretion of the school administration.

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM

MPS will follow the standard scale below to assign percentages/proficiency level for semester work. Individual teachers will establish grading policies and procedures for their classes, and their grades will correspond with this scale. Each teacher will give written policies to students the first week of school.

Percentage	Achievement Level
90% - 100%	Level 4: Standard Exceeded
80% - 89%	Level 3: Standard Met
70% - 79%	Level 2: Standard Nearly Met
Below 70%	Level 1: Standard Not Met

Elementary School Grade Promotion:

The following is MPS' policy regarding the retention of pupils in grades K-5:

- Grades K-2: Any student who is not at benchmark based on reading benchmark assessments, math benchmark assessments or report card grades will be retained only if the teacher and parent are in agreement that

retention is the best intervention to ensure student success.

- Grades 3–5: Any student who does not meet the achievement standards and needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in ELA/Literacy or math needed or likely success in future coursework based on Smarter Balanced assessments (Level 1 on Smarter Balanced assessments) or any student who is more than one year behind grade level in mathematics or ELA/Literacy as determined by the MAP tests.

An identified student who is performing below the minimum standard for promotion shall be recommended by the student's teacher for retention in the current grade unless the student's teacher determines in writing that retention is not the appropriate intervention for the student's academic deficiencies. The teacher's recommendation to promote is contingent upon a detailed plan to correct deficiencies. At MPS, the following steps will be taken prior to a student's being retained:

- A letter shall be sent to the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) informing them that their child is at risk of retention.
- The teacher's evaluation shall be provided to and discussed with the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) and the principal before any final determination of pupil retention. The parent(s)/guardian(s) are informed at that meeting that their child is recommended for retention. This meeting is documented with an academic support plan signed by both the teacher and parent/guardian.
- The principal shall make a decision regarding the recommended retention. Upon the acceptance or rejection of the above stated plan by the principal, a letter shall be sent within five (5) school days to formally inform the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) of the principal's decision regarding the retention.
- The parent(s) or guardian(s) shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) of Magnolia Public Schools (MPS). If the decision of the CAO is not in agreement with the parent(s)/ guardian(s), the latter have the right to appeal directly to the MPS Board of Directors. This meeting will take place at the next regularly scheduled board meeting or by direction of the board president. Or the Board may form a committee to review the appeal and make a recommendation to the Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The program design of MPS is to ensure that all children succeed. Students who are in jeopardy of retention are individually counseled and given extra help in their specific areas of concern, both in class and through intervention offerings.

Report Cards:

Student report cards create a succinct written record of student performance by compiling data from multiple assessments both formal and informal. Report cards are one of several ways to keep parents informed about student performance and to ensure that data collection is regular and consistent. Report cards reflect student achievement toward state standards, and summarize narratives, anecdotal records, attendance data, and information about student participation in class and school life. Results of standardized tests are mailed separately as well as included in the student grade report with explanations designed to help students and parents interpret their relationship to other assessments.

Students will receive progress reports approximately every six weeks and a final report card at the end of each semester. Teachers will arrange a conference to discuss student progress with at least one parent/guardian each semester. End-of-the-year conferences are prioritized for parents/guardians of students not making progress, low-achieving students, and those being retained. Other parents/guardians are encouraged to attend teacher conferences at the end of the year as well.

Ongoing communication between teachers, parents, and students is an essential component of MPS. MPS' school information system provides a very effective online communication tool for teachers, students and parents for course material, homework assignments, projects, course grade statistics and records of student grades. In addition to progress reports, report cards, and assessment reports, newsletters are distributed monthly. Parents can conference with teachers on an informal basis as needed, and on a formal basis at least twice a year, to discuss students' progress reports and proficiency levels. Back to School Nights and Open Houses also take place each year to provide parents with information about the Charter School's programs.

C. MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEMS

Grading Scale:

MPS will follow the standard scale below to assign letter grades for semester work. Grading is based on a 4.0 (unweighted) scale for regular courses and a 5.0 (weighted) scale for Honors, AP, and approved college courses.

Individual teachers will establish grading policies and procedures for their classes, and their grades will correspond with this scale. Each teacher will give written policies to students the first week of school. Courses at MPS have passing grades that are outlined in the below grading scale, with a minimum passing score of 70%.

Numeric al Grade	Letter - Grade Equivalent	Grade-Point Eqv. Unweighted	Grade-Point Eqv. Weighted
98 – 100	A+	4.0	5.0
93 – 97	A	4.0	5.0
90 – 92	A-	3.7	4.7
87 – 89	B+	3.3	4.3
83 – 86	B	3.0	4.0
80 – 82	B-	2.7	3.7
75 – 79	C+	2.3	3.3
70 – 74	C	2.0	3.0
Below 70	F	0.0	0.0

Assignment Grades:

Teachers will create reasonable number of assignments for each subcategory in their grading system and assign a weight to each assignment. The weight of an assignment depends on its importance relative to the other assignments in the same subcategory. Students will receive numerical grades for each graded assignment and the student's final semester grade will be a weighted average of the assignment grades, scaled to a maximum of 100 points. SIS will automatically convert student's final numerical grade to a final letter grade according to the scale in the above table.

MPS promotes use of numerical grades for grading accuracy and our teachers typically use numerical grades when grading student assignments. In the case that a letter grade or a check grade system is used for an individual assignment, SIS will convert those grades to numerical grades according to the following conversion table.

Letter Grade	→ Converted to Numerical Grade	Check Grade	→ Converted to Numerical Grade
A+	100	✓+	100
A	97	✓	85
A-	92	✓-	70
B+	89	x	50
B	86		
B-	82		
C+	79		
C	74		
F	50		

No "D" Policy:

There will not be a "D" grade option in the grading scale. The primary concern of MPS is the educational success of our students. This policy will allow for MPS to maintain a high standard throughout its program and ensure that MPS students remain competitive, especially in the area of college and scholarship applications.

[For High School Only] The "No D Policy" applies to all students in grades 9-12 effective of 2012-13 school year. Students who have earned credits at MPS with a "D" grade prior to 2012-13 school year will keep their credits and do not have to make up credits for any previously passed course at MPS. Also courses transferred from another accredited school will appear on student's transcript as they are and "D" will be accepted as a passing grade for all transferred courses. Therefore, the "No D Policy" does not negatively impact graduation.

Determining Final Grades:

Middle School: In grades 6 through 8, for year-long courses, the numerical grades of two semesters will be averaged to determine an end-of-the-year grade. The average numerical grade will then be converted to a letter-grade and grade-point equivalent for GPA calculations.

To earn course credit, the end-of-the-year grade for the class must be at least a "C" (=2.0) or the second semester grade should be at least a "B-" (2.7).

High School: In high school, course grades are semester-based and credit is granted at the end of each semester. Students need to have an end-of-the-semester final grade of at least a "C" (=2.0) to earn credit for the course. MPS high school grade promotion policy is based on each semester grade and not on yearly average of two semester grades.

Grading for Transfer Students Entering Mid-Semester to MPS from Another School:

When a transfer student enters mid-semester to MPS, the transfer grade from the previous school for the same class, if available, will be given the following weights to determine the final semester grade:

Week of the semester student enrolled in MPS	Weight of transfer grade	Weight of grade at MPS
1-6	0	1
7-9	1/3	2/3
10-12	1/2	1/2
13+	2/3	1/3

The teacher may assign make-up work to determine the grade if no transfer grade is available. Make-up work must be assigned within a reasonable time

frame that allows the student to complete the work for credit.

The following guidelines apply when a transfer student wants or needs to enroll in a class that s/he was not taking at her/his previous school. The decision will be made on a case by case basis.

Week of the semester student enrolled in MPS	Credit
1-6	Full credit enrollment
7-9	Student may or may not be enrolled in new class. If enrolled, it may be either for full credit or for no-credit observation only. Decision will be made on a case by case basis. If a decision is made for full credit enrollment, the student is expected to commit to intense intervention which may include attending after-school tutoring and receiving out-of-school support.
10+	Student may or may not be enrolled in new class. If enrolled, it is for no-credit observation only. The decision will be based on the best interest of the student.

Honor Roll/High Honor Roll:

At the end of each semester MPS publishes the honor rolls for students.

Honors and High Honors are awarded to all students with a semester GPA of 3.00-3.49 (Honors) and 3.50+ (High Honors). Students must pass all classes to make the semester honor rolls.

Grade requirement for school team participation:

All students are required to maintain a “C” or better in all classes to play/participate on a school team.

Middle School Grade Promotion:

Core Courses: Core courses are Math, Science, English Language Arts, and History/Social Science.

Criteria: To be promoted to the next grade, a middle school student must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and passing grades in all core courses by the end of the school year or by the end of the summer before the start of the next school year.

Summer School: Students who fail any core courses should attend summer school at MPS, if available, or at a public school to make up failed course courses during summer. Students who perform successfully at

summer school will receive a passing grade as their final grade on their transcript for that course. Student transcripts will be updated to include summer grades and GPA will be recalculated. If a student earns passing grades during the summer for all the failed core courses and have a recalculated GPA of at least a 2.0, he or she may be promoted to the next grade.

Grade Retention: If the student has a failed core course or has a recalculated GPA less than 2.0 after the summer before the start of the next school year, student will be recommended for retention in the current grade unless the school administration determines that retention is not the appropriate intervention for the student’s academic deficiencies. In that case, promotion is contingent upon a detailed plan to correct deficiencies. At MPS, the following steps will be taken prior to a student’s being retained:

- A letter shall be sent to the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s) before the end of the school year informing them that their child is at risk of retention.
- A meeting will be set up with the parent(s)/guardian(s). The student’s grade reports shall be provided to and intervention options, including summer school, will be discussed with the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s). The parent(s)/guardian(s) may be informed at that meeting that their child is recommended for retention. This meeting will be documented with an academic support plan signed by the school administration and the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- By the end of the summer before the start of the next school year, the school administration will make their final decision based on student’s performance in summer school and readiness for next grade. A letter shall be sent to formally inform the student’s parent(s)/ guardian(s) of the school administration’s decision regarding the retention.
- The parent(s)/guardian(s) shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) of Magnolia Public Schools (MPS). If the decision of the CAO is not in agreement with the parent(s)/ guardian(s), the latter have the right to appeal directly to the MPS Board of Directors. This meeting will take place at the next regularly scheduled board meeting or by direction of the board president. Or the Board may form a committee to review the appeal and make a recommendation to the Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Participation in Promotion Activities/ Ceremony:

In order for students to participate in any promotion activities they must fulfill all the promotion requirements and not be on suspension, or

recommended for expulsion at the time of the Promotion Ceremony.

High School Grade Promotion:

Criteria: To be promoted to the next grade, a high school student must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and the minimum required credits described below **by the end of the school year or by the end of the summer before the start of the next school year.**

Student transcripts will be updated to include summer grades and GPA will be recalculated. If students have the minimum required credits and at least a 2.0 recalculated GPA, they will be promoted to the next grade.

Core Courses: Core courses are Math, Science, English, and History/Social Science.

Minimum required credits:

To be enrolled in grade 10, a student must have a minimum of 50 credits, including at least 20 credits in core courses.

To be enrolled in grade 11, a student must have a minimum of 100 credits, including at least 50 credits in core courses.

To be enrolled in grade 12, a student must have a minimum of 150 credits, including at least 90 credits in core courses.

A student's grade level placement remains the same for an entire school year.

Participation in Senior Activities/ Graduation Ceremony: In order for students to participate in any senior activities they must have a total of 150 credits at the beginning of the first semester and/or 180 credits at the beginning of the second semester of their senior year. In addition, students have to fulfill all the graduation requirements, described herein, and not be on suspension, or recommended for expulsion at the time of the Graduation Ceremony.

D. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MPS believes that students need to have physical and mental experience in high school, which includes academic, life skills, and applied experiences. MPS meets and exceeds the admission requirements of all four-year universities including University of California.

Students must meet the following requirements to graduate from MPS:

Credit Requirement: Currently, every student must earn a total of 210 semester credits in grades 9 through 12 in order to receive a high school diploma. (See section "High School Credit Earned in Middle School" for middle school courses identified for high

school credit.) Each high school course at MPS is semester based and worth 5 credits, with an exception of courses such as Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) or Advisory which last one-half of a typical class period or less and are worth 2.5 credits. Students need to have an end-of-the-semester final grade of at least a "C" (=2.0) to earn credit for the course. Credit is awarded on the basis of student participation, mastery of subject matter, and/or attainment of skills.

Specific Course Requirements: The following table lists courses required in order to graduate from MPS.

Diploma Types: MPS offers three different high school diploma types: **Standard (S), Advanced (A), and Honors (H).** Each diploma has minimum requirements that meet and exceed the state graduation requirements and the "a-g" subject requirements of California's four-year public universities. Students are always welcome, and often encouraged, to exceed these minimum requirements. *(The advanced and honors diploma types will be available beginning with the class of 2017 – students who are entering the 9th grade during the 2013-14 school year and will depend on student needs/demands and availability of teachers and resources.)*

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE): When required by state law, students will be required to pass the CAHSEE in order to receive a MPS Diploma. Letter of completion will be given to students who do not pass the CAHSEE.

Math Requirement: MPS math requirements are threefold:

1) Credit requirements: MPS requires at least 30 semester credits of math for a standard diploma and 40 semester credits of math for an advanced or honors diploma. Some of these credits can be earned in middle school.

2) Year requirements: MPS requires students to be enrolled in a math course for at least two years in grades nine through twelve for a standard diploma (*state requirement*) and at least three years in grades nine through twelve for an advanced or honors diploma. **For example; a student may take Mathematics-I or Algebra I in seventh grade, Mathematics II or Geometry in eighth grade, and Mathematics III or Algebra II in ninth grade. The student still needs to take one more year of math for a standard diploma and two more years of math for an advanced or honors diploma.**

3) Course requirements: Students need to complete three years of math courses that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two-and-three dimensional geometry before graduation. Integrated math courses fulfill this requirement.

Service Learning: Completing 40 hours of community service before graduation is no longer a high school requirement for a standard diploma beginning with the class of 2013. However, MPS encourages students to engage in community service to develop and demonstrate crucial life skills. This will help students gain “real life” experience and develop responsibility, caring and respect for the community. Therefore, students will be required to earn 40 hours of community service before graduation for an advanced or honors diploma. Students may begin to earn these hours once they complete their 8th grade year.

[For High School Only] Cumulative GPA:

A cumulative GPA is calculated for all high school level courses based on the number of credits received and their **weighted** grade point equivalencies. Cumulative GPAs are used to determine class rank and graduation honors, eligibility for National Honor Society, by colleges as part of the admission criteria, by many scholarship and grant providers, and occasionally, by employers. This information is reported to parents on the student’s high school transcript. The high school transcript is a record of all final course grades received for high school courses.

MPS requires a minimum of 2.00 cumulative GPA for graduation, 3.25 for an advanced diploma, and 3.50 for an honors diploma.

All graduating students who are eligible to receive an Honors diploma with a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or above shall be designated as the Valedictorian. Cumulative GPA computation for Valedictorian shall be based upon student’s projected grades as of the first of June prior to the date of graduation.

Note: UC/CSU systems do their own GPA calculations for a-g courses taken between the summer following 9th grade through the summer following 11th grade in calculating a student’s GPA. Please see your high school college advisor for further details.

High School Credit Earned in Middle School:

Students who take high school courses in middle school have the option to have these courses counted toward graduation. These courses must have the same expectations, curriculum and final exams as the equivalent courses taught in high school. Students who choose to have their middle school courses counted toward graduation need to consult with the school administration since these courses need to be reflected on the student’s high school transcript. Grades from such courses will not be included in cumulative GPA calculations.

The following middle school courses have been identified for high school credit: Mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, Integrated Mathematics I, and other high school level mathematics courses), Computers & Technology (approved high-school level courses), and Language Other Than English (LOTE). For middle school LOTE course(s), one year of high school credit will be given for each different language

MPS Graduation Requirements				
Subject Area	Requirements	Diploma Types		
		S	A	H
(a) History / Social Science	Three years, including World History, U.S. History, American Government/Economics	30	30	30
(b) English	Four years of approved courses	40	40	40
(c) Mathematics	Three years of math courses that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two-and-three dimensional geometry. Integrated math courses fulfill this requirement. <i>(Four years recommended)</i>	30	40	40
(d) Science	Two years with lab required; lab chosen from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics <i>(Three years recommended)</i>	20	30	40
(e) Language Other Than English	Two years in same language required. <i>(Three years recommended)</i>	20	20	30
(f) Visual & Performing Arts	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art	10	10	10
(g) Electives*	Additional courses in Social Science, English, Mathematics, Science, Language Other Than English, Visual & Performing Arts, Computers & Technology <i>(20-30 credits of electives required depending on diploma type)</i>	30	30	20
Physical Education	Two years	20	20	20
Computers & Technology	One year	10	10	10
Total Required Credits		210	230	240
AP* Course /College Credit Requirements	AP or college courses can be taken to meet minimum course requirements or as elective. This is not required for a standard diploma.	N/A	20	30
Other Requirements	CAHSEE <i>(when required by state law)</i>	√	√	√
	Minimum Cumulative GPA	2.00	3.25	3.50
	Req. Service Learning Hrs.	N/A	40	40

if students demonstrate proficiency by passing those courses or a LOTE proficiency test provided by the School. Again, middle school courses must be comparable in content to courses offered at the high school level. Magnolia Public Schools Home Office ("Home Office") has the final authority to decide which middle school courses will be counted toward graduation.

Language other than English (LOTE) Courses:

MPS will allow other options to satisfy the "e"-LOTE requirement for graduation. Completion of higher-level LOTE coursework with a grade of C or higher may validate D or F grades earned in lower-level courses or when a lower-level course is skipped. Please check UC Admissions website for details of course validation. UC-transferable college courses or satisfactory scores on SAT Subject, AP or IB exams can also be used to fulfill the LOTE subject requirement.

Generally, bilingual students are considered to have met the "e" subject requirement and may choose not to enroll in LOTE courses. Students who elect not to take courses in a LOTE may satisfy the "e" requirement (*for all diploma types*) by one of the following methods:

- Formal schooling in a language other than English – Students who have completed two years of formal schooling at the sixth-grade level or higher in a school where a LOTE was used as the medium of instruction have met the LOTE requirement. A school transcript or other official document is required.
- Assessment by a recognized test or University – Earning a satisfactory score on a SAT Subject, AP or IB exam, or a proficiency test administered by a UC campus or other university can demonstrate a student's proficiency in a LOTE. Most language departments at universities will conduct an assessment and issue a statement of competency on official letterhead serving as certification.
- Certification by high school principal – In cases where the options above are not available, certification by the high school principal is acceptable. Principals should develop and maintain clear standards for providing this certification. Certification should be based on the judgment of language teachers, advice of professional or cultural organizations with an interest in maintaining language proficiency, or other appropriate sources of expertise. The principal notes the certification of competency on the student's transcript with the language and level of proficiency.

Credit Acceptance: Students transferring to MPS from another accredited school, private or public, a home school, or an alternative school, will receive credit toward graduation for courses successfully completed in the sending school.

These courses will appear on student's transcript as they are transferred and will be included in cumulative

GPA calculations. Upon review and approval by the school administration, students transferring to MPS from a non-accredited school may receive credit toward graduation within the following guidelines:

Documentation must be provided to MPS by the sending school as to the course of study the student followed, materials used, course description, total number of contact hours per course, grading criteria, teacher name and qualifications, student work or projects, and scores of any standardized tests the student has taken. Grades from such courses will not be included in cumulative GPA calculations.

Normally, students may not retake courses that they have already passed and for which they have earned credit. Credit is not awarded for classes repeated to raise a grade unless the grade previously earned was a Fail (F) or Incomplete (I). However, the school administration reserves the right to final decision in case of any extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances may include foreign transcripts, transcripts from non-accredited schools, college courses, ESL/ELD courses, and other approved courses on a case-by-case basis. Please consult with the school administration. If the school administration allows repeat of a course for extenuating circumstances, MPS will use the new grade when calculating the student's GPA. However, the repeated grade will not be used in calculating the "a-g" GPA for UCs if a student repeats a course used to satisfy the "a-g" requirement in which the student originally earned a grade of C or higher.

Credit Recovery: A high school student who fails a course at MPS is expected to take full responsibility for their personal credit recovery process. Following are some recovery options:

Summer School: Students can take a summer school course at any public school to recover missing credits. MPS may offer summer school depending on student needs and availability of teachers and resources.

Online Courses: Students who are credit deficient may enroll in accredited online courses to recover missing credits. Some examples to accredited online course providers are: APEX Learning, FuelEd, BYU, etc. College advisor's approval is necessary in order for the grade of an online course to be included in cumulative GPA calculations.

College Dual Enrollment: Students may enroll in a post-secondary course creditable toward high school completion. College advisor's approval is necessary in order for the grade of a college course to be included in cumulative GPA calculations.

WASC Accreditation & Transferability of Courses:

All MPS schools are WASC-accredited and all A-G courses of MPS are transferable to other public schools, and meet the rigorous requirements for admission to both the UC and state university systems. Every transfer student will participate in an intake meeting which includes a review of his/her transcript and tracking towards graduation. Every

exiting student will also receive a transcript to provide him/her with an official record of courses completed and credits earned. In addition, the school's master schedule will be informed by student needs to ensure sufficient intervention opportunities are available for the student population. Please contact your MPS school's Dean of Academics & College Advisor for further information.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: MPS will offer Advanced Placement (AP) classes depending on student needs/demands and availability of teachers and resources. AP courses are college-level courses, taught with college textbooks and exams that can give students college credit in the form of advanced standing when they enter their freshman year. Students have to pass the corresponding AP test in order to get college credit.

Dual Enrollment: Dual enrollment is a program that allows eligible high school students to enroll in a college course. Dual enrollment eliminates duplication of coursework between high school and college and allows students to earn their college degree in less time, save money, and experience the college environment. Junior and senior high school students who have demonstrated academic, personal and social maturity are welcome to apply. Students should visit their high school college advisor prior to the beginning of the semester to seek permission for enrolling and complete a dual enrollment registration / parent consent form.

If a student wishes to receive high school credit for a college class, a 3.0 unit or more one-semester college class will earn two semesters worth of high school credit (10.0 credits). The following table will be used for conversion of college units to high-school credits:

College units	High school credits
1 semester college unit or 1-2 quarter college units	2.5 high school credits
2 semester college units or 3 or more quarter college units	5.0 high school credits
3 or more semester college units	10.0 high school credits

To determine how a college course fulfills a high school requirement see your high school college advisor. College advisor's approval is necessary in order for the grade of a college course to be included in cumulative GPA calculations. *Academic college courses that meet the University of California "a-g" requirements will be given a weighted grade point on the high school transcript and included in cumulative GPA calculations.*

All students in grades 11 and 12 are required to be enrolled in at least five courses each semester. These courses can be classroom-based courses taken at MPS, online courses provided by MPS or approved online course-providers, CSU, UC or community

college courses, and other courses and activities for which academic credit will be provided upon satisfactory completion. MPS requires that the average number of minutes of attendance in any two consecutive schooldays is no less than 240 and minutes of attendance in any one schoolday is no less than 180.

Counseling programs:

MPS offers a comprehensive counseling and guidance program addressing personal/social, career, and academic needs for all grades. Students may sign up to see the counselor at any time to discuss personal or academic concerns. Social skills, career, and college planning lessons will be provided by the counselor at various times throughout the school year depending on grade level, need etc. The counseling office provides the following resources:

- Academic advising
- College planning resources
- Scholarship information
- SAT/ACT/CAHSEE test dates and materials
- Career planning resources
- Conflict resolution
- Family resources
- Counseling resources

Students who wish to see the counselor can make an appointment. Parents are always welcome to make an appointment to see the counselor. All information discussed is confidential except when it involves your safety or the safety of someone else.

MPS adheres to the National Counseling Standards. The standards are as follows:

Academic Development

Standard A: Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across the life span.

Standard B: Students will complete school with the academic preparation essential to choose from a wide range of substantial post-secondary options, including college.

Standard C: Students will understand the relationship of academics to the world of work and home and community life.

Career Development

Standard A: Students will acquire the skills to investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self and to make informed career decisions.

Standard B: Students will employ strategies to achieve future career success and satisfaction.

Standard C: Students will understand the relationship between personal qualities, education and training, and the world of work.

Personal/Social Development

Standard A: Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.

Standard B: Students will make decisions, set goals, and take necessary action to achieve goals.

Standard C: Students will understand safety and survival skills.

PSAT/NMSQT Tests & Applications:

MPS is dedicated to providing a comprehensive college preparatory program that facilitates students' ambitions to pursue higher education at the nation's top universities and colleges. As part of this process, grades 9 through 11 are required to take the PSAT/NMSQT test in Fall.

PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test.™ It also gives the students a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:

- critical reading skills;
- math problem-solving skills; and
- writing skills.

The most common reason for taking the PSAT/NMSQT is for the students to receive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. Students can then focus their preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.

College Board (test maker) charges a fee for the PSAT/NMSQT test and each student is responsible for paying this fee. Economically disadvantaged families may qualify for a fee waiver. Parents should contact MPS administration to request a fee waiver. Each case will be evaluated on an individual basis.

E. ATTENDANCE

Attendance is extremely important for student success. Our research indicates a significant positive correlation between student attendance and achievement. Members of MPS's professional staff will encourage and support student attendance. However, parents and legal guardians have the primary responsibility.

Every student is required to be in school, in each class, on time, and in their seat before the bell rings. It is required by law that every parent or guardian of any minor between the ages of 6 and 18 make sure that the minor child attends school.

A parent must inform the main office via phone of their child's absence the morning of the absence and/or send a note the day the student returns to school. If the student returns to school without a note and no phone call was received, s/he will be marked

TRUANT. The student will have **two days** to bring in a note to change this to an excused absence.

Teachers have the right to fail a student when excessive absences affect the student's performance in the class, such as by resulting in missing classwork or homework. When a student misses 10 full days (unexcused) in a semester, he or she may not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities in that semester. Special circumstances with documented explanations should be reviewed with the administration. Parent/Guardian notes can only be accepted for up to nineteen (19) days in a school year. If a student misses twenty (20) days or more, an acceptable note from a doctor or official authority will be required.

Absences:

MPS recognizes two kinds of absences and tardiness: excused and unexcused. Please read through the definitions of each carefully. In the event of an excused absence, students maintain responsibility for homework, quizzes, and tests. In addition, there are consequences for unexcused absences.

1. Excused absences:

Parent or guardians must explain each absence in writing and sign it and/or call the office. An excuse for absence from school may be approved for one (1) or more of the following reasons or conditions:

Personal illness:

Parent or guardian must call the school each morning the student stays home due to illness. Upon returning to school the student must bring a note from a parent or guardian to the main office.

Illness in the Family or Death of a Relative:

In the case of illness in the family or death of a relative, the parent or guardian should call the office to explain the situation and the estimated time of absence. CA Ed Code allows 1 day of absence for in-state funerals, and 3 days of absence for out-of-state funerals. Upon returning to school, the student must bring an explanatory note from the parent or guardian. It is the parent and student's responsibility to inform the teachers of the estimated time of absence.

Observance of Religious Holidays:

Any student observing a religious holiday consistent with his/her creed or belief shall be excused from classes. The student must bring a note from their parent/guardian the day they return to school or we must receive a phone call from their parent/guardian on the day(s) of the absence.

Professional Appointments:

We encourage parents to schedule medical, dental, legal, and other necessary appointments outside school hours whenever possible. If this is not possible, students must bring a note stating the time they are to be excused from school. In addition,

parents must come to the office to pick up the student. They must sign the student out of school at that time.

Other excused absences include justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, attendance at religious retreats, attendance at an employment conference, on Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. Other reasons will be considered that are requested in writing, consistent with this handbook and approved by the school. If the excuse is not one of the valid excuses listed in the CA Ed Code or in this handbook, the school administrators are authorized to excuse school absences due to the pupil's circumstances **on a case-by-case basis**.

2. Unexcused Absences:

Students will be marked unexcused if they:

- do not bring a written note within two school days, following an absence,
- leave school without signing out at the school office,
- are absent from class without permission, including walking out of class,
- are absent from school without parental permission **(except students in 7-12 grade who are being excused to receive confidential medical services without parental permission),**
- get a pass to go to a certain place but do not report there, and/or
- are absent for reasons **not acceptable** to the administration including but not limited to:
 - Not waking up on time
 - Transportation problems (missing the bus, traffic, car trouble, etc.)
 - Inclement weather
 - Running errands for family
 - Work
 - Babysitting
 - Hair appointment
 - Needed at home
 - Vacations or trips

Make up Work for Excused Absences:

An absence from school, even for several days, does not excuse students from responsibilities in the classroom. On the day of return, it is the students' responsibility to find out what work is required and when the work needs to be completed. Students will be given the same number of days they were absent to make up missed work. For students with excused absences, make-up tests will be scheduled at a time designated by the teacher or as outlined in the teacher's syllabus. It is the students' responsibility to take the test at that time. If the student fails to do this, the teacher is not obligated to set another time for make-up. Please check teacher's syllabus and make sure for their individual policy.

Make up Work for Unexcused Absences:

If a student has an unexcused absence, any or all of the following may occur:

- Students may not be permitted to make up work following an unexcused absence.
- Teachers are not obligated to allow students to make up quizzes or tests.
- Students may receive an "F" or "zero" grade for the day in each class missed.

Emergency Leave:

Emergencies and other personal necessity absences:

While parents/guardians are discouraged from taking their child(ren) on extended vacations or leaves of absence outside the designated instructional days, there are circumstances in which a school principal may authorize or approve such time off. Such approval must take place prior to the absences.

Independent Study Policy:

Students with a legitimate need for an extended absence of five (5) or more days can enroll in independent study. Please see the main office of your MPS school for the independent study policy.

Early Dismissal of Students from School:

- Early dismissal from school is an important issue. Because MPS is very concerned about students' safety and well-being, the following precautions will be taken to ensure students' safety.
- A student may be released before the end of a school day, only upon request of a parent or guardian or for emergency reasons.
- A student may be released only to a parent or guardian of record or to a properly identified person, authorized in writing by the parent or guardian to act on his/her behalf.
- A student may be released "on his/her own" only with verified parental permission.

No staff member shall permit or cause a student to leave school prior to the regular hour of dismissal except with the knowledge and approval of the principal and parent or guardian.

Tardiness:

A student is marked tardy when the student is not in class, or designated place as defined by the school, when the tardy bell rings signaling the time class is to begin.

Tardies are marked as excused, unexcused or truant.

The time that a tardy student arrived is to be documented in every instance. MPS requires that parents/guardians write a note of explanation when they have knowledge of their student's tardiness.

Three tardies in excess of 30 minutes constitute truancy and can be counted in combination with whole-day truancy to establish truant and habitual truant status.

Uncleared tardies shall be resolved in the same manner as unexcused absences.

After 20 tardies student will not be allowed to walk on stage for promotion/graduation.

1. Excused Tardiness:

Students must have their parents or guardian write an explanatory note if they arrive late to the school. The student must report to the office when she or she arrives. If the student fails to do this, s/he will receive an unexcused tardy.

2. Unexcused Tardiness:

Tardiness to school and to class (whether the result of oversleeping, missing the bus, car problems, babysitting, athletic workouts, socializing or lingering in the halls) is unacceptable.

If a student arrives at school late but without a note, s/he will get a "late slip" for admittance to class. The student will have two days to bring in a note to change this to an excused tardy.

Consequences for Tardiness:

Habitual tardiness (defined as three unexcused tardies) for any class period will result in disciplinary action ranging from reflection to loss of privileges. Students who regularly arrive late to class may be excluded from extracurricular activities, including proms, athletics and graduation ceremonies.

Truancy:

Any student who is absent from school and/or tardy in excess of 30 minutes on 3 occasions in one school year without valid excuse or any combination thereof, is considered to be truant.

Any pupil is deemed a **habitual truant** who has been reported as a truant 3 or more times per school year and an appropriate district/school officer or employee has made a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with the parent or guardian of the pupil and the pupil himself.

Classification of Initial Truancy:

School staff shall classify and mail 1st Initial Truancy Notification as a formal notification that the student between the ages of 6-18 has accumulated three full days of unexcused absences or unexcused tardies of more than 30 minutes or any combination thereof in one school year and is being classified as truant.

Truant Repeat:

Any student who has once been reported as a truant as defined in this policy, and who is again absent from school without valid excuse one or more days or tardy on one or more days shall again be reported as a truant. After providing parents/guardians the opportunity to respond to the Initial Truancy Letter, school staff shall mail a 2nd Truancy Notification and request a parent conference.

Classification of Habitual Truancy:

Upon the fifth unexcused absence or unexcused tardy of more than 30-minutes or any combination thereof, school staff shall mail 3rd Truancy Notification. This letter notifies the parent/guardian that the student has been classified as a habitual truant for being absent without a valid excuse five or more days, or tardy for more than any 30 minute period, during the school day without a valid excuse or any combination thereof.

An administrator or designated staff shall hold at least one conference with a parent/guardian and the student prior to the student being reclassified as a **Habitual Truant**. The notifications listed previously shall be mailed, prior to classifying a student as a Habitual Truant.

"Chronic absentee" means a pupil who is absent 10 percent or more of the schooldays in the school year, excused or unexcused.

Any pupil is deemed a "habitual truant" who has been reported as a truant three or more times per school year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your commitment to school attendance will send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family and going to school every day is a critical part of educational success.

II. DISCIPLINE POLICIES

Magnolia Public Schools Student Code of Conduct:

MPS is committed to excellence in academic instruction and in cooperating with parents/guardians to teach students the behaviors and skills that support social successes throughout life. To accomplish this goal, MPS is taking a proactive approach to teaching social skills as a significant component of the educational program. The curriculum includes teaching of the behaviors necessary for effective and

satisfying social interaction in school, on field trips, in the community, and at home.

Uniform and Personal Appearance:

The uniform policy at MPS helps create a safe and orderly environment, instill discipline, and eliminate the competition and distractions caused by varied dress styles. Students are required to arrive in uniform every day except for "free dress days". Students will not be allowed to enter the school if they are not wearing the proper uniform.

All MPS students are required to wear the school uniform at all times including during the after school tutoring/activities. Refer to Student Uniform Policy on later pages.

A. EXPECTED STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Students should always remember that their behavior and actions at school and at school-sponsored activities are a reflection not only of themselves, but also of the school. The following is a guideline of what expected from an MPS student:

Breakfast/Lunch Time:

Students must:

- Proceed to the eating area as instructed by MPS staff.
- Eat and finish their breakfast/lunch in the assigned area. No food should be eaten outside the designated areas.
- Wait patiently for their food, and follow the direction of the adults on duty.
- Clean up after themselves and dispose of their trash in the appropriate area.
- Remember that they are not allowed in the school building without a pass.
- Students must carry a pass that is given to them by security guard/supervisor staff.

On Campus:

Students must:

- Stay in designated areas on-campus.
- Be courteous and respectful at all times to everyone.
- Not use profanity, lie, fight, gamble, possess inappropriate literature or material, or be involved in the abuse/harassment of others.
- Not use or have cellular phones turned on during school hours; students are allowed to use cellular phones **only** in the designated area after school. Phones should not be used during after school programs, such as tutoring.
- Remember that any electronic devices seen during class time will be confiscated and returned to the student's parents/guardians at the discretion of administration.
- Remember that gum chewing is not allowed anywhere on campus.
- Never ride bicycles, use roller blades or skateboards on campus nor bring them to class.

- Not leave campus without permission during school hours (except students in 7-12 grade who are being excused to receive confidential medical services without parental permission).
- Not use matches, lighters, or any type of explosive incendiary device on campus.
- Remember that **no electronic devices** such as CD/MP3/IPOD players may be visible or used on the campus grounds.
- Students are not allowed to loiter in the hallways.

Assemblies:

Students must:

- Be courteous and quiet during the entire assembly.
- Be respectful to the presenter/speaker.
- Follow all teacher/staff directions.

Field Trips:

Students must:

- Be on their best behavior.
 - Pay attention to the directives given by the moderator and trip leader.
- Follow all school rules pertaining to behavior.
- Wear MPS uniform unless authorized by administration.

Public areas: Hallways, Lunchroom & Restrooms:

Hallways, Lunchroom and Restrooms are areas used by all members of School. Students must:

- Use the halls, lunchroom, or restrooms only as needed and then move on to class.
- Eat only in the cafeteria or other designated area.
- Leave gum at home; chewing gum is strictly prohibited anywhere on campus.
- Maintain orderly conduct always; walk in the halls, lunchroom, or restrooms.
- Keep in mind that profanity and vulgar language at any level is unacceptable and is strictly prohibited in all areas and at school functions at all times.
- Limit excessive noise such as yelling, screaming or banging lockers while in these areas.
- Help keep the school clean by picking up after yourself and putting your belongings in their proper place.
- Respect others personal space and keep your hands to yourself even in play.
- Have a pass to be in the above areas during class time.
- Keep in mind that vandalism, littering, or graffiti in the school is prohibited and should be reported as this reflects poorly on everyone.
- Public displays of affection are prohibited.
- Bring only plastic and paper containers to school; all glass containers are prohibited on campus and will be confiscated.
- Be responsible and report any leaks, spills, or other problems in the bathroom to a teacher or the office.

- Be responsible for cleaning up after yourself, including the disposing of or the recycling of garbage.
- Have a hall pass if you are outside of the classroom during class time.
- Not visit with friends or interrupt another classroom.
- Not misuse the hall pass as it will result in loss of the hall pass privilege.
- Get a referral from your teacher before you go to the office. Do not use the hall pass.

Emergency Drills:

Fire drills, lockdowns, and evacuation drills are conducted periodically for everyone’s protection and are required by law. During these drills it is imperative that students remain silent, follow instructions given by the staff, and carry out all directions in an orderly fashion.

Classroom:

Students must:

- Be seated and ready to begin their assignment when the bell rings.
- Be courteous to all teachers and students.
- Follow all school and classroom rules.
- Bring all necessary materials/supplies ready to work daily.

Classroom Procedures and Consequences:

Please check the teacher’s syllabus for specific consequences which may include:

1. **In Class Warning**
2. **Student-Teacher Conference**
3. **Reflection / Parental Notification**
4. **Parent Conference**
5. **Office Referral & Administrative Disciplinary Procedures**

B. SIS BEHAVIOR POINTS

[For Middle & High School Only] Student behavior will be recorded on SIS and students will receive the following rewards or consequences based on their behavior points.

Positive Rewards:

- +5 Contact parent/guardian
- +10 Lunch speed pass
- +15 Treat
- +20 One day free dress (pass will be given)
- +25 Extended lunch period
- +30 Two day free dress (pass will be given)
- +35 VIP breakfast
- +40 Entered in a raffle
- +45 Free dress – every Friday for one month (pass will be given)
- +50 VIP lunch and “Race to the top”

Negative Consequences:

- 5 Contact parent/guardian
- 10 Loss of privileges
- 15 Parent/guardian conference / Red slip*
- 20 Behavior plan and lunch reflection
- 25 Shadowed by parent/guardian for a day and one hour after school reflection
- 30 Student improvement team
- 35 Pending Reflection Committee outcome
- 40 Pending Reflection Committee outcome
- 45 Pending Reflection Committee outcome
- 50 Reflective hearing with Reflection Committee, parent/guardian and student

**Students earn a positive SIS point for receiving all acceptable marks and a signature on their red slip.*

When a student receives negative twenty or more **behavior points** recorded on SIS, the MPS administration will arrange a meeting with that student and the parent to develop a behavioral plan. If the student fails to abide by the discipline tracker rules or an agreement between the administration, parents, and student, cannot be reached, the student will be referred to the School Reflection Committee.

C. UNACCEPTABLE TYPES OF BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCES

All students at MPS are entitled to the rights guaranteed by the **United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, and applicable case law, and** their rights will not be knowingly denied by the required code of conduct or by any disciplinary actions taken by the school. Accordingly, after an analysis of each case, any student who exhibits any of the unacceptable student behaviors listed in this handbook may incur consequences. These consequences range from notification of parents, reflection, to emergency removal from a school activity, suspension, expulsion, **and referral to appropriate law enforcement agencies.**

MPS reserves the right to notify the authorities and the Department of Education as required by law relating to disciplinary actions taken. It is to be noted that MPS reserves the right to discipline any act that has a nexus with MPS or the school **community and causes a substantial disruption to the normal operation of the School.** In other words MPS may discipline behavior at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored function or any activity or **any act that causes a substantial disruption** on the school environment or that is performed with/on/by/via school equipment or school property. **MPS respects and observes the rights of student to lawful student expression, as outlined in the MPS Student Expression Policy available in the office of each MPS school.**

The following tables delineate unacceptable types of behavior and possible consequences.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS		
BE SAFE	BE RESPONSIBLE	BE RESPECTFUL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Keep hands to yourself. ◆ Ask for permission to use any equipment, resources or materials. ◆ Use equipment appropriately and for its intended use. ◆ Walk to and from class during transition periods. ◆ Report unsafe behaviors (e.g., bullying) ◆ Remain in assigned areas. ◆ Solve problems peacefully. ◆ If you are unsure of something, seek help from or ask an adult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Arrive to class on time and ready to work. ◆ Be on task. ◆ Be prepared each day with school materials. ◆ Give full effort in all work. ◆ Raise hand in class. ◆ Be in proper uniform. ◆ Follow classroom expectations. ◆ Throw away waste in proper receptacle. ◆ Keep campus clean. ◆ Sit in assigned seat. ◆ Respect school property and ask before borrowing other's property. ◆ Use restroom during non-class time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Follow the teacher's directions and use positive language with peers. ◆ Acknowledge one's mistakes and correct them. ◆ Be kind to others. ◆ Respect each other's differences. ◆ Respect other's property and personal space. ◆ Use a quiet, conversational voice. ◆ Use polite language such as thank you, you're welcome, and I'm sorry. ◆ If in disagreement, voice concerns respectfully and appropriately. ◆ Cooperate with adults and peers.
Level 1 Infractions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invading personal space ▪ Fighting and/or arranging altercations ▪ Antagonizing others ▪ Violation of school/class rules ▪ Horseplaying ▪ Violating off-limits/restricted area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Habitually tardy and/or not being in assigned location ▪ Disrupting the learning environment/Off task ▪ Littering ▪ Not having proper materials, supplies, and/or equipment for class participation ▪ Inappropriate use of electronic devices ▪ Dress code violation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inappropriate language/actions (hurtful, vulgar, gossip, etc.) ▪ Violation of school/class rules ▪ Passive participation in hurtful acts/words against others ▪ Public display of affection (holding hands, kissing, hugging, etc.) ▪ Disrupting learning environment ▪ Refusing to cooperate and comply with school rules/personnel
Possible Corrective Strategies		
<p>Multiple strategies may be used depending on individual student's needs. Corrective strategies may include, but are not limited to:</p> <p><u>First Infraction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-teaching school behavior expectations • Having the student apologize and making amends with those affected <p><u>Repeated Infractions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and/or confer with parent or legal guardian • Implement a Home to School and School to Home Communication System (e.g., SIS) • Implement a behavior contract that includes expected student behavior, incentives for demonstrating expected behavior and consequences for infractions • Use of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS) services • Assigned reflection (lunch, after-school, Saturday, etc.) • Loss of privileges • Refer the student to the Reflection Committee 		

Level 2 Infractions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using/possessing tobacco and/or lighter ▪ Violating traffic or safety regulations ▪ Encouraging other students to violate school rules ▪ Leaving school and/or school bus without permission ▪ Fighting and/or arranging altercations ▪ Using objects inappropriately (i.e., the use of an object to harm others or damage property) ▪ Physical assault without serious bodily injury (i.e., pushing with intent, kicking, hitting, pinching, spitting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defacing and/or vandalism of school property ▪ Plagiarism/academic dishonesty ▪ Leaving school or classroom without permission (truancy) ▪ Improper use of computer (e.g., viewing unauthorized websites, cheating, overriding district filter, etc.) ▪ Stealing and/or possessing stolen property ▪ Failure to attend to/complete assigned restorative action ▪ Gambling ▪ Habitual violations of school/class rules ▪ Forgery of signatures ▪ Extortion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sexual explicit behavior ▪ Planning and/or arranging actions with malicious intent ▪ Writing or drawing obscene /profane language/pictures ▪ Harassment (i.e., physical, verbal, and sexual) ▪ Bullying/cyberbullying ▪ Violation of personal boundaries ▪ Refusing to cooperate and comply with school rules/personnel ▪ Disrupting learning environment

Possible Corrective Strategies

<p><u>Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/guardian contact to inform parent of accusation and status of investigation. Parent/guardian will be given the option to attend the student conference. • School-level investigation and student conference • School-level conference with student, parent/guardian, principal or designee and staff member(s) involved to determine and implement appropriate corrective strategies • Complete behavior assessment need and behavior intervention plan • If needed, refer to Response to Intervention (RTI) team. <p>Note: Students may be suspended or expelled for committing any of the above offenses that are also listed in Section D: Suspension and Expulsion Procedures, by following the applicable procedures.</p>	<p><u>Corrective Strategies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and/or confer with parent/guardian • Implement a home to school and school to home communication system (e.g., SIS) • Post, teach, and re-teach school behavior expectations • Utilize Check-In/Check-Out • Implement a behavior contract that includes expected student behavior, incentives for demonstrating expected behavior and consequences for infractions • Intensive academic support • Intensive social skills teaching • Self-management program • Firm, fair, and corrective discipline • Use of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS) services • Assigned reflection (lunch, after-school, Saturday, etc.) • Loss of privilege • Data-based decision making • Refer the student to the Response to Intervention (RTI) team
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Level 3 Infractions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physically assaulting with serious bodily injury ▪ Conduct or habits injurious to others (peers/authority) ▪ Using/possessing controlled and/or dangerous substances and/or paraphernalia ▪ Bullying (harassing, intimidating, cyberbullying) ▪ Fighting and/or arranging altercations ▪ Possessing/shooting fireworks (i.e., smoke bombs, sink bombs, etc.) ▪ Using/possessing weapons and/or weapon paraphernalia including but not limited to those prohibited under federal law ▪ Harassment (i.e., physical, verbal, and sexual) ▪ Arson, attempting to commit arson and/or possession of explosives ▪ Causing a false fire alarm ▪ Making a bomb/explosive threat ▪ Encouraging other students to violate school rules ▪ Student hazing ▪ Using gang and/or secret society symbols/acts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inappropriate use of electronic devices ▪ Public displays of sexually explicit behavior ▪ Defacing and/or vandalism of school property ▪ Gambling ▪ Habitual violations of school/class rules ▪ Forgery of signatures ▪ Stealing and/or possessing stolen property ▪ Improper use of computer (e.g., viewing unauthorized websites, cheating, overriding school filter, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sexual explicit behavior ▪ Lewd conduct ▪ Planning and/or arranging actions with malicious intent ▪ Bullying/cyberbullying ▪ Harassment (i.e., physical, verbal, and sexual) ▪ Writing or drawing obscene /profane language/pictures
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Infractions Explained:

(See also the Enumerated Offenses and applicable procedures listed in Section D: Suspension and Expulsion Procedures)

Assaulting, Fighting and/or Arranging Fights
School is not a place to arrange fights, whether those fights take place on or off school grounds. Any fight and/or attempting to fight will involve disciplining all students involved.
Bringing / Using Electronic Devices
CD players, IPOD, MP3 players, phones, PDA, PSP, laptops, smart watches, electronic games, and/or similar devices are not allowed to be used at school. They disrupt classes and distract others from learning. If you choose to bring them for use outside of school it is at your own discretion. MPS assumes no liability for any damaged, destroyed, lost, stolen, misplaced or otherwise compromised electronic device brought onto MPS property.
Scholastic Dishonesty
Scholastic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) plagiarism, cheating on tests, and/or any other types of deception to obtain credit without effort. Scholastic dishonesty is unacceptable conduct. As a consequence, student will receive a failing grade on the assignment/test, and all other possible corrective strategies listed under the Behavioral Expectations table will apply as well.
Texting/Sexting
Sexting can be defined as the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photographs electronically, primarily between mobile phones and/or any other communication devices.
Disrupting Learning
Disrupting learning includes any behavior that prevents other students from learning. It may include but is not limited to inappropriate language, eating or drinking during class against teachers' classroom rules, chewing gum, insubordination and/or selling or trading personal possessions to other students.
Horseplay
Rough or boisterous play including but not limited to shoving, play fighting, kicking, name calling, teasing, pushing/pulling on a student and shoulder bumps.

Violating Uniform Policy
A student's dress and appearance shall conform to the specific uniform and appearance limitations described in this handbook.
Possession or Use of Drugs and/or Alcohol and the Sale or Intention to Sell Drugs and/or Alcohol
Use of drugs or alcohol means a student knowingly possesses, consumes, uses, handles, gives, stores, conceals, offers to sell, sells, transmits, acquires, buys, represents, makes, applies, or is under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, tranquilizer, non-prescription or prescription drug (except when under the direction of a physician/parent and within school procedure), alcohol, intoxicant, solvent, gas, or any mood-altering chemical, drug of abuse or any counterfeit-controlled substance of any kind including butane lighters.
The sale, distribution, possession, or use of drugs, alcohol, fake drugs, steroids, inhalants, and look-alike drugs is prohibited everywhere on school grounds, at all school activities, and on all school transportation (drug free zone 1000 feet radius). Backpacks, gym bags, coats, and/or any other containers might be searched by Administration and/or Law Enforcement if they suspect the presence of such items.
False Fire Alarms
Issuing a false fire alarm is a violation of State law. Making false 911 calls is also violation of the State Law.
Forgery of Signatures
Any attempt by a student to sign a teacher's, administrator's, parent/guardian's, and/or another student's name to any school document will be considered forgery.
Vulgarity, Profanity and Obscenity
Any gesture or material of this nature is not permitted at school or school functions.
Bullying & Cyber Bullying
Bullying is not permitted at MPS. In addition MPS will not tolerate unlawful intimidation and bullying due to actual or perceived characteristics such as age, ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, gender expression, gender identity, gender, disability, nationalist, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or a person's association with a person, or group, with or more of these actual or perceived

<p>characteristics. Each student deserves an equal opportunity to obtain an education without dealing with the negative pressures of peers. Bullying consists of any of the following: pushing, shoving, hitting, and spitting, name calling, picking on, making fun of, laughing at, and excluding someone physically or via social media or electronic communications.</p> <p>Bullying causes pain and stress to those who are victims and is never justified or excusable as “kids being kids”, “just teasing”, “joking”, “playing around” or any other rationalization. This includes the use of social media for wrongful purposes.</p> <p>Each MPS student agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value student differences and treat others with respect. • Not become involved in bullying incidents or be a bully.
<p>Harassment of Students, Teachers, Administrators, or Staff</p>
<p>Harassment means making unwelcome advances or any form of improper physical contact or sexual remark and any speech or action that creates a hostile, intimidating or offensive learning environment. See also the MPS Policy Against Unlawful Harassment.</p> <p><i>Harassment can be verbal, physical and visual. (Education Code, § 212.5)</i></p> <p>Harassment is a violation of Federal Law and is contrary to the School Board’s commitment to provide a physically and psychologically safe environment in which to learn.</p>
<p>Behaving Disrespectfully towards Teachers or Staff</p>
<p>Disrespect (i.e. arguing, talking back, etc.) and insubordination (failure to comply with directives) toward any member of the faculty or staff will not be tolerated. Profanity, either spoken or written is considered a form of disrespect.</p>
<p>Student Hazing</p>
<p>Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another person for initiation into any organization that causes or creates a substantial risk or causes mental or physical harm. Permission, consent or assumption of the risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. Hazing may carry heavy legal consequences.</p>
<p>Smoking or Use of Other Tobacco Products</p>

<p>Possession of tobacco products in any part of the school (drug free zone 1000 feet radius) or on the student is prohibited under this policy. This includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, cigars, herbs, and smokeless tobacco. Backpacks, gym bags, coats, and/or any other containers might be searched if the presence of such items is suspected.</p>
<p>Stealing and/or Vandalizing School/Private Property & Graffiti</p>
<p>This means to cause or attempt to cause damage to private property, stealing or attempting to steal private property either on school grounds or during school activities, functions or events. Students and their parents or guardians will be held responsible for any theft/vandalism/graffiti (including graffiti tools such as permanent markers) that the student commits. Theft or vandalism of school property carries heavy legal penalties.</p>
<p>No Permanent markers or aerosol cans are allowed at school.</p>
<p>Displaying Threatening Behavior</p>
<p>Threatening behavior includes: verbal threats, both face to face and over electronic media (phone and/or computers), non-verbal threats (“hard” stares, gestures), willfully causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person, causing or attempt to cause any student, teacher, administrator, or staff member to feel frightened or intimidated.</p>
<p>Bringing Weapon in School</p>
<p>A weapon includes, but is not limited to, conventional objects like guns, pellet guns, knives, smoke bombs, fireworks, club of any type, mace, tear gas, or other chemicals. This may also include any toy that is presented as a real weapon. It also includes objects converted from their original use to threaten or injure another. The Administration reserves the right to all final decisions regarding the definition of a weapon. Backpacks, gym bags, coats, and/or any other containers might be searched by administration or law enforcement if they suspect the presence of such items.</p>
<p>If you are aware of a weapon /drugs/alcohol on campus and do not inform school staff, you will be subject to disciplinary actions and serve consequences.</p>
<p>Possession or Use of Fireworks</p>
<p>Using or possessing any amusement device, smoke bomb, stink bomb, etc.</p>
<p>Gang and Secret Society Symbols</p>

Disruption and/or intimidation caused by the wearing of any type of clothing/jewelry or by writing of any signs identified as or associated with gangs. No gang activity or gang association will be permitted at school or school sponsored activities. Gang symbols on notebooks, lockers, book bags, etc. are not permitted and will be documented. Students may not promise to become or be members of a gang, secret society, illegal club, sorority or fraternity.
Arson
Intentionally starting any fire or combustion on school property
Public Display of Affection
Public displays of affection are not allowed.
Provoking/Intimidating Behavior Encouraging or Urging Other Students to Violate School Rules
Any student who, by means of provocation, intimidation, encouragement, request, or other means of promotion, induces or attempts to induce another student to violate a MPS school rule shall be subject to discipline.

Students with an IEP:

If a student has an IEP, that IEP and any applicable behavior plan shall be followed, accordingly to state and federal law. If the behavior(s) worsens or the frequency increases, the student's IEP team may meet to review the plan and its implementation, and modify it, as necessary, to address the behavior(s). Special Education staff, general education staff, parents, and related service providers specified in the IEP must be informed and involved.

MPS follows state and federal laws regarding discipline, including suspension and expulsion, of students with disabilities. See also Section D: Suspension and Expulsion Procedures for more information.

D. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES

The following Student Suspension and Expulsion Policy has been established in order to promote learning and protect the safety and well-being of all students at MPS. Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules and procedures fairly and consistently among all students. In creating this policy, the Charter School has reviewed Education Code Section 48900 et seq. which describes the non-charter schools' list of

offenses and procedures to establish its list of offenses and procedures for suspensions and expulsions. The language that follows closely mirrors the language of Education Code Section 48900 et seq. The Charter School is committed to annual review of policies and procedures surrounding suspensions and expulsions and, as necessary, modification of the lists of offenses for which students are subject to suspension or expulsion.

When the policy is violated, it may be necessary to suspend or expel a student from regular classroom instruction. This policy shall serve as MPS' policy and procedures for student suspension and expulsion. Suspended or expelled students shall be excluded from all school and school-related activities unless otherwise agreed during the period of suspension or expulsion.

This Policy and its Procedures will clearly describe discipline expectations, and it will be printed and distributed as part of the Student Handbook which is sent to each student at the beginning of the school year. The MPS administration shall ensure that students and their parents/guardians are notified in writing upon enrollment of all discipline policies and procedures.

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of or willfully causing the infliction of physical pain on a student. For purposes of the Policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff or other persons or to prevent damage to school property.

Discipline includes but is not limited to advising and counseling students, conferring with parents/guardians, reflection during and after school hours, use of alternative educational environments, suspension and expulsion.

PROGRESSIVE POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

Positive Consequences

MPS school staff has committed itself to encouraging and supporting the attainment of academic skills as well as social skills, such as listening, friendship-making, problem solving, and alternatives to aggression. To inspire and encourage students to develop their potential in all of these areas, the following reinforcements will be used for positive behavior:

- Individual awards/recognition
- Classroom awards/recognition
- Certificates
- Displays
- Positive contact with parent/guardian
- Special activities (field trips, movie nights, picnics, etc.)
- Publications
- Assemblies
- Positive SIS points

Positive student behavior and improvements will be acknowledged and encouraged by the MPS staff. Teachers will not only report discipline issues on the school information system, but also positive behaviors and accomplishments. Parents will also be informed of positive behavior and improvements via phone, email, and home visits. Students will receive certificates and/or rewards for outstanding performance and behaviors.

Alternatives to Suspension

To intervene in student behavior, MPS has a progressive discipline plan in place at each of its schools. This plan is published at the beginning of each school year in the Parent/Student handbook. The handbook also includes a school-parent-student compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will develop a partnership to help children achieve high academic and behavior standards. The discipline plan includes information about student expectations and progression of disciplinary procedures from day-to-day discipline to suspension and expulsion.

MPS believes that alternatives to suspension align with our schoolwide positive behavior support plan. Following are list of alternatives to be considered before suspending a student: warning, phone call home, parent conference, teacher/administrative reflection, written assignment/research/presentation, loss of privileges, behavior contract, parent shadowing, mentorship (peer/teacher), referral (counseling, SST, Dean of Students/Principal), assigning volunteer work/community service, Saturday school, and in-school suspension.

Alternatives to suspension or expulsion will first be attempted with students who are truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from assigned school activities.

Reflection:

Reflection will be held on assigned day either during the lunch period or after school for up to 60 minutes. Students will have at least one (1) day notice that they must serve a reflection that is longer than twenty (20) minutes in order to make arrangements to be picked up from school. Parents may request in person a delay of the reflection; no phone calls or notes will be accepted for this request.

In School Suspension (ISS):

Notice of In School Suspension (ISS) and the reasons for the ISS will be given to the student and the parent in writing. The student will remain on campus during school hours in a designated area not in their regular class setting. The student will have no or limited contact with students and teachers while serving an ISS. Student is expected to complete their classroom assignments and school community service during ISS.

GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION

Jurisdiction

A student may be suspended for prohibited misconduct if the act is (1) related to school activity; (2) school attendance occurring at MPS or at any other school; or (3) a MPS sponsored event. A student may be suspended for acts that are enumerated below and related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, and of the following:

- a) while on school grounds;
- b) while going to or coming from school;
- c) during the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus; or
- d) during, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity.

Enumerated Offenses

Students may be suspended for any of the following acts when it is determined the student:

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
2. Willfully used force of violence upon the person of another, except self-defense.
3. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the students had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the Principal or designee's concurrence.
4. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold or otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
5. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid substance or material and represented same as controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
6. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
7. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
8. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
9. Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco,

- snuff, chew packets and betel. This section does not prohibit the use of his or her own prescription products by a student.
10. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
 11. Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5.
 12. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
 13. Possessed an imitation firearm, i.e.: a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
 14. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code Sections 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code Section 243.4.
 15. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness.
 16. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
 17. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in hazing. For the purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student. For purposes of this section, "hazing" does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
 18. Engaged in an act of bullying, including bullying by means of electronic act, as defined in Education Code Section 48900(r).
 19. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property. For purposes of this section, "terroristic threat" shall include any statement, whether written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family's safety, or for the protection of school property, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.
 20. Committed sexual harassment, as defined in Education Code Section 212.5. For the purposes of this section, the conduct described in Section 212.5 must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
 21. Caused, attempted to cause, threaten to cause or participated in an act of hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233 of the Education Code. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
 22. Intentionally harassed, threatened or intimidated a student or group of students to the extent of having the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder and invading student rights by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12 inclusive.
 23. Engaged in, or aided another in, academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, alteration of grades or academic marks, or theft or unpermitted review of tests prior to testing.
 24. Intentionally "hacked" or broken into a School or School affiliated computer system.
 25. A pupil who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may be subject to suspension, but not expulsion, except that a pupil who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider and abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (1).

SUSPENSION PROCEDURES

Suspensions shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

Conference

Suspension shall be preceded, if possible, by a conference conducted by the Principal or the Principal's designee with the student and his or her parent and, whenever practical, the teacher,

supervisor or school employee who referred the student to the Principal. The conference may be omitted if the Principal or designee determines that an emergency situation exists. An "emergency situation" involves a clear and present danger to the lives, safety or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student's right to return to school for the purpose of a conference.

At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action and the evidence against him or her and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her version and evidence in his or her defense.

This conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives this right or is physically unable to attend for any reason including, but not limited to, incarceration or hospitalization.

No penalties may be imposed on a student for failure of the student's parent or guardian to attend a conference with school officials. Reinstatement of the suspended student shall not be contingent upon attendance by the student's parent or guardian at the conference.

Notice to Parents/Guardians

At the time of suspension, the Principal or designee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension and the date of return following suspension. This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. In addition, the notice will also state the date and time when the student may return to school. If school officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice will request that the parent/guardian respond to such requests without delay.

Suspension Time Limits

Suspensions, when not including a recommendation for expulsion, shall not exceed five (5) consecutive school days per suspension. A student may be suspended from school for not more than 20 school days in any school year unless, for purposes of adjustment, the student enrolls in or is transferred another regular school, an opportunity school, or continuation school or class, in which case suspension shall not exceed 30 days in any school year. However, this restriction on the number of days of suspension does not apply when the suspension is extended pending an expulsion. (Education Code 48903, 48911, 48912)

Suspension Appeals

Students and parent/guardian may appeal a suspension within five (5) school days of the suspension. This appeal will be made to the Principal and heard by a discipline committee. All discipline

committee hearings on suspensions will be held within two (2) school days of the appeal being made. The decision of the discipline committee is final. Based on the information submitted or requested, the Discipline Committee may make one of the following decisions regarding the suspension:

- Uphold the suspension
- Determine that the suspension was not within school guidelines, overturn the suspension, and order that all records and documents regarding the disciplinary proceeding be destroyed. No information regarding the suspension will be placed in the student's permanent record, or shared with anyone not directly involved in the proceedings.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Charter School will maintain student records in accordance with Education Code Section 49602 and 5 CCR 16024.

Recommendation for Placement/Expulsion

Upon a recommendation of Placement/ Expulsion by the Principal, the student and the student's parent/guardian or representative will be invited to a conference to determine if the suspension for the student should be extended pending an expulsion hearing. This determination will be made by the Principal upon either of the following determinations: (1) the student's presence will be disruptive to the education process; or (2) the student poses a threat or danger to others. Upon either determination, the student's suspension will be extended pending the results of an expulsion hearing.

Access to Education

For suspensions that are not pending an expulsion hearing, Charter School shall make arrangements to provide the student with classroom material and current assignments to be completed at home during the length of the suspension. For suspensions pending an expulsion hearing, Charter School shall be responsible for the appropriate interim placement of students. Please see "Interim Placement" below for details.

GROUND FORS FOR EXPULSION

Jurisdiction

A student may be expelled for prohibited misconduct if the offense is (1) related to school activity; (2) school attendance occurring at MPS or at any other school; or (3) a MPS sponsored event. A student may be expelled for offenses that are described below and related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, and of the following:

- a) while on school grounds;
- b) while going to or coming from school;

c) during the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus; or

d) during, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity.

Expulsion (Mandatory and Discretionary Offenses)

Category I

The Principal shall immediately suspend and recommend expulsion when the following occur on school campus or at a school activity off campus, for any of the following reasons:

1. Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm, as defined below. E.C. 48915(c)(1)
2. Brandishing a knife at another person. E.C. 48915(c)(2)
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance. E.C. 48915(c)(3)
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery, as defined in the enumerated offenses, above. E.C. 488915(c)(4);
5. Possession of an explosive, as defined below. E.C. 48915(c)(5)

If it is determined that a student has brought a fire arm or destructive device, as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, on to campus or to have possessed a firearm or dangerous device on campus, the student shall be expelled for one year, pursuant to the Federal Gun Free Schools Act of 1994.

The term "firearm" means (A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device.

The term "destructive device" means (A) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, including but not limited to: (i) bomb, (ii) grenade, (iii) rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, (iv) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, (v) mine, or (vi) device similar to any of the devices described in the preceding clauses.

Category II

The Principal has limited discretion with Category II student offenses listed below. The Principal must recommend expulsion when any of the following occur at school or at a school activity off campus, unless the Principal determines that expulsion is inappropriate (E.C. 48915[a]):

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense. E.C. 48915(a)(1); 48900(a)(1), and 48900(a)(2).
2. Possession of a knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil. E.C. 48915(a)(2); 48900(b)
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, except for the first offence of less than an ounce of marijuana. E.C. 48915(a)(3); 48900(c).
4. Robbery or extortion. E.C. 48915(a)(4); 48900(e).
5. Assault or battery upon any school employee. E.C. 48915(a)(5); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(a)(2)

Category III

The Principal may recommend expulsion when any of the following Category III offenses occur at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds; while on school grounds; while going to or coming from school; during the lunch period, whether on or off the campus; or during, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity:

1. Category I and II offenses that are related to a school activity or school attendance, but that did not occur on school campus or at a school activity.
2. Caused or attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person, unless the injury is serious, as set forth under the Category II offenses.. (Unless, in the case of "caused," injury is serious. [See II.1]). E.C. 48900(a)(1); 48915(b)
3. First offense of possession of marijuana of not more than one ounce, or possession of alcohol. E.C. 48900(c); 48915(b)
4. Sold, furnished, or offered a substitute substance represented as a controlled substance. E.C. 48900(d); 38915(b)
5. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property. E.C. 48900(f); 48915(e)
6. Stole or attempted to steal school or private property. E.C. 48900(g); 48915(e)
7. Possessed or used tobacco. E.C. 48900(h); 48915(e)
8. Committed an obscene act or engage in habitual profanity or vulgarity. E.C. 48900(i); 48915(e)
9. Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. E.C. 48900(j); 48915(e)
10. Knowingly received stolen school or private property. E.C. 48900(l); 48915(e)
11. Possessed an imitation firearm. E.C. 48900(m); 48915(e)

12. Engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils or school district personnel. E.C. 48900.4**; 48915(e)
13. Engaged in sexual harassment (applicable to grades 4 through 12 only). E.C. 48900.2**; 48915(e)
14. Caused or attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence (applicable to grades 4 through 12 only). E.C. 48900.3**; 48915(e)
15. Made terrorist threats against school officials or school property, or both. E.C. 48900.7; 48915(e)
16. Willfully use force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. E.C. 48900(a)(2); 48915(b)
17. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or a witness in a disciplinary action. E.C. 48900(o); 48915(e)
18. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. E.C. 48900(p); 48915(e)
19. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing, as defined in Section 32050. E.C. 48900(q); 48915(e)
20. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of electronic act directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel. E.C. 48900(r); 48915 (e)

Additional Findings

For all Category II and III offenses (Category I offenses do not require additional findings), the student may be expelled only if one or both of the following findings are substantiated:

- a) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.
- b) Due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others.

The following chart delineates the mandatory and discretionary offenses that have been listed above.

Matrix for Student Suspension & Expulsion Recommendations

CATEGORY I Must Recommend Expulsion (MANDATORY)	CATEGORY II Shall Recommend Expulsion Unless Particular Circumstances Render Inappropriate (QUASI-MANDATORY)
Principal shall immediately suspend and recommend expulsion when the following occur at school or at a school activity off campus. (E.C. 48915[c])	Principal must recommend expulsion when the following occur at school or at a school activity off campus unless the principal determines that the expulsion is inappropriate. (E.C. 48915[a])
1. Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm E.C. 48915(c)(1); 48900(b)	1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense E.C. 48915(a)(1); 48900(a)(1), maybe also 48900(a)(2)
2. Brandishing a knife at another person E.C. 48915(c)(2); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(b)	2. Possession of any knife, explosive, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil E.C. 48915(a)(2); 48900(b)
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance E.C. 48915(c)(3); 48900(c)	3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, except for the first offense of no more than an ounce of marijuana E.C. 48915(a)(3); 48900(c)
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery (as defined in 48900[n]) E.C. 48915(c)(4); 48900(n)	4. Robbery or extortion E.C. 48915(a)(4); 48900(e)
5. Possession of an explosive E.C. 48915(c)(2); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(b)	5. Assault or battery upon any school employee E.C. 48915(a)(5); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(a)(2)

For Categories II and III, the school must provide evidence of one or both of the following ***additional findings***:

- (1) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct,
- (2) Due to the nature of the act, the student's presence causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

CATEGORY III**May Recommend Expulsion (DISCRETIONARY)**

Principal **may** recommend expulsion when the following occur at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds; while going to or coming from school; during the lunch period, whether on or off the campus; or during, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity.

1. **Any behavior listed in Category I or II that is related to school activity or school attendance but that did not occur on campus or at a school activity off campus.**
2. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. **(Unless, in the case of "caused," the injury is serious. [See II.1])** E.C. 48900(a)(1)
3. First offense of possession of marijuana of not more than one ounce, or alcohol. E.C. 48900(c)
4. Sold, furnished, or offered a substitute substance represented as a controlled substance. E.C. 48900(d)
5. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property. E.C. 48900(f)
6. Stole or attempted to steal school or private property. E.C. 48900(g)
7. Possessed or used tobacco. E.C. 48900(h)
8. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity. E.C. 48900(i)
9. Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. E.C. 48900(j)
10. Knowingly received stolen school or private property. E.C. 48900(l)
11. Possessed an imitation firearm. E.C. 48900(m)
12. Engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils or school district personnel. E.C. 48900.4** (****Grades 4 through 12 inclusive**)
13. Engaged in sexual harassment. E.C. 48900.2** (****Grades 4 through 12 inclusive**)
14. Caused, attempted or threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence E.C. 48900.3** (****Grades 4 through 12 inclusive**)
15. Made terrorist threats against school officials or school property, or both. E.C. 48900.7
16. Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. E.C. 48900(a)(2)
17. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a disciplinary action. E.C. 48900(o)
18. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma E.C. 48900(p)
19. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing, as defined in Section 32050. E.C. 48900(q)
20. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of electronic act directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel. E.C. 48900(r)

EXPULSION PROCEDURES

Authority to Expel

A student may be expelled by an Administrative Panel to be assigned by the Board as needed. The Administrative Panel will include three or more certificated persons, none of whom have been members of the Board or on the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled. The Administrative Panel may expel any student found to have committed an expellable offense.

Expulsion Hearing

Students recommended for expulsion are entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within thirty (30) school days after the Principal determines that the Student has committed an expellable offense.

After an Administrative Panel hears the case, it will make a determination whether to expel.

Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the student and the student's parent/guardian at least ten (10) calendar days before the date of the hearing. Upon mailing the notice, it shall be deemed served upon the student. The notice shall include:

1. The date and place of the expulsion hearing;
2. A statement of specific facts, charges and offenses upon which the proposed expulsion is based;
3. A copy of MPS' disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation;
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to provide information about the student's status at the school to any other school district or school to which the student seeks enrollment;
5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person or to employ and be represented by counsel or a non-attorney advisor;
6. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing;
7. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing;
8. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf including witnesses.

Special procedures for Expulsion Hearings Involving Sexual Assault or Battery Offenses

MPS may, upon finding a good cause, determine that the disclosure of either the identity of the witness or the testimony of that witness at the hearing, or both, would subject the witness to an unreasonable risk of psychological or physical harm. Upon this

determination, the testimony of the witness may be presented at the hearing in the form of sworn declarations which shall be examined only by the Board, administrative panel, or the hearing officer. Copies of these sworn declarations, edited to delete the name and identity of the witness, shall be made available to the student.

1. The complaining witness in any sexual assault or battery case must be provided with a copy of the applicable disciplinary rules and advised of his/her right to (a) receive five days notice of his/her scheduled testimony, (b) have up to two (2) adult support persons of his/her choosing present in the hearing at the time he/she testifies, which may include a parent, guardian, or legal counsel, and (c) elect to have the hearing closed while testifying.
2. MPS must also provide the victim a room separate from the hearing room for the complaining witness' use prior to and during breaks in testimony.
3. At the discretion of the person or panel conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he or she may leave the hearing room.
4. The person conducting the expulsion hearing may also arrange the seating within the hearing room to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness.
5. The person conducting the expulsion hearing may also limit time for taking the testimony of the complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours.
6. Prior to a complaining witness testifying, the support persons must be admonished that the hearing is confidential. Nothing in the law precludes the person presiding over the hearing from removing a support person whom the presiding person finds is disrupting the hearing. The person conducting the hearing may permit any one of the support persons for the complaining witness to accompany him or her to the witness stand.
7. If one or both of the support persons is also a witness, MPS must present evidence that the witness' presence is both desired by the witness and will be helpful to MPS. The person presiding over the hearing shall permit the witness to stay unless it is established that there is a substantial risk that the testimony of the complaining witness would be influenced by the support person, in which case the presiding official shall admonish the support person or persons not to prompt, sway, or influence the witness in any way. Nothing shall preclude the presiding officer from exercising his or her discretion to remove a

person from the hearing whom he or she believes is prompting, swaying, or influencing the witness.

8. The testimony of the support person shall be presented before the testimony of the complaining witness and the complaining witness shall be excluded from the courtroom during that testimony.
9. Especially for charges involving sexual assault or battery, if the hearing is to be conducted in the public at the request of the student being expelled, the complaining witness shall have the right to have his/her testimony heard in a closed session when testifying at a public meeting would threaten serious psychological harm to the complaining witness and there are not alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm. The alternative procedures may include videotaped depositions or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing by means of closed-circuit television.
10. Evidence of specific instances of a complaining witness' prior sexual conduct is presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard absent a determination by the person conducting the hearing that extraordinary circumstances exist requiring the evidence be heard. Before such a determination regarding extraordinary circumstances can be made, the witness shall be provided notice and an opportunity to present opposition to the introduction of the evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of the evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of the complaining witness is not admissible for any purpose.

Record of Expulsion Hearing

A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made.

Presentation of Evidence

While technical rules of evidence do not apply to expulsion hearings, evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. A recommendation by the Administrative Panel to expel must be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed an expellable offense.

Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. While hearsay evidence is admissible, no decision to expel shall be based solely on hearsay and sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses of whom the Board, Panel or designee determines that disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm.

If, due to a written request by the accused student, the hearing is held at a public meeting, and the charge is committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery as defined in Education Code Section 48900, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his or her testimony heard in a session closed to the public.

The decision of the Administrative Panel shall be in the form of written findings of fact.

If the Administrative Panel decides not to recommend expulsion, the student shall immediately be returned to his/her educational program.

Written Notice to Expel

The Principal or designee following a decision of the Administrative Panel to expel shall send written notice of the decision to expel, including the Administrative Panel's adopted findings of fact, to the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall also include the following:

1. Notice of the specific offense committed by the student
2. Notice of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with MPS
3. The reinstatement eligibility review date; a copy of the rehabilitation plan; the type of educational placement during the period of expulsion, and notice of appeal rights/procedures

The Principal or designee shall send a copy of the written notice of the decision to expel to the student's district of residence. This notice shall include the following:

1. The student's name
2. The specific expellable offense committed by the student

Disciplinary Records

MPS shall maintain records of all student suspensions and expulsions at MPS. Such records shall be made available to the District upon request.

Expulsion Appeals

In order to appeal an expulsion, the student/parent/guardian must submit a written appeal to the CEO of MPS outlining the reason for the appeal, attaching any supporting documentation, within ten (10) calendar days of being informed of the expulsion.

In response to the written request for an appeal, the CEO of MPS shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board shall convene a hearing on the

appeal within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of a timely written request for an appeal.

At the hearing on the appeal, the student shall have the right to present evidence. The Board will consider evidence and/or testimony as appropriate and will render a written decision that shall be in the best interest of the student and the Charter School. That decision shall be final.

Interim Placement

Charter School shall be responsible for the appropriate interim placement of students during and pending the completion of the Charter School's student expulsion process and shall facilitate the post-expulsion placement of expelled students.

Charter School shall work with the District for an interim placement or other alternative program. Should Charter School determine after the referral that the student will remain at the charter school pending the expulsion hearing based on the best interest of the student, or if Charter School secures another alternative interim placement at another charter school or school within its CMO, if appropriate and aligned with applicable charter petitions, Charter School will notify the District of such determination.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Bullying

The Charter School shall comply with Education Code Section 234 et seq. regarding bullying.

Special Procedures for the Consideration of Suspension and Expulsion of Students with Disabilities

1. Notification of SELPA

The Charter School shall immediately notify the SELPA and coordinate the procedures in this policy with the SELPA of the discipline of any student with a disability or student who the Charter School or SELPA would be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability.

2. Services During Suspension

Students suspended for more than ten (10) school days in a school year shall continue to receive services so as to enable the student to continue to participate in the general education curriculum, although in another setting, and to progress toward meeting the goals set out in the child's IEP/504 Plan; and receive, as appropriate, a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications, that are designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur. These services may be provided in an interim alternative educational setting.

3. Procedural Safeguards/ Manifestation Determination

Within ten (10) school days of a recommendation for expulsion or any decision to change the placement of

a child with a disability because of a violation of a code of student conduct, the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team shall review all relevant information in the student's file, including the child's IEP/504 Plan, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by the parents to determine:

- a. If the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the child's disability; or
- b. If the conduct in question was the direct result of the local educational agency's failure to implement the IEP/504 Plan.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team determine that either of the above is applicable for the child, the conduct shall be determined to be a manifestation of the child's disability.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team make the determination that the conduct was a manifestation of the child's disability, the IEP/504 Team shall:

- a. Conduct a functional behavioral assessment and implement a behavioral intervention plan for such child, provided that the Charter School had not conducted such assessment prior to such determination before the behavior that resulted in a change in placement;
- b. If a behavioral intervention plan has been developed, review the behavioral intervention plan if the child already has such a behavioral intervention plan, and modify it, as necessary, to address the behavior; and
- c. Return the child to the placement from which the child was removed, unless the parent and the Charter School agree to a change of placement as part of the modification of the behavioral intervention plan.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team determine that the behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability and that the conduct in question was not a result of the failure to implement the IEP/504 Plan, then the Charter School may apply the relevant disciplinary procedures to children with disabilities in the same manner and for the same duration as the procedures would be applied to students without disabilities.

4. Due Process Appeals

The parent of a child with a disability who disagrees with any decision regarding placement, or the manifestation determination, or the Charter School believes that maintaining the current placement of the child is substantially likely to result in injury to the child or to others, may request an expedited administrative hearing through the Special Education Unit of the Office of Administrative Hearings or by

utilizing the dispute provisions of the 504 Policy and Procedures.

When an appeal relating to the placement of the student or the manifestation determination has been requested by either the parent or the Charter School, the student shall remain in the interim alternative educational setting pending the decision of the hearing officer or until the expiration of the forty-five (45) day time period provided for in an interim alternative educational setting, whichever occurs first, unless the parent and the Charter School agree otherwise.

5. Special Circumstances

Charter School personnel may consider any unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis when determining whether to order a change in placement for a child with a disability who violates a code of student conduct.

The Principal or designee may remove a student to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than forty-five (45) days without regard to whether the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability in cases where a student:

- a. Carries or possesses a weapon, as defined in 18 USC 930, to or at school, on school premises, or to or at a school function;
- b. Knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs, or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance, while at school, on school premises, or at a school function; or
- c. Has inflicted serious bodily injury, as defined by 20 USC 1415(k)(7)(D), upon a person while at school, on school premises, or at a school function.

6. Interim Alternative Educational Setting

The student's interim alternative educational setting shall be determined by the student's IEP/504 Team.

7. Procedures for Students Not Yet Eligible for Special Education Services

A student who has not been identified as an individual with disabilities pursuant to IDEIA and who has violated the Charter School's disciplinary procedures may assert the procedural safeguards granted under this administrative regulation only if the Charter School had knowledge that the student was disabled before the behavior occurred.

The Charter School shall be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability if one of the following conditions exists:

- a. The parent/guardian has expressed concern in writing, or orally if the parent/guardian does not know how to write or has a disability that prevents a written statement, to Charter School supervisory or

administrative personnel, or to one of the child's teachers, that the student is in need of special education or related services.

- b. The parent has requested an evaluation of the child.
- c. The child's teacher, or other Charter School personnel, has expressed specific concerns about a pattern of behavior demonstrated by the child, directly to the director of special education or to other Charter School supervisory personnel.

If the Charter School knew or should have known the student had a disability under any of the three (3) circumstances described above, the student may assert any of the protections available to IDEIA-eligible children with disabilities, including the right to stay-put.

If the Charter School had no basis for knowledge of the student's disability, it shall proceed with the proposed discipline. The Charter School shall conduct an expedited evaluation if requested by the parents; however the student shall remain in the education placement determined by the Charter School pending the results of the evaluation.

The Charter School shall not be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability if the parent has not allowed an evaluation, refused services, or if the student has been evaluated and determined to not be eligible.

Required Notification

If a pupil is expelled or leaves the Charter School without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, the Charter School shall notify the superintendent of the school district of the pupil's last known address within 30 days, and shall, upon request, provide that school district with a copy of the cumulative record of the pupil, including a transcript of grades or report card and health information.

GENERAL POLICIES

A. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MPS will offer a range of activities that will enrich student development during and after school. Because the safety of students is very important to us, specific rules will apply to these activities.

School administration reserves the right to refuse any body to attend these activities based on academic and behavioral concerns. However, no student will be excluded from any MPS activity based solely on the basis of disability.

Athletic Activities:

A concussion is a brain injury that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications, including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. MPS offers an athletic program, and so we must immediately remove from the school-sponsored athletic activity for the remainder of the day an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during that activity. The athlete may not return to that activity until he or she is evaluated by, and receives written clearance from, a licensed health care provider. If the licensed health care provider determines the athlete has a concussion or head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than 7 days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.

Additionally, on a yearly basis, MPS must provide a concussion and head injury information sheet to athletes, which must be signed and returned by the athlete and the athlete's parent/guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. This requirement does not apply to an athlete engaging in an athletic activity during the regular schoolday or as part of a physical education course. MPS shall distribute this information sheet to athletes prior to the start of the athletic season. Copies are also available in the main office of each MPS school.

Field Trips:

Field Trips offer exciting ways to learn. MPS students may have the opportunity to go on field trips at various times throughout the school year.

MPS plans many field trips, weekend getaways, summer camp, and the Europe Trip during spring break.

Students must bring to school a Field Trip Permission Slip signed by a parent or guardian by the specified date. Phone calls will not be accepted as permission for students to attend.

Academic Tutoring Program:

- Tutoring will be available as part of the MPS after-school program.
- Students can receive tutoring from faculty and volunteers from local universities.
- The program will benefit all students.
- The sessions will generally occur after school; some may be scheduled on the weekends.
- Upon availability, Saturday tutoring is available to all students who wish to improve their academic skills. We offer math and SAT/ACT prep. All students are welcome to join at specified times.

After School Activities:

MPS offers a variety of after school tutoring, clubs, sports, and activities for all students free of charge. There is no better way for students to enrich their education than by taking part in clubs, after-school activities or working with a teacher (Tutoring). These opportunities allow students to explore more deeply things they already enjoy and to try other areas that sound interesting. Students who stay for an after-school activity must follow these rules:

- Be with a teacher or other staff member at all times.
- Arrange to have their transportation pick them up at the end of the activity.
- Abide by the MPS code of student conduct and all school rules and policies as outlined in the handbook while participating in the activity.

Students who are disruptive, disrespectful, or who do not follow the rules will be prohibited from participating in the after school program.

Students not participating in after school activities may not stay after school to wait for another student.

A full list and description of after school clubs and activities will be posted after school starts. We strongly encourage our students to explore and take advantage of these after school opportunities.

MPS is not responsible for students on campus who are not participating in after school activities or who remain on campus after the completion of the after school activity. Those students must leave the campus within ten minutes of school or after dismissal time. Following is the MPS policy regarding students left on campus after school hours. Contact the office of each MPS school for more information.

POLICY REGARDING STUDENTS LEFT ON CAMPUS AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Magnolia Public Schools ("MPS") is committed to providing a safe campus for all students. When

students are left on school property after the close of business hours, MPS will follow certain steps to ensure students are safe until their parents/guardians come to pick them up. In the event students are left on campus after school hours, MPS staff will:

1. Notify the principal or designee immediately.
2. Attempt to reach parents/guardians through the phone number provided to the School by parents/guardians at the beginning of the year. This may include contacting any emergency contact(s) listed for the student.
3. If a staff person becomes aware a child is on campus more than ten minutes after dismissal of the regular school day or after school activity, the staff person or another employee will remain on site until an adult, including but not limited to an emergency contact, police officer, or social worker, retrieves the student.
4. Notify the principal or designee after the ten minutes after dismissal has passed if there is a possibility that law enforcement may be called to assist the student.
5. As a last resort, contact law enforcement and/or child welfare services who may remove the student and may assume responsibility for the student until the parent/guardian retrieves the student.
6. In cases of repeated incidents where parents/guardians have been late in picking up their child, notify the parents/guardians in writing of parental responsibilities and consequences for their child. A consequence may include: refusal to allow the student to attend after school programs if the parent is repeatedly late in retrieving the child.

B. ILLNESS, INJURY, AND MEDICATION POLICIES

MPS does not have a nurse on staff. Consistent with doctor's orders, properly trained office staff can assist students with basic first aid treatment; however office staff is not registered nurse. Students sent to the office or visiting the office claiming that they are ill will be quickly evaluated by the office staff. If a student needs treatment beyond basic first aid, Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick him/her up.

Illness or Injury during the school day:

If a student becomes ill or injured during the school day, s/he must report to the Main Office. Do not leave the building without permission. Any absence or departure from class that is not first cleared through the office will be considered unexcused.

Illness at Home:

If a student is not physically well prior to the beginning of the school day, the office should be informed and the student should be kept at home.

Medications:

- Medication shall be administered during school hours only if determined by a physician to be necessary.
- All medications must be in the original container.
- The container must be clearly marked with the students first and last name.
- A "Request for Medication to be Taken During School Hours" must accompany all medication, containing instructions for administration, including exact times and dosages. The "Request for Medication to be Taken During School Hours" will be filed in the student's folder. This form can be obtained from the Main Office. This form shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for the administration changes.
- All medications are to be delivered to the Main Office in their original containers, with the name of the student, medication, dosage, and frequency of administration clearly marked. Extra medication should be picked up by the parent/guardian at the completion of the medication regimen or end of the school year, whichever is earlier. The school is not liable for any medication not picked up after the end of the school year.
- MPS staff shall keep records of medication administered at MPS.
- Medication will be kept in a secure and appropriate storage location at each MPS school, and administered per physician's instructions by appropriately designated staff.
- Administration will consult with the parent/guardian and student's medical professionals to establish a written plan for Students with chronic health issues or conditions that require specific medication regimens or health plans, such as diabetes, asthma, etc.

Epinephrine Auto-Injectors:

Trained MPS personnel who have volunteered may use epinephrine auto-injectors to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from, an anaphylactic reaction. MPS will ensure it has the appropriate type of epinephrine auto-injector on site (i.e., regular or junior) to meet the needs of its pupils. MPS will ensure staff properly store, maintain, and restock the epinephrine auto-injectors as needed.

MPS will ensure any school personnel who volunteer are appropriately trained regarding the storage and emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors based on the standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. MPS will distribute an annual notice to all staff describing the request for volunteers who will be trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person if that person is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from, anaphylaxis. The annual notice shall also describe the training the volunteer will receive.

Contagious Diseases:

If, during the course of the year, a child develops any contagious disease or condition, please notify the school immediately so that precautions can be taken and appropriate notifications sent home.

The School reserves the right to notify the municipal bodies and Department of Health if necessary under federal and state laws.

Diabetes Information Sheet:

MPS will provide an information sheet regarding Type 2 Diabetes to the parent or guardian of incoming 7th grade students, pursuant to Education Code Section 49452.7. The information sheet shall include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following:

1. A description of Type 2 Diabetes.
2. A description of the risk factors and warning signs associated with Type 2 Diabetes.
3. A recommendation that students displaying or possibly suffering from risk factors or warning signs associated with Type 2 Diabetes should be screened for Type 2 Diabetes.
4. A description of treatments and prevention of methods of Type 2 Diabetes.
5. A description of the different types of diabetes screening tests available.

Oral Health Assessment:

Students enrolled in kindergarten in a public school or while enrolled in first grade if the pupil was not previously enrolled in kindergarten in a public school are required to have an oral health assessment completed by a dental professional. Please contact the office if you have questions about this requirement. MPS provides the appropriate forms to incoming students to be completed by the oral health professional to satisfy this requirement. Please see the main office at your MPS school if you need another copy of this form.

C. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT

Since your child's education is a continuing process, parent cooperation, support, and assistance are needed if we are to be successful. Together, we can make a positive difference in your children's lives. The following are ways that we can work to fulfill our common goals:

Parents/Guardians are asked to:

- Be a good listener to both your child and the school staff when conflicts arise.
- Be a positive role model for your child.
- Contact the school as necessary.
- Participate as fully as possible in volunteer opportunities, student presentations, parenting programs, special projects, and assembly events.
- Be familiar with MPS student handbook and explain it as necessary.

D. PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

- Parents are encouraged and are always welcomed to discuss the progress or problems of their children with the school faculty when an appointment is made prior.
- Parents may not disturb a teacher during school hours.
- An appointment is required for all conferences.
- To make an appointment with a teacher, call the main office or email them directly.
- Please do not attempt to have an impromptu conference with a teacher on campus as appointments are mandatory.
- If your question relates to the classroom, please ask the appropriate teacher.
- Any question involving a student's work or behavior must be discussed with the teacher before it is discussed with the administration.
- Parents are expected to make every reasonable effort to cooperate with the teachers and school staff to help their child have a successful educational experience.
- Parents who wish to observe their child's classes need to make arrangements with the teacher whom they like to visit and get approval from administration at least a day prior to their visit.
- Parent/teacher/student conferences are strongly encouraged when an appointment is made prior.

E. HOME VISITS

- Research has shown that one of the keys to successful teaching and schooling is creating personal connections with students. MPS teachers visit students at their homes to enhance student learning and involvement. Family visits offer invaluable insights about students. They can provide new understanding about students' learning styles. Visits might also reveal the emotional and social needs and behaviors of students. It is helpful to know if they react to problems with tears, anger, or withdrawal, and how they socialize with peers. Through family visits, teachers can identify students' latest interests or concerns, such as a new hobby, an upcoming trip, or a change in the family.
- For most students home and school are two different domains. Especially for minority students even the people, languages, foods, rules, duties, and concerns are different in these two worlds. They do not intersect considerably. Parents and the teachers are critical partners in educating the "whole child." However, parent conferences and other school-hosted meetings do not provide sufficient means for the parties to communicate enough and effectively and to show the student that they are on the same team. Home visits are the teachers' attempt to break the virtual border between the partners, which is most of the time successful.

F. CONTACTING YOUR CHILD DURING SCHOOL HOURS

- Parents/Guardians should only contact the main office if they must leave a message for their child in case of an emergency. Students will not be disrupted during school hours for non-emergency reasons. In case of an emergency, the message will be given to the student by office personnel.
- Parents/Guardians should not contact their child's cellular phone during school hours; students are required to turn off all electronic devices, including cellular phones, and put them away and out of sight.

G. VISITORS

All visitors including parents and guardians must report to the main office when they arrive, sign in and obtain a visitor's pass if they are to go to any part of the building. To prevent interruption to the instructional program, we request that all items brought to the schools are left in the office labeled with the name of the teacher and student. Student visitors are NOT permitted, at any time, on campus. Visitors must make prior arrangements with administration and must be approved to visit MPS at any time. Please see the Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation, Shadowing, and Removal Policy in this Handbook for more details.

Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation, Shadowing, and Removal Policy

General Visitation Guidelines

Magnolia Public Schools ("MPS") encourages parents/guardians and interested members of the community to visit MPS and view the educational program. No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without the teacher's and principal's written permission.

To ensure the safety of students and staff as well as to minimize interruption of the instructional program, MPS has established the following procedures to facilitate visits during regular school days:

1. Visits during school hours should first be arranged with the teacher and principal or designee, at least three (3) days in advance. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non-instructional time, at least three days in advance. Parents seeking to visit a classroom during school hours must first obtain the written approval of the classroom teacher and the principal or designee.
2. All visitors shall register with the front office immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when during regular school hours. When registering, the visitor is required to provide his/her name, address, age (if under 21), his/her purpose for entering school grounds, and

proof of identity. For purposes of school safety and security, the principal or designee have designated that each visitor wear a visitor's pass as a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises.

3. A principal, or designee, may refuse to register a visitor if it is believed that the presence of the visitor would cause a threat of disruption or physical injury to teachers, other employees, or students.
4. A principal or designee may withdraw consent to be on campus even if the visitor has a right to be on campus whenever there is reason to believe that the person has willfully disrupted or is likely to disrupt the school's orderly operation. If consent is withdrawn by someone other than the principal, the principal may reinstate consent for the visitor if the principal believes that the person's presence will not constitute a disruption or substantial and material threat to the school's orderly operation. Consent cannot be withdrawn for more than fourteen (14) days.
5. The principal or designee may request that a visitor who has failed to register, or whose registration privileges have been denied or revoked, promptly leave school grounds. When a visitor is directed to leave, the principal or designee shall inform the visitor that if he/she reenters the school without following the posted requirements he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor.
6. The principal or designee shall seek the assistance of the police in dealing with or reporting any visitor in violation of this policy.

"Shadowing" Guidelines

"Shadowing" gives parents and students an opportunity to observe instruction during an ordinary school day and can help open dialog between parents and students about school. Parents are welcome to shadow their children, that is, to follow them through their school day. In order to maximize the benefits of shadowing, we request that parents adhere to the following guidelines:

- Follow the above procedure for providing three (3) days advance notice of your visit, signing in at the Office when arriving to the School, and obtaining a visitor's pass. Notice of your visit and intent to shadow should be provided by completing the below form and submitting it to the School at least three (3) days in advance of your visit.
- Shadowing is not a time for parent/teacher conferences. If you desire a conference, please make prior arrangements with your child's teachers.
- To preserve the academic environment, please do not take part in the lesson unless invited to do so by the teacher. Do not visit with your child or

other students during class time. At no time may visiting parents address other students directly. Visitors are not allowed to record audio or video, or take photos. Should you have any concerns, report them to the school administrators.

- Meet with the school administration to debrief your visit.

MPS administration has the right to withdraw consent for a visitor to be on campus, as described above. All persons making the visit shall be deemed to have waived claims against the school for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of visit.

H. SCHOOL INFORMATION SYSTEM

Parents, as well as students, will have access to their child's grades in each class, missing/incomplete/upcoming assignments, upcoming tests/projects, discipline, communication log, and teacher contact information. Each parent will be provided with a username and password to have access throughout the school year, 24 hours a day.

All discipline entries will remain on SIS for the entire year.

I. PHONE USE

In case of emergency, students may go to the office with a hall pass from a teacher. Please note: The office phone is for emergency calls only.

J. NEWSLETTER

- Communications regarding school activities from faculty to parents/guardians and students will be sent home periodically.
- Copies of the newsletter are available at the school office.

K. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

MPS policy regarding possession of cellular phones, any personal electronic devices, iPods, MP3 players, cameras, video cameras, laptops, and recording devices is as follows:

- From the moment a student arrives on campus to the time that the student leaves the campus, the power of the electronic device must be turned off and all devices are to be out of sight, secure with the student's belongings in a backpack or purse. The duration of the non-permitted use includes before school on school grounds, instructional time, passing periods, lunch time, and tutoring. At no time, shall the educational program or school activity be interrupted.
- The school is not liable if such devices are damaged, lost or stolen. The use of these devices or their ringing/vibrating during school

time will be considered a disruption of school activities and subject to disciplinary action which will include confiscation and discipline entry.

- All confiscated devices will be returned to the parent/guardian accompanied by the student at the end of the school day.

L. LOST AND FOUND

There will be a lost and found box in the school. If you find books, clothing, or personal items on school grounds, please bring the items to the main office. Items not picked up will be donated monthly.

M. PE LOCKERS

- When available, lockers are provided for physical education class during that period only.
- Lockers are not assigned to students.
- The lockers are school property; anything placed in them or brought to campus is subject to inspection at the discretion of the administration.
- Students are responsible for all items in their locker.
- Students may be provided with a lock or allowed to bring a lock for their gym lockers and use it for the period with the condition of removing them daily. Please check with the school administration for specifics.

MPS does not accept any responsibility for stolen or lost money, clothing, valuables or other articles.

N. TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks and work books are issued at teacher's discretion. Students may be assigned a set of textbooks in addition to a classroom set. Students are responsible for the care of all textbooks and work books. Books are to be returned to the school in good condition at the end of the school year or at the time a student transfers out to another school.

Students will be required to report any damages to the textbooks to their classroom teachers. Parents/Guardians will be held responsible for the loss or willful cutting, defacing, or otherwise damaging of MPS textbooks, up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), adjusted annually for inflation.

O. MEAL PROGRAM

- Students must submit the MPS meal program application before the first day of school.
- Students are responsible for adding funds to their meal account if they pay reduced or full price.
- An outstanding balance of \$5.00 or more will not allow students to receive a meal. Students are

responsible for making sure their account does not have an outstanding balance.

MPS participates in the National School Lunch Program. Applications for free or reduced price meals are included in the enrollment packets to all families and can also be obtained on the MPS website and in the main office of each MPS school. All families are encouraged to complete the application form in order to include as many eligible students as possible.

P. EARTHQUAKE AND MAJOR DISASTER PROCEDURES

- Parents may contribute to supply ten dollars (\$10) to cover the cost of a survival kit to be kept at school and used in case of emergency.
- In the event of a fire, major earthquake or major disaster, students are to be evacuated to the assigned area by MPS.
- If the local public schools announce that the students will be dismissed, MPS will do the same.
- Parents are to remain in assigned area and sign out their child with the appropriate staff member because MPS has to account for all students.
- MPS Emergency Dismissal/Evacuation Card information must be updated with any change in information by parents/guardians as soon as it occurs.

Q. STUDENT TRANSFER

- Any student transferring out of Magnolia Public Schools must complete the "Student Transfer Form" which can be obtained from the main office. The form must be completed prior to a student transferring. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to complete the form. The school is not responsible for having it completed.
- It is the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to contact the school that student will be transferring to. It is the parent's responsibility to make all necessary arrangements for a successful transfer.
- If a student will be transferring to another school for the following school year, the parent is still responsible to inform the main office before the last day of school, or last day of attendance.
- All textbooks must be turned in before the last day of attendance in order to complete a successful transfer. Parents/Guardians are responsible to pay for the loss, or willful cutting, defacing, or otherwise damaging of MPS textbooks, up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), adjusted annually for inflation.
- The application of these obligations are enforced notwithstanding any contrary provisions of law applicable to homeless students or foster youth,

R. HOMELESS STUDENTS

It is the policy of MPS that homeless students are provided with a full and equal opportunity to succeed and receive an education. "The term "homeless children and youth" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship. It includes children and youths who (42 USC 11434(a)):

1. Are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
2. Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings;
3. Are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings;
4. Runaway children or children who are abandoned; and
5. Migratory children and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) may be considered homeless if they meet the above definition of "homeless."

Homeless status is determined in cooperation with the parent or guardian. In the case of unaccompanied youth, status is determined by the Homeless Liaison.

School Liaison: The Principal of each MPS school site shall serve as the Homeless Liaison for homeless students ((42 USC 11432(g)(1)(J) & (e)(3)(C)).):

Principal

Contact address and phone number of your MPS school on Page 3

The Homeless Liaison shall ensure that (42 U.S.C. 11432(g)):

1. Homeless students are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
2. Homeless students enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed at MPS.
3. Homeless students and families receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start and Even Start programs.
4. Parents/guardians are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.
5. Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children is disseminated at places where children receive services, such as schools, shelters, and soup kitchens.
6. Enrollment/admissions disputes are mediated in accordance with law, the MPS charter, and Board policy.

7. Parents/guardians are fully informed of all transportation services, as applicable.

8. The School Liaison collaborates with State coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths.

For any homeless student who enrolls at the School, a copy of the School's complete policy shall be provided at the time of enrollment and at least twice annually.

S. DRESS CODE

MPS has a uniform policy to help create a safe, orderly environment, instill discipline, and eliminate the competition and distractions caused by varied dress styles. Students are expected to arrive in a clean and neat uniform every day. Students will not be allowed to enter the campus if they are not in proper uniform. This uniform policy will be enforced, without exception, from the very first day of school. Please cooperate, display modesty and neatness, and take pride in the MPS uniform. We rely on your understanding and your parents' and/or guardians' support in helping to maintain this uniform policy and follow it daily.

In addition to wearing the school uniform, MPS requires that you follow these additional guidelines in terms of uniform appearance and personal appearance. If you are still unsure about how you should look, or how the uniform should fit, check with administration. **Religious head coverings shall be permitted. If any aspect of the uniform, including clothes, shoes, jewelry, cosmetics, or any type of body adornment, is not explicitly listed as acceptable in this handbook, then that item is not permitted to be worn when the student is at school or representing the school.**

If a student is unable to wear the school uniform to school due to extenuating circumstances, you need to obtain written permission from the school's administration.

Free Dress & Theme Dress Days Code:

Free Dress days are earned at the discretion of the administration. These days are granted at different times of the year for positive behavior and special occasions. Violation of this policy may result in loss of free dress privileges for the remainder of the school year.

- On free dress days, clothing must be in good taste and appropriate for school. Clothing should not be form fitting, revealing, or transparent.
- The school's dress code is strictly enforced during free dress days as well. All students must follow the same guidelines with the exception of not wearing their uniform.
- T-shirts are acceptable; however printing on clothing must be suitable for school, no

inappropriate image(s) or language may be displayed. The administration has discretion in determining appropriateness of images or language on clothing.

- Mini-skirts, skirts, and short shorts are not allowed. Jeans may be worn during free dress days but cannot be tight fitting or baggy.
- Midriffs, backless or side less shirts or dresses, halter tops, or tank tops with less than a 1 inch strap are NOT allowed.
- Hats, gloves, bandanas, or sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in school, except for religious head coverings.
- Neatness and good grooming is required.
- Hairstyles must follow the schools dress code policy.

MPS STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

BOTTOM	Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, or capris are acceptable.	<p>Pants/Skirts/Skorts/Shorts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be baggy or tight fitting. May not be rolled at waist. Waist size must be same as student’s waist size. Top of garment must be at or above hip bone. • Skorts/shorts should be no shorter than your longest finger when standing with your hands by your sides. • Skirts that are above the top of the kneecap should be worn with leggings/tights, and must be no shorter than the longest fingertip. • Pants may not be made from legging or jegging material. • Pants must touch the top of the shoes when the student is standing, but not be long enough to bunch up around the ankle. • The bottom of the skirt, skort, and/or shorts must be no higher than 1 inch above the middle of the kneecap when the student is standing. • Socks may not be worn over pants. • Rubber bands are not allowed on the bottom of pants or ankles. • No Jean style pants. • No Cargo pants/shorts. • Must have a built in pocket not a sewn on pocket. <p>Undergarments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should not be noticeable through or outside of clothing, tops and bottoms. <p>Uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woven Shirt or Polo Shirt must be tucked in neatly at the waist at all times on campus, inside and outside. These shirts may not fit tightly or be baggy. • Undershirts must be short-sleeved if worn. • The student may choose to button, or not button, the top button of the woven shirt. All other buttons of the woven shirt must be buttoned. • Under shirt may not hang out of sleeves. <p>Shoes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptable athletic shoes must be low-profile with minimal design. They must be modest and not attract attention. Shoe laces must match shoes and be in solid color.
	<p>Skirts, pants, shorts, skorts, or capris must be either khaki color or navy blue.</p> <p>Belts (required for all variations of dress uniform):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smooth, straight edge, all black, all blue or all brown belts no wider than 1½ inches with a plain, unadorned buckle (no mesh, rope, or all metal). • The buckle may only have one catch. • Belt must be of correct waist size, so that there is minimal excess length (less than five inches). • Any excess length of belt must be tucked through a belt loop and may not hang down. 	
TOP	<p>White, gray, black or navy blue polo shirts must have the school logo. They may be either short or long sleeved. Hoods may not be worn at school.</p> <p>Top of garment must be no lower than the level of the navel when student is standing. Top of garment must be at or above hipbone when student is standing up.</p>	
FOOTWEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of the shoe must be black, brown, white or gray. Small logos are acceptable. (Shoes must be closed toe.) • “Athletic” shoes for the dress code must be completely black, white or brown. • Plain, unadorned socks or tights (for girls) must always be worn. Color of socks or tights: Black, dark brown, navy blue, or white <p style="background-color: #ffff00;">No sandals, boots, clogs, mules, slippers, flip flops, high heels, platform shoes or shoes with wheels.</p>	
PE UNIFORM	<p>TOP: Students will wear a solid gray t-shirt, preferably with the MPS logo. MPS sweatpants and MPS sweatshirts may also be worn during PE.</p> <p>BOTTOM: Properly fitting MPS Navy shorts of comfortable length for active participation. Waist size of shorts must be appropriate to student’s waist size. The same rules which apply to the level at which the tops of the dress pants are worn, also apply to PE shorts.</p> <p>FOOTWEAR: Any athletic shoes suitable for basketball, tennis, and field sports. PE shoes may be the same black athletic shoes discussed in the dress uniform section.</p>	

OUTERWEAR

Hats, hoods, caps, and other headgear may not be worn in school buildings, except for religious head coverings. No gloves or finger lacing of any sort are allowed.

For colder weather:

- MPS Navy Crew-Neck and zip V-Neck Sweatshirt, and Jackets are recommended and preferred to be worn on campus, inside and outside.
- Sweatshirts and jackets must be solid navy blue or gray.

If a student is unable to wear the school uniform to school due to extenuating circumstances, you need to check with your school's administration.

Each individual MPS campus may include site-specific amendments into the uniform policy addressing local issues.

Jewelry and accessories/Cosmetics:

- Should be modest, appropriate for school, and not attract undue attention.
- Necklaces: If worn must be underneath uniform. If visible through an open collar, it must be tasteful and formal (no leather or string). Pendants must not be large or attract attention. Must be tucked in collar of shirt.
- No "glitter", decorations, or drawing of any kind should be visible on the skin, hair, body, or uniform.
- Facial, tongue, and body piercing are not allowed.
- Bracelets: Must be tasteful and not attract undue attention.
- Visible tattoos are not acceptable. Permanent visible tattoos must be covered by a flesh-tone bandage while at school or representing the school.
- Cosmetics must be appropriate for school and not attract undue attention.
 - No brightly colored or glitter eye shadow, or blush.
 - Mascara and eyeliner should be minimal.
 - Lipstick should be a natural color.
 - Earrings must be studs or one (1) inch hoops and worn on earlobe.

Hair:

- Extreme hairstyles, and hair colors that are not natural for the student, are not permitted. Modest highlights in a shade similar to the student's natural hair color, done tastefully, are acceptable.
- Colors such as red, blue, purple, green, white, etc. are not permitted.
- Hair must be neat, clean, and well kept.
- If the hair obstructs the student's sight, then the hair must be pinned or somehow fixed in place, so that it no longer obstructs the student's sight.
- Excessive "gel" of any kind is not acceptable, and should not be visible.
- Hair may be "spiked" with gel or any similar-acting substance but must be no longer than 1 inch.
- Combs may not be left in hair.
- No shaving the head bald with a razor. Hair must be at least 1/2 inch on the top and 1/4 inch on the sides and back.
- No Mohawks or Fohawks
- For male students, hair must not touch shoulder when down. If hair is longer than shoulder length, it must be tied back.

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

New technologies are modifying the way in which information may be accessed, communicated and transferred. Those changes also alter instruction and student learning. Magnolia Public Schools ("Charter School") offers students access to technologies that may include Internet access, electronic mail, and equipment, such as computers, tablets, or other multimedia hardware. The Charter School Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the school be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

Educational Purpose

Use of Charter School equipment and access to the Internet via Charter School equipment and resource networks is intended to serve and pursue educational goals and purposes. Student use of the Internet is therefore limited to only those activities that further or enhance the delivery of education. Students and staff have a duty to use Charter School resources only in a manner specified in the Policy.

"Educational purpose" means classroom activities, research in academic subjects, career or professional development activities, Charter School approved personal research activities, or other purposes as defined by the Charter School from time to time.

"Inappropriate use" means a use that is inconsistent with an educational purpose or that is in clear violation of this policy and the Acceptable Use Agreement.

Notice and Use

The Charter School shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of school computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities.

Before a student is authorized to use the Charter School's technological resources, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the Charter School or any Charter School staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Charter School and Charter School personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

Safety

The Charter School shall ensure that all Charter School computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to websites that have no educational purpose and/or contain visual depictions that are obscene, constitute child pornography, or that are

harmful to minors. While the Charter School is able to exercise reasonable control over content created and purchased by the Charter School, it has limited control over content accessed via the internet and no filtering system is 100% effective. Neither the Charter School nor its staff shall be responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence.

To reinforce these measures, the Principal or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services on campus and may have teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers assist in this supervision.

The Principal or designee also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

The Principal or designees shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, maintaining the student's online reputation and ensuring their personal safety by keeping their personal information private, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying. Students are expected to follow safe practices when using Charter School technology.

Students shall not use the Internet to perform any illegal act or to help others perform illegal acts. Illegal acts include, but are not limited to, any activities in violation of local, state, and federal law and/or accessing information designed to further criminal or dangerous activities. Such information includes, but is not limited to, information that if acted upon could cause damage, present a danger, or cause disruption to the Charter School, other students, or the community. Damaging, debilitating or disabling computers, computer networks or systems through the intentional or overuse of electronic distribution or the spreading of computer viruses or other harmful programs shall be prohibited. Any unauthorized online access to other computers by means of hacking into other computers, downloading hacker tools such as port scanners and password crackers designed to evade restrictions shall also be strictly prohibited.

Student use of Charter School computers to access social networking sites is not prohibited, but access is limited to educational purposes only. To the extent possible, the Principal or designee shall block access to such sites on Charter School computers with Internet access. The Principal or designee shall

oversee the maintenance of the Charter School's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use.

All employees shall receive a copy of this policy and the accompanying Acceptable Use Agreement describing expectations for appropriate use of the system and shall also be provided with information about the role of staff in supervising student use of technological resources. All employees shall comply with this policy and the Acceptable Use Agreement, in addition to any separate policies governing employee use of technology.

Student use of school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Compliance with the Charter School's policies and rules concerning computer use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their computer privileges limited and may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion per school policy.

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

The Charter School believes that providing access to technology enhances the educational experience for students. However, student use of school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. To make that experience successful for everyone, students must abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. **Security.** Students shall not impair the security of Charter School technology resources. Students are expected to:
 - a. Safeguard all personal passwords. Students should not share passwords with others and should change passwords frequently. Students are expected to notify an administrator immediately if they believe their student account has been compromised.
 - b. Access technology only with their account or with a shared account as directed by their teacher and not to allow others to use their account or to use the accounts of others, with or without the account owner's authorization.
2. **Authorized Use.** Students may use Charter School technology resources when directed by a teacher, when technology has been designated for open student use (e.g., computers in the library), and for other educational purposes.
3. **Protection Measures.** While the Charter School is able exercise reasonable control over content created and purchased by the Charter School, it has limited control over content accessed via the internet and no filtering system is 100% effective. Neither the Charter School nor its staff shall be responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. The student and parent agree not to hold the Charter School or any Charter School staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Charter School and Charter School personnel for any damages or costs incurred.
4. **Inappropriate Use.** Charter School technology, hardware, software and bandwidth are shared and limited resources and all users have an obligation to use those resources responsibly. Students are provided access to the Charter School technology primarily for educational purposes. Students shall not use Charter School technology or equipment for personal activities or for activities that violate school policy or local law. These include but are not limited to:
 - a. Playing games or online gaming.
 - b. Downloading software, music, movies or other content in violation of licensing requirements, copyright or other intellectual property rights.
 - c. Installing software on Charter School equipment without the permission of a teacher or other authorized Charter School staff person.
 - d. Downloading, viewing or sharing inappropriate content, including pornographic, defamatory or otherwise offensive material.
 - e. Conducting any activity that is in violation of school policy, the student code of conduct or local, state or federal law.
 - f. Engaging in any activity that is harmful to other student(s), including the use of technology to harass, intimidate, bully or otherwise disrupt the educational process.
 - g. Participating in political activities.
 - h. Conducting for-profit business.
 - i. Using hacking tools on the network or intentionally introducing malicious code or viruses into the Charter School's network.
 - j. Using any software or proxy service to obscure either the student's IP address or the sites that the student visits.
 - k. Disabling, bypassing, or attempting to disable or bypass any system monitoring, filtering or other security measures.
 - l. Accessing or attempting to access material or systems on the network that the student is not authorized to access.
5. **No Expectation of Privacy.** Student acknowledges that computer equipment, Internet access networks, email accounts, and any other technology resources are owned by Charter School and provided to students for educational purposes. The Charter School may require staff

to monitor and supervise all access to computer equipment, Internet access networks, and email accounts. To facilitate monitoring of activities, computer screens may be positioned so that they are visible to the staff member supervising the students. The Charter School reserves the right to access stored computer records and communications, files, and other data stored on Charter School equipment or sent over Charter School networks. Such communications, files, and data are not private and may be accessed during routine system maintenance; during inspection of Charter School equipment at the end of the school year/term or agree to use period; and review of individual files or monitoring of individual activity when there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is engaging in an inappropriate use.

6. **Disruptive Activity.** Students should not intentionally interfere with the performance of the Charter School's network or intentionally damage any Charter School technology resources.
7. **Unauthorized Networks.** Students may not create unauthorized wireless networks to access the Charter School's network. This includes establishing wireless access points, wireless routers and open networks on personal devices.
8. **Consequences of Inappropriate Use.** Students who violate this Agreement will be subject to discipline which may include loss of access to Charter School technology resources and/or other appropriate disciplinary or legal action in accordance with the MPS student discipline policy and applicable laws.

9. Technology Systems/Equipment Care. Students are not permitted to have food or drink near computers/other technology and must keep equipment and assigned areas free of vandalism.

MPS promotes the use of networked computer technology in its instructional program in order to facilitate learning and teaching. Towards this end, students may be provided with a "device" (computer, laptop / iPad / Chromebook, etc.) for educational activities at school and home. MPS will make every effort to ensure that the MPS technology services are used responsibly by students. Students are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner in accordance with this Agreement, accepted rules of network etiquette, and Federal and State law. Following are some safekeeping instructions for MPS-provided devices. As applicable, students shall:

- Bring their MPS device to school every day, fully charged;
- Never leave the MPS device unattended;
- Never loan the MPS device to other individuals;
- Know where the MPS device is at all times;

- Store the MPS device in the bag/case if provided by MPS; otherwise students are encouraged to purchase protective covers/cases for their devices;
- Store and use the device in a safe location and environment to avoid loss or damage to the device;
- Not remove the Asset Tag or other school property identifiers;
- Charge the MPS device's battery daily;
- Keep food and beverages away from the MPS device;
- Only use a soft cloth or approved screen cleaning solution to clean the screen of the device;
- Not disassemble any part of the MPS device or attempt any repairs;
- Not place decorations (such as stickers, markers, etc.) on the MPS device;
- Understand that the MPS device is subject to inspection at any time without notice and remains the property of MPS;
- Notify MPS by the next school day in the event of loss or damage to the device;
- File a police report in case of theft, vandalism, and other acts covered by MPS' insurance;
- Return the device to MPS when requested by the Technology Department for maintenance and upgrades;
- Return the MPS device and accessories upon demand, upon termination of enrollment and/or at the expiration of the school year in good working condition;
- Be aware that they may be held accountable for damage to a laptop resulting from "user abuse." Examples of "user abuse" include, but are not limited to, the following: leaving cables plugged in when storing the device in the carrying case which can cause broken connectors or ports; using the carrying case/sleeve for carrying textbooks, etc.; eating or drinking while using the device, resulting in damage to the device; storing the device for prolonged periods while in "stand by" or "sleep" mode (overheating can occur).

WAIVER OF PRIVACY RIGHTS

Users of the MPS technology services expressly waive any right of privacy in anything they create, store, send, or receive on the MPS device or through the Internet or any other computer network. Users consent to allowing MPS to access and review all materials users create, store, send, or receive on the device or through the Internet or any other computer network. Users understand that MPS monitors the use of its computer resources.

DISCLAIMER

Electronic information available to students does not imply endorsement of the content by MPS, nor can

MPS guarantee the accuracy of information obtained on the Internet.

MPS makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, with respect to the information technology services it provides. MPS will not be responsible for damages resulting from the use of MPS device and MPS information technology services, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries, service interruptions.

MPS shall not be responsible for any charges or fees resulting from access to the internet or internet resources which are not authorized in writing by MPS.

SIGNATURES

After reading the Student Technology Use Policy and this Acceptable Use Agreement, please note that your signature on the MPS Acknowledgement of Student Handbook page at the end of this Handbook indicates that you agree to the terms and conditions provided here. Please note, the signature of both the parent/guardian and student are mandatory before access may be granted to the technologies available at MPS. This document, which incorporates the Use Policy and procedure, reflects the entire agreement and understanding of all parties.

TITLE I INFORMATION:

MPS receives Title I funding, and is therefore required to provide certain information to parents as well as develop, with parental input, a Parent Involvement Policy. Please see below for these required notices and Policy.

Teacher Qualifications

Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and/or paraprofessionals to parents upon request.

Program Improvement Identification

MPS notifies parents at the start of each school year of any MPS schools that have been identified for Program Improvement. Program Improvement status is determined by the California Department of Education based on its review of student academic performance data in English Language Arts and Mathematics as required by the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 2001. In addition to offering school choice, supplemental education services (SES) are also available for qualifying students attending schools in Program Improvement years 2 and up. Parents will receive letters regarding any MPS school(s) in Program Improvement. Please contact the MPS Principal at each school site for more information regarding Program Improvement or SES.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

I. Introduction

Research has shown that the attitudes, behavior and achievement of children are enhanced when parents or other caregivers are involved in their children's education. To that end, the **Magnolia Public Schools (MPS)** (the "LEA") has adopted this parent involvement policy in order to promote learning and provide a more positive learning experience for the students of its schools.¹ This policy has also been submitted to the California Department of Education with the LEA's Consolidated Application.

II. Involvement in Drafting the LEA Plan

Parents will be involved in the development of the LEA/SSD plan, Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), and the LEA's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). On an annual basis, the LEA will submit California Department of Education ("CDE") –required plans to the Parent Council for review and suggested changes before appropriate plans are submitted to the authorizers and the CDE with the Consolidated Application. In addition, all parents of participating children will annually be invited to review the LEA plan and submit comments.

If the LEA/SSD plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the LEA will submit any comments from parents of participating children with the LEA/SSD plan when it is submitted to the CDE.

III. Involvement in School Review and Improvement

All parents will be involved, to the extent applicable, in the process of school review and improvement. This includes disseminating the results of the local annual review of each school served under Title I, Part A to parents.

In addition, the parents of participating children will be invited to annually review the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy and other Title I, Part A activities and provide comments to the LEA.

Identification of a school for improvement: Before the LEA identifies its school for improvement, for corrective action, or for restructuring, it shall provide the parents of all children enrolled in the school with notice of an opportunity to review the school-level data, including academic assessment data, on which the proposed identification is based. If the **Principal** of the school believes, or a majority of the parents of the students enrolled in such school believe, that the proposed identification is in error for statistical or other substantive reasons, the **Principal** may provide supporting evidence to the LEA, which shall consider that evidence before making a determination.

¹ Within this policy, the word "parent" is employed. This word is intended to reach any caregiver of students enrolled in the LEA's school, including but not limited to, parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, stepparents, etc.

School plan: Parents of participating children will be involved in the development and/or revision of a school plan required of the school identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring, which plan shall be approved by the LEA in accordance with the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**.

Notice required after school identification: If the LEA's school is identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring, the LEA will promptly provide to all parents of children enrolled in the school (in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand), a notice containing the following:

- An explanation of what the identification means, and how the school compares in terms of academic achievement to other elementary or secondary schools served by the LEA and the CDE;
- The reasons for the identification;
- An explanation of what the LEA or the CDE is doing to address the problem of low achievement;
- An explanation of how the parents can become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement; and
- As applicable, an explanation of the parents' option to transfer their child to another public school under the control of the LEA, return to their district of residence or to obtain supplemental educational services for the child.

Information regarding corrective action taken: The LEA shall publish and disseminate information regarding any corrective action taken at a school to parents of each student enrolled in the school in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

Restructuring: Whenever a school fails to make adequate yearly progress after 1 full school year of corrective action or when the LEA is required to implement alternative governance, the LEA shall provide prompt notice to parents and provide parents with an adequate opportunity to comment before taking any action and to participate in developing any plan required by **ESSA**.

IV. Coordination, Technical Assistance, and Other Support

The LEA will provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist its participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance in the following ways:

- **The LEA will reserve funds to the school for parent involvement activities as required by law;**
- The LEA (board and school leaders) will collaborate to devise a timeline for parental involvement activities throughout the school year and create a follow up tool to ensure that the activities occur.
- The LEA will develop the necessary technical assistance for planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

V. Annual Meeting

Within 60 days of the first day of school, the School shall convene an annual meeting to which all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs are invited and encouraged to attend. The School will hold additional meetings to ensure the maximum parental participation, providing the same information, to be offered at flexible times, such as in the morning or evening.

The information provided at the meetings will inform parents of the School's receipt of Title I, Part A funds and the specific requirements of Title I, Part A. Additionally, parents shall be informed of their rights to be involved in Title I, Part A programs.

VI. Notice

Within **60** days of the beginning of school, the School will send **[e.g., via mail, sent home with students, and/or placed in orientation packets and/or registration packets]** a notice to **[if in a targeted assistance school]** [parents of participating children] **[or if in a school with a school wide program]** [all parents] containing, but not limited to, the following information:

- Information about Title I, Part A programs;
- An explanation of the requirements of Title I, Part A programs;
- A description of the rights parents have for participation in Title I, Part A programs;
- A description (including timing of meetings, location, etc.) of how parents can participate in the planning, review and/or improvement of the parent involvement policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program.
- A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the School, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet;
- An invitation to attend the annual meeting and additional meetings, providing information about the purpose of the meetings and the dates and times.

- A copy of the most current Parent Involvement Policy and a feedback form for parents to comment on its content.

With this notice, the School will include a survey for parents to complete identifying whether they will require transportation, child care or home visits in order to participate in the parental involvement program of the School. If there is sufficient need for transportation or child care at any of the parental involvement activities identified in this policy, the School may provide such services and notify the parents of such provided services.

In addition to mailing this notice to parents of participating children, the School will post the information on its website.

VII. Title I, Part A Program Involvement

In order to involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I, Part A programs, the parent involvement policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program plan, the School will involve parents of participating students as follows:

- The School will conduct at least one Family Learning Night each year where all parents of participating children will be invited to the School to learn about the different Title I, Part A programs, details of this policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program plan. These meetings will be held at flexible times. Additionally, some may be located at community libraries or at parent volunteer homes for those who live far from the School.
- Parents not attending the Family Learning Nights will be contacted by a volunteer by telephone to encourage participation and inform them of future Family Learning Nights.
- The School will publish a regular Newsletter with notification of upcoming participation opportunities.
- The School will create a **School Site Council (SSC)** where it will plan, review and improve Title I, Part A programs, the parent involvement policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program plan. The **SSC** will meet at the School and will consist of:

Category (a):

- The principal
- 4 teacher representatives selected by teachers at the school
- 1 other school personnel selected by peers at the school

Category (b):

- 3 parents of students attending the school selected by such parents
- 2 students selected by students attending the school
- 1 community member selected by parents of students attending the school

The SSC shall be constituted to ensure parity between the principal, classroom teachers and other school personnel; (b) equal numbers of parents or other community members selected by parents, and pupils. Classroom teachers shall comprise the majority of persons represented under category (a). (Education Code Section 52852)

Furthermore, Education Code Section 52852 states that parents or community members on the SSC may not be employed by the school district.

Additionally, the **SSC** will be involved in decisions regarding how funds reserved for parent involvement activities are allotted for those activities.

- Each year, the School will hold an End of School Night, at which parents of participating children will be invited to review Title I, Part A programs, the parent involvement policy, and if applicable, the schoolwide program plan and recommend any changes.
- **At least one** of parents of participating children will be invited to accompany School staff on retreats to participate in discussions and sessions dealing with Title I, Part A programs.
- If requested by parents of participating children, the School will schedule regular meetings where parents are able to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children. The School will respond to such suggestions within **48 hours**.
- If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to parents of participating children, the School will submit any parent comments on the plan when it submits the plan to the LEA.

VIII. Building Capacity for Involvement

A. Standards, Assessments, Title I Requirements, Monitoring Progress and Improving Student Achievement

In order to ensure effective parental involvement and support a partnership among the LEA, parents and the community to improve student academic

achievement, the LEA will provide the following programs to assist parents in understanding State academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, Title I requirements, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve the academic achievement of their children (collectively referred to "Standards and Requirements"):

- The LEA will encourage parents to serve on its board of directors;
- The LEA will seek input from the Parent/Guardian Club and the SSC on ways to assist parents to understand the Standards and Requirements.
- The LEA will encourage parents to serve on its board committees.
- The LEA will regularly publish in its Newsletter, and/or on its website, descriptions and explanations of State academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, Title I requirements, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve the academic achievement of their children.
- Regular meetings will be held by the LEA at each school, at community libraries and/or parent volunteer homes to discuss how parents can work with educators to improve their child's academic achievement.
- The LEA will hold Back to School nights to introduce parents to the School's curriculum and its correlation to the State's academic content standards and academic achievement standards.
- Parents will be invited to attend regular classes to learn about State and local academic assessments and to take sample tests.

B. Helping Parents to Work with their Children

In an effort to foster parental involvement, the LEA will provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement through the following programs:

- **Student-Teacher Status Portal:** MPS uses an online web portal to enable parents, students, and teachers to communicate more efficiently. Teachers have a webpage for every class in which they post course material, homework assignments, projects, course grade statistics and records of students' grades on quizzes, tests, class participation and homework assignments. Students and parents use confidential passwords to log on.

Families without home computers will be encouraged to come to the school and use one of the available computer stations. Classes are held at the school on how to use the portal as well as how to access it via free Internet access at public libraries if that is more convenient than coming to the school.

- The LEA will provide parents with access to literacy programs that bond families around reading and using the public library.
- The LEA will provide annual seminars on parenting skills and parent-child communication.
- The school's psychologist will work with parents to better understand their children and the issues facing them.
- The LEA will train parents how to tutor their children in the school.
- Individualized student and parent advisory sessions: Each of LEA teachers and mentors will be assigned to a small group of students. They will arrange two to four meetings at school during the school year to discuss their students' academic achievements.
- One-on-one meetings with the parents of academically low-achieving students to support the parent in providing the student the study environment he/she needs.

C. Education on Parent Involvement

The LEA will annually educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and the School. The training shall take place each year in staff orientations, annual staff development materials and other in-service trainings held throughout the school year.

In order to better understand what works best for the current parents of participating children attending the LEA's schools, the education will take place after the following research is done (which shall be accomplished within the first 90 days of the commencement of the School year):

- **Home Visits:** Research has shown that one of the keys to successful teaching and schooling is creating personal connections with students inside and outside of school.² Knowing the students' outside interests, families, and home routines, and then using this information to connect in meaningful, individualized ways can have huge rewards

² Source:
http://crede.berkeley.edu/products/print/pract_briefs/pb1.shtml

in helping to create happier, healthier, and smarter kids. Recognizing these facts, the LEA will use home visits as one of the important features of its education program to not only improve student and school performance, but also to identify and intervene early with low-achieving students.

The LEA teachers will visit students at their homes to enhance student learning and involvement. Family visits offer invaluable insights about students. They can provide new understanding about students' learning styles. Visits might also reveal the emotional and social needs and behaviors of students. It is helpful to know if they react to problems with tears, anger, or withdrawal, and how they socialize with peers. Through family visits, teachers can identify students' latest interests or concerns, such as a new hobby, an upcoming trip, or a change in the family.

- A phone tree will be established where volunteers call all parents of participating students to solicit feedback and ideas for building ties between parents and the LEA, how to best communicate with parents and how to work with parents as equal partners.
- A survey will be sent home to parents of participating students that solicits information on what skills each parent has to offer the LEA and what types of parental involvement programs in which parents would most likely participate.

D. Other Optional Parent Participation

The LEA will involve parents in the development of the training regarding the importance of parent involvement for teachers, principals and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training.

In order to maximize parental involvement and participation, the LEA will arrange school meetings at various times or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at the LEA.

The LEA will adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement.

The LEA will develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities, such as sponsoring events, providing volunteers for school activities, and creating internships for students.

IX. Coordination with Other Programs

If applicable, the LEA shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with programs such as Head Start, Early Reading First, and public preschool and other programs and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that

encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

The LEA will coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with these programs as follows: 1) requiring that the school conduct meetings involving parents, kindergarten or elementary school teachers, and Head Start teachers or, if appropriate, teachers from other early childhood development programs such as the Early Reading First program, to discuss the developmental and other needs of individual children; 2) developing and implementing a systematic procedure for receiving records regarding such children, transferred with parental consent from a Head Start program or, where applicable, another early childhood development program such as the Early Reading First program.

X. Annual Evaluation

The LEA, with the involvement of parents, shall conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this family involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served under Title I, Part A, including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities under NCLB. The LEA will pay particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. The LEA will use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, this family involvement policy.

XI. School-Parent Compact

At the beginning of each school year, the School will enter in to School-Parent Compacts with parents of participating children. The School-Parent Compact will outline how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the School and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

The Parent Council will annually evaluate the effectiveness of the School-Parent Compact and provide feedback and suggestions for revision.

XII. Involvement of Parents of Limited English Proficient Students, Disabled Parents and Parents of Migratory Children

The LEA shall implement an effective means of outreach to parents of limited English proficient students to inform them regarding how they can be involved in the education of their children, and be active participants in assisting their children to attain English proficiency, achieve at high levels in core academic subjects and meet challenging State academic achievement standards and State academic content standards expected of all student. To accomplish this goal, the LEA will do the following:

- The LEA will hold regular meetings, and send notice of these meetings, for the purpose of formulating and responding to recommendations from parents of participating children.
- The LEA will provide language translators at parent meetings to the extent practicable.
- The LEA will schedule meetings to enable families to share information about culture, background, children's talents and particular needs for the schools.
- The LEA will provide parents of limited English proficiency with access to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to increase their English language proficiency to assist their children with homework. The school's principal will visit the classes to interact with the parents.
- **English Learner Advisory Committee:** The English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) is mainly a committee of parents or other community members who want to advocate for English Learners. The committee provides parents of English Learners opportunities to learn more about the programs offered to their students and advises the principal and the **School Site Council (SSC)** on programs and services for English Learners.

State law mandates each school site with 21 or more students of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in attendance, regardless of language, to form a functioning English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). The ELAC will be formed at the LEA when the School has 21 or more students of LEP.

The LEA will provide full opportunities for participation of parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. To accomplish this goal, the LEA will do the following:

- The LEA will schedule meetings to enable families to share information about culture, background, children's talents and particular needs for the schools.
- Teachers will be encouraged to make home visits to discuss student progress with the parents. Parents, students, and teachers meet throughout the year to monitor students' progress.
- Teachers will meet one-on-one with parents of such students on an as needed basis to ensure the proper supports are in place for the student.

XIII. Notices

In accordance with **law**, the LEA will provide the following notices to parents of children attending Title I, Part A schools:

- Annual report card;
- A notice regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers;
- The notice regarding language instruction programs;
- Any other notices required by law.

XIV. Miscellaneous

The LEA shall ensure that all information related to LEA and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

The LEA will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested by parents.

SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT

This School-Parent³-Student Compact is adopted by the Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) (hereinafter "School") and is intended to outline how parents, the entire School staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the School and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. To this end, the School, the Parent, and the Student roles are outlined as follows:

I. School Responsibilities

- The School will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards in all content areas through aligned curriculum and rigorous assessment.
- The School will provide a variety of support programs to enhance instruction at all grade levels.
- The School will send frequent reports to parents on their child's progress.
- The School will hold parent-teacher conferences during which this Compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual student's achievement. Conference dates will be listed on the school calendar and additional dates will be sent through notification by the School.

³ Within this policy, the word "parent" is employed. This word is intended to reach any caregiver of students enrolled in the School, including but not limited to, parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, stepparents, etc.

- The School will grant parents reasonable access to staff by appointment through the office.
- The School will provide parents with the ability to observe classroom activities by appointment through the office.

II. Parent Responsibilities

I understand that my child's studies are very important and my participation in activities at MPS is a critical component of my child's educational success. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- I will take a positive and active role in supporting my student's education.
- I will make certain my student attends school regularly and on time.
- I will notify school when child is absent and provide appropriate documentation.
- I will ensure that my student follows the school attendance policy and dress codes.
- I will ensure that my child come to school rested, clean, well-fed, and appropriately dressed (in student uniform).
- I will notify office immediately if there is a change of home address or phone number.
- I will set aside a specific time and place for my student to do homework.
- I will support my student in completing homework, including, if necessary, limiting time watching television, computer gaming, and recreational internet use.
- I will allow my student to attend remedial and other programs offered if requested by the school as is needed for individual improvement.
- I will set up a college bound environment at home and support my student through the college admission and scholarship finding process.
- I will emphasize my child adhere to the MPS Discipline Code at all times.
- I will enforce the School Code of Conduct with my child, including ensuring my child is wearing the uniform and promoting respect for teachers and all adults and students.
- I will follow through with any problem behaviors noted by the School.
- I will attend orientation meetings prior to the start of School.
- I will communicate regularly with my student's teachers to ensure his/her academic success (includes attending at least two conferences in a school year).
- I will review information and work sent home and/or posted on-line for parents and students via the school website and the

online **Student Information System** and respond as necessary (computer access is available for parents at School if needed).

- I will review progress reports that are sent by the School, and respond as necessary.
- I will encourage positive attitudes toward school.
- I will talk with my student about what he/she is learning.
- I will expect and encourage my student to be focused on learning.
- I will expect and support my student to strive consistently to give his/her best, and to make his/her best academic progress.
- I will assure that my child do not destroy materials (textbooks, equipment, etc.) and/or MPS property.
- I will pay for any damages to materials and/or property incurred by student.
- I will assure that students do not bring destructive materials to school (markers, paint, etc.)
- I will assure that all school materials loaned to students will be returned in the condition issued (textbooks, library books, etc.) I will pay for any lost or damaged books in CASH only.
- I understand that a student's bringing or possession of any weapon is grounds for expulsion from the Charter School.
- I will complete and return all necessary school forms and documents on time as requested by school officials.
- I will volunteer at School when requested.

III. Student Responsibilities

I am aware of my responsibilities and will do my best to satisfy my parents'/teachers' expectations at MPS because this will help me do better in the future. I agree to really try and do the following:

- I will come to school dressed in uniform every day and on time.
- I will be prepared for all my classes with all required materials.
- I will complete class work and homework on time.
- I will do all the homework assigned to me the best way I can and ask for help when needed.
- I will strive consistently to give my best, and to make my best academic progress.
- I will act responsibly and respectfully at all times and towards all members of the school community.
- I will follow all school rules.
- I will obey the School's Code of Conduct.

- I will respect my property, that of others, and that of the School.
- I will take good care of my books, and other materials the School allows me to use.
- I will serve my community.

INTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The purpose of the "Internal Complaint Review Policy" is to afford all employees of the School the opportunity to seek internal resolution of their work-related concerns. All employees have free access to the CEO or Board of Directors to express their work-related concerns. Please use the Internal Complaints Policy Form following this Policy to file complaints. A copy of this Policy and Complaint Form are also available in the main office of each MPS school.

Specific complaints of unlawful harassment are addressed under the School's "Policy Against Unlawful Harassment."

a) Internal Complaints:

(Complaints by Employees Against Employees)

This section of the policy is for use when a School employee raises a complaint or concern about a co-worker.

If reasonably possible, internal complaints should be resolved at the lowest possible level, including attempts to discuss/resolve concerns with your direct supervisor. However, in the event an informal resolution may not be achieved or is not appropriate, the following steps will be followed by the Principal (or the CEO (or designee) for MPSCO employees):

- The complainant will bring the matter to the attention of the Principal (or the CEO (or designee) for MPSCO employees) as soon as possible after attempts to resolve the complaint with the immediate supervisor have failed or if not appropriate; and
- The complainant will reduce his or her complaint to writing, indicating all known and relevant facts. The Principal (or the CEO for MPSCO employees) (or designee) will then investigate the facts and provide a solution or explanation;
- If the complaint is about the Principal, the complainant may file his or her complaint in a signed writing to the CEO (or designee.) The CEO (or designee) will then investigate the facts and provide a solution or explanation;
- If the complaint is about the CEO, the complainant may file his or her complaint in a signed writing to the President of the Board of Directors of the School, who will then confer with the Board and may conduct a fact-finding or authorize a third party investigator on behalf of the Board. The Board President or investigator will report his or her findings to the Board for review and action, if necessary.

This policy cannot guarantee that every problem will be resolved to the employee's satisfaction. However, the School values each employee's ability to express concerns and the need for resolution without fear of adverse consequence to employment.

b) Policy for Complaints Against Employees:

(Complaints by Third Parties Against Employees)

This section of the policy is for use when a non-employee raises a complaint or concern about a School employee.

If complaints cannot be resolved informally, complainants may file a written complaint with the office of the Principal or the CEO (if the complaint concerns the Principal) or the Board President (if the complaint concerns the CEO) as soon as possible after the events that give rise to the complainant's concerns. The written complaint should set forth in detail the factual basis for the complaint.

In processing the complaint, the Principal (or the CEO (or the Board President)) (or designee) shall abide by the following process:

- The Principal (or the CEO) (or designee) shall use his or her best efforts to talk with the parties identified in the complaint and to ascertain the facts relating to the complaint.
- In the event that the Principal (or the CEO) (or designee) finds that a complaint against an employee is valid, the Principal (or the CEO) (or designee) may take appropriate disciplinary action against the employee. As appropriate, the Principal (or the CEO) (or designee) may also simply counsel/reprimand employees as to their conduct without initiating formal disciplinary measures.
- The Principal's (or the CEO's) (or designee's) decision relating to the complaint shall be final unless it is appealed to the Board of Directors of the School. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

General Requirements:

- Confidentiality: All complainants will be notified that information obtained from the complainants and thereafter gathered will be maintained in a manner as confidential as possible, but in some circumstances absolute confidentiality cannot be assured.
- Non-Retaliation: All complainants will be advised that they will be protected against retaliation as a result of the filing of any complaints or participation in any complaint process.

Resolution: The Board (if a complaint is about the CEO) or the CEO (if a complaint is about the Principal or MPSCO employees) or the Principal or designee will investigate complaints appropriately under the circumstances and pursuant to the applicable procedures, and if necessary, take appropriate remedial measures to ensure effective resolution of any complaint.

INTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FORM

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____

Name of Person(s) you have a complaint against: _____

List any witnesses that were present: _____

Where did the incident(s) occur?

Please describe the circumstances, events, or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I hereby authorize MPS to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation. I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand providing false information in this regard could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Complainant

Print Name

To be completed by MPS:

Received by: _____ Date: _____

POLICY AGAINST UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

MPS is committed to providing a work and educational atmosphere that is free of unlawful harassment. MPS's policy prohibits sexual harassment and harassment based upon pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, race, religion, creed, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by federal, state, local law, ordinance or regulation. MPS will not condone or tolerate harassment of any type by any employee, independent contractor or other person with which MPS does business, or any other individual, student, or volunteer. This policy applies to all employee, student, or volunteer actions and relationships, regardless of position or gender. MPS will promptly and thoroughly investigate any complaint of harassment and take appropriate corrective action, if warranted. Please see the complaint form following this Policy to use when filing a complaint. A copy of this Policy and Complaint Form are also available in the main office of each MPS school.

Prohibited Unlawful Harassment

- Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory jokes or comments or slurs;
- Physical conduct including assault, unwanted touching, intentionally blocking normal movement or interfering with work because of sex, race or any other protected basis;
- Retaliation for reporting or threatening to report harassment
- Deferential or preferential treatment based on any of the protected classes above.

Prohibited Unlawful Sexual Harassment

In accordance with existing policy, discrimination on the basis of gender in education institutions is prohibited. All persons, regardless of gender, are afforded equal rights and opportunities and freedom from unlawful discrimination in education programs or activities conducted by MPS.

MPS is committed to provide a workplace and educational environment free of sexual harassment and considers such harassment to be a major offense, which may result in disciplinary action, up to, and including dismissal, of the offending employee, and disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion for students.

Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: (a) Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or a condition of an individual's employment, academic status, or progress; (b) submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis of employment or

academic decisions affecting the individual; (c) the conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work or academic performance, or of

creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment; and/or (d) submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the educational institution.

It is also unlawful to retaliate in any way against an individual who has articulated a good faith concern about sexual harassment against him/her or against another individual.

All supervisors of staff will receive sexual harassment training within six (6) months of their assumption of a supervisory position and will receive further training once every two (2) years thereafter. All staff will receive sexual harassment training and/or instruction concerning sexual harassment in the workplace as required by law.

Each employee, volunteer, and student has the responsibility to maintain a workplace and educational environment free from any form of sexual harassment. Consequently, should any individual, in particular those with supervisory responsibilities, become aware of any conduct that may constitute sexual harassment or other prohibited behavior, immediate action should be taken to address such conduct. Employees and students are expected to act in a positive and professional manner and to contribute to a productive school environment that is free from harassing or disruptive activity. Any employee or student who believes they have been harassed or has witnessed harassment is encouraged to immediately report such harassment to their supervisor or the Principal. See the "Harassment Complaint Form" following this policy.

Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- Physical assaults of a sexual nature, such as:
 - Rape, sexual battery, molestation or attempts to commit these assaults and
 - Intentional physical conduct that is sexual in nature, such as touching, pinching, patting, grabbing, brushing against another's body, or poking another's body.
- Unwanted sexual advances, propositions or other sexual comments, such as:
 - Sexually oriented gestures, notices, remarks, jokes, or comments about a person's sexuality or sexual experience.
 - Preferential treatment or promises of preferential treatment to an individual for submitting to sexual conduct, including soliciting or attempting to solicit any

individual to engage in sexual activity for compensation or reward or deferential treatment for rejecting sexual conduct.

- Subjecting or threats of subjecting an employee to unwelcome sexual attention or conduct or intentionally making performance of the employee's job more difficult because of the employee's sex.
- Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications anywhere in the workplace or educational environment, such as:
 - Displaying pictures, cartoons, posters, calendars, graffiti, objections, promotional materials, reading materials, or other materials that are sexually suggestive, sexually demeaning or pornographic or bringing or possessing any such material to read, display or view at work or the educational environment.
 - Reading publicly or otherwise publicizing in the work or educational environment materials that are in any way sexually revealing, sexually suggestive, sexually demeaning or pornographic; and
 - Displaying signs or other materials purporting to segregate an individual by sex in an area of the workplace or educational environment (other than restrooms or similar rooms).

The illustrations of harassment and sexual harassment above are not to be construed as an all-inclusive list of prohibited acts under this policy.

Complainants and witnesses under these policies will be protected from further harassment and will not be retaliated against in any aspect of their employment, academic status, or progress due to their participation in or filing of a complaint or reporting sexual harassment.

MPS will investigate complaints promptly and provide a written report of the investigation and decision as soon as practicable. The investigation will be handled in as confidential a manner as possible consistent with a full, fair, and proper investigation.

While in most situations a personal relationship is a private matter, these relationships are not appropriate in a professional setting, particularly where one of the parties has management or supervisory responsibilities.

Compliance Officers

The Board of Directors designates the following compliance officer(s) to receive and investigate complaints and to ensure MPS' compliance with law:

Chief Executive Officer
Magnolia Public Schools
250 E. 1st St., Ste. 1500
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 628-3634

The Director or designee shall ensure that employees designated to investigate complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs for which they are responsible.

HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM

It is the policy of Magnolia Public Schools ("MPS") that all individuals be free from harassment including sexual harassment. This form is provided for you to report what you believe to be harassment, so that MPS may investigate and take appropriate disciplinary or other action when the facts show that there has been harassment.

If you are an employee of MPS, you may file this form with the Director or Board President. If you are a student/parent, you may file this form with the Director, or if the complaint involves the Director, the Board President.

Please review MPS's policies concerning harassment for a definition of sexual harassment and a description of the types of conduct that are considered to be harassment.

MPS will undertake every effort to handle the investigation of your complaint in a confidential manner. In that regard, MPS will disclose the contents of your complaint only to those persons having a need to know. For example, to conduct its investigation, MPS will need to disclose portions of your factual allegations to potential witnesses, including anyone you have identified as having knowledge of the facts on which you are basing your complaint, as well as the alleged harasser.

In signing this form below, you authorize MPS to disclose to others the information you have provided herein, and information you may provide in the future. Please note that the more detailed information you provide, the more likely it is that MPS will be able to address your complaint to your satisfaction.

Charges of harassment are taken very seriously by MPS both because of the harm caused to the person harassed, and because of the potential sanctions that may be taken against the harasser. It is therefore very important that you report the facts as accurately and completely as possible and that you cooperate fully with the person or persons designated to investigate your complaint.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____

Name of Person(s) you believe harassed you or someone else:

List any witnesses that were present:

Where did the incident(s) occur? _____

Please describe the events or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I acknowledge that I have read and that I understand the above statements. I hereby authorize MPS to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Complainant Date: _____

Print Name

To be completed by MPS:

Received by: _____ Date: _____

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, DISCRIMINATION, AND BULLYING POLICY

MPS believes all students have the right to a safe and civil learning environment. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying are all disruptive behaviors which interfere with students' ability to learn, negatively affect student engagement, diminish school safety, and contribute to a hostile school environment. As such, MPS prohibits any acts of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying related to school activity or school attendance. This policy is inclusive of instances that occur on any area of the school campus, at school-sponsored events and activities, regardless of location, through school-owned technology, and through other electronic means, consistent with this policy.

As used in this policy, "discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying" describe the intentional conduct, including verbal, physical, written communication, or cyberbullying, that is based on the actual or perceived characteristics of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. In addition, bullying encompasses any conduct described in the definitions set forth in this policy.

To the extent possible, MPS will make reasonable efforts to prevent students from being discriminated against, harassed, intimidated and/or bullied, and will take action to investigate, respond, and address any reports of such behaviors in a timely manner. MPS staff who witness acts of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying will take immediate steps to intervene, so long as it is safe to do so. Please use the Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination, and Bullying Complaint Form to file any complaints pursuant to this policy. A copy of this Policy and Complaint Form are also available in the main office of each MPS school.

Definitions

"Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a student or group of students which would be deemed hate violence or harassment, threats, or intimidation, which are directed toward one or more students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

1. Placing a reasonable student (defined as a student, including, but is not limited to, a student with exceptional needs, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with exceptional needs) or students in fear of

harm to that student's or those students' person or property.

2. Causing a reasonable student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
3. Causing a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance.
4. Causing a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the Charter School.

"Electronic Act" means the creation and transmission originated on or off the school site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. A message, text, sound, or image.
2. A post on a social network Internet Web site including, but not limited to:
 - a. Posting to or creating a burn page. A "burn page" means an Internet Web site created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects as listed in the definition of "bullying," above.
 - b. Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in the definition of "bullying," above. "Credible impersonation" means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.
 - c. Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in the definition of "bullying," above. "False profile" means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
3. Notwithstanding the definitions of "bullying" and "electronic act" above, an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.

Reporting

All staff are expected to provide appropriate supervision to enforce standards of conduct and, if they observe or become aware of discrimination,

intimidation, harassment, or bullying, to intervene as soon as it is safe to do so, call for assistance, and report such incidents. The Board requires staff to follow the procedures in this policy for reporting alleged acts of bullying.

All other members of the school community, including students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and visitors, are encouraged to report any act that may be a violation of this policy to the Principal or designee. While submission of a written report is not required, the reporting party is encouraged to use the report form available in the Main Office. However, oral reports shall also be considered. Reports may be made anonymously, but formal disciplinary action cannot be based solely on anonymous information.

Students are expected to report all incidents of discrimination, intimidation, harassment, bullying, teasing, or other verbal or physical abuse. Any student who feels she/he is a target of such behavior should immediately contact a teacher, counselor, principal, or staff person so that she/he can get assistance in resolving the issue consistent with this policy.

MPS acknowledges and respects every individual's rights to privacy. To that end, consistent with legal requirements, all reports shall be investigated in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties and the integrity of the process to the greatest extent possible.

MPS prohibits any form of retaliation against any reporter in the reporting process, including but not limited to a reporter's filing of a complaint or the reporting of violations of this policy. Such participation shall not in any way affect the status, grades or work assignments of the reporter.

Investigation

Upon receipt of a report of harassment, intimidation, or bullying from a student, staff member, parent, volunteer, visitor or affiliate of MPS, the Principal or designee will promptly initiate an investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Principal or designee will notify the complainant of the outcome of the investigation. However, in no case may the Principal or designee reveal confidential student information related to other students, including the type and extent of discipline issued against such students.

Complaints shall be investigated and resolved within thirty (30) school days, unless circumstances reasonably require additional time.

All records related to any investigation of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying will remain in a secure location in the Main Office of MPS.

In those instances when the complaint filed under this policy also requires investigation under the Uniform Complaint Procedures, such investigation will be undertaken concurrently.

Appeal

Should the Complainant find the Principal or designee resolution unsatisfactory, he/she may within five (5) school days of the date of resolution, file an appeal with the Designated Appeals Committee. In such cases, at least three (3) certificated MPS employees who are unfamiliar with the case and who have been previously designated and trained for this purpose shall be assembled to conduct a confidential review of the Complainant's appeal and render a final disposition.

Consequences

Students who engage in discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, as outlined in the Student Discipline Policy of MPS.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, DISCRIMINATION, AND BULLYING COMPLAINT FORM

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____

Name of Person(s) you have a complaint against: _____

List any witnesses that were present: _____

Where did the incident(s) occur? _____

Please describe the events or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I hereby authorize MPS to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation. I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand providing false information in this regard could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Date: _____

Signature of Complainant

Print Name

To be completed by MPS:

Received by: _____ Date: _____

Follow up Meeting with Complainant held on: _____

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

a. MPS has the primary responsibility to insure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and has established procedures to address allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and complaints alleging violations of state or federal laws governing educational programs and the charging of unlawful pupil fees.

b. MPS shall investigate and seek to resolve complaints using policies and procedures known as the Uniform Complaint Procedure ("UCP") adopted by our local board. Unlawful discrimination harassment, intimidation, or bullying complaints may be based on actual or perceived characteristics of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnic group identification, gender expression, gender identity, gender, genetic information, nationality, national origin, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any MPS program or activity.

c. The UCP shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in:

Adult Education Programs; After School Education and Safety Programs; Agricultural Vocational Educational Programs; American Indian Education Centers and Early Child Education Program Assessments; Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs; Migrant Education; Career Technical and Technical Education and Training Programs; Child Care and Developmental Programs; Child Nutrition Programs; Foster and Homeless Youth Services; No Child Left Behind Act (2001) Programs (Titles I-VII), including improving academic achievement, compensatory education, limited English proficiency, and migrant education; Regional Occupational Centers and Programs; Special Education Programs; State Preschool; Tobacco-Use Prevention Education.

d. A complaint of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees may be filed pursuant to the local UCP. A pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity. A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1. A fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, or as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, regardless of whether the class or activity is elective or compulsory, or is for credit.

2. A security deposit, or other payment, that a pupil is required to make to obtain a lock, locker, book, class apparatus, musical instrument, clothes, or other materials or equipment.

3. A purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, equipment, or clothes associated with an educational activity.

4. A pupil fee complaint shall not be filed later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred.

e. Complaints of noncompliance with the requirements governing the Local Control Funding Formula or Sections 47606.5 and 47607.3 of the Education Code, as applicable, may also be filed under the local UCP.

f. Complaints of noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code Section 222 regarding the rights of lactating pupils on a school campus may also be filed under the local UCP.

g. All complaints that fall within the UCP, including complaint of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees, must be filed in writing with the complaint officer listed below. A complaint regarding pupil fees may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence or information to support an allegation of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees. The compliance officer is:

Chief Executive Officer
Magnolia Public Schools
250 E. 1st St., Ste. 1500
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 628-3634

h. Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, must be filed within six (6) months from the date the alleged unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, occurred or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, unless the time for filing is extended by the Compliance Officer or his or her designee.

i. Complaints will be investigated and a written Decision or report will be sent to the complainant within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the complaint. This sixty (60) day time period may be extended by written agreement of the complainant. The School person responsible for investigating the complaint shall conduct and

complete the investigation in accordance with California regulations and in accordance with the School's procedures.

- j. The complainant has a right to appeal the School's Decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the Decision. The appeal must include a copy of the complaint filed with the School and a copy of the School's Decision.
- k. Civil law remedies may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying laws, if applicable. In appropriate cases, an appeal may be filed pursuant to Education Code Section 262.3. A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of [the LEA]'s complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders.
- l. A complete copy of the UCP policy and complaint procedures is posted in every classroom and shall be available free of charge in the main office of each MPS school and MPS website. A copy of the UCP complaint form is contained in this Handbook.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURE FORM

Last Name: _____ First Name/MI: _____

Student Name (if applicable): _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address/Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

School/Office of Alleged Violation: _____

For allegation(s) of noncompliance, please check the program or activity referred to in your complaint, if applicable:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education | <input type="checkbox"/> After School Education and Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Vocational Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated Categorical Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Career/Technical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster/Homeless Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Education | <input type="checkbox"/> No Child Left Behind Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Occupational Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> State Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco-Use Prevention Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil Fees | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Control Funding Formula | <input type="checkbox"/> Lactating Pupils |

For allegation(s) of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying, please check the basis of the unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying described in your complaint, if applicable:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender / Gender Expression / Gender Identity | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex (Actual or Perceived) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ancestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetic Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation (Actual or Perceived) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color | <input type="checkbox"/> National Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability (Mental or Physical) | <input type="checkbox"/> Race or Ethnicity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Group Identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | |

1. Please give facts about the complaint. Provide details such as the names of those involved, dates, whether witnesses were present, etc., that may be helpful to the complaint investigator.

2. Have you discussed your complaint or brought your complaint to any MPS personnel? If you have, to whom did you take the complaint, and what was the result?

3. Please provide copies of any written documents that may be relevant or supportive of your complaint.

I have attached supporting documents. Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail complaint and any relevant documents to:

Chief Executive Officer
Magnolia Public Schools
250 E. 1st St., Ste. 1500
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 628-3634

MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Receipt of and Agreement to the MPS Handbook, Student Technology Use Policy-Acceptable Use Agreement, and School-Parent-Student Compact

I have received a copy of the Magnolia Public Schools Student/Parent Handbook including the Student Technology Use Policy-Acceptable Use Agreement, and School-Parent-Student Compact, or I can access it at the school website. I understand that it is a source of information and a set of guidelines for implementation of school policies and procedures. I have read, understood, and agreed to the Student/Parent Handbook including the Student Technology Use Policy-Acceptable Use Agreement and School-Parent-Student Compact. I, as a Magnolia Public School student, understand and agree that use of Magnolia Public Schools computer and technology is a privilege and not a right. I understand that if I violate the Student Technology Use Policy-Acceptable Use Agreement in any way, I will be subject to referral and possible suspension. I, as a Magnolia Public School parent or guardian, understand that I may be liable for the replacement cost for property Magnolia Public School loaned to my student that my student fails to return or that is willfully cut, defaced, or otherwise damaged, up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), adjusted annually for inflation. When I am unable to pay for the damages, Magnolia Public School will provide a program of voluntary work for my student in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. If my child is over the age of majority, he/she shall be liable for the same. I understand that Magnolia Public Schools can unilaterally rescind, modify, or make exceptions to any of these policies, or adopt new policies, at any time. I also understand that the provisions of the Handbook will control over any contrary statements, representations or assurances made by any supervisory personnel except those made in writing by the Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- *Please read and discuss the policies, procedures, and expectations with your child/children before signing and returning the receipt on this page.*
- *Each individual MPS campus may include amendments into this handbook addressing local issues.*
- *Any changes or additions to this handbook will be given to the students and parents/guardians in writing.*

Student's Name: _____ **Student's Signature:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ **P/G's Signature:** _____

(If known, circle grade and group.) **Date:** _____

Grade:

TK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Group:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Other:
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Copy for Student File

General Instructions

Who Can Use this Application

If you are a U.S. citizen who lives or has an address within the United States, you can use the application in this booklet to:

- Register to vote in your State,
- Report a change of name to your voter registration office,
- Report a change of address to your voter registration office, or
- Register with a political party.

Exceptions

Please do not use this application if you live outside the United States and its territories and have no home (legal) address in this country, *or* if you are in the military stationed away from home. Use the Federal Postcard Application available to you from military bases, American embassies, or consular offices.

New Hampshire town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form.

North Dakota does not have voter registration.

Wyoming law does not permit mail registration.

How to Find Out If You Are Eligible to Register to Vote in Your State

Each State has its own laws about who may register and vote. Check the information under your State in the State Instructions.

Note: All States require that you be a United States citizen by birth or naturalization to register to vote in federal and State elections. Federal law makes it illegal to falsely claim U.S. citizenship to register to vote in any federal, State, or local election.

Also Note: You **cannot** be registered to vote in more than one place at a time.

How to Fill Out this Application

Use both the Application Instructions and State Instructions to guide you in filling out the application.

First, read the Application Instructions. These instructions will give you important information that applies to everyone using this application.

Next, find your State under the State Instructions. Use these instructions to fill out Boxes 6, 7, and 8. Also refer to these instructions for information about voter eligibility and any oath required for Box 9.

When to Register to Vote

Each State has its own deadline for registering to vote. Check the deadline for your State on the last page of this booklet.

How to Submit Your Application

Mail your application to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. Or, deliver the application in person to your local voter registration office.

The remaining States that accept the national form will accept copies of the application printed from the computer image on regular paper stock, signed by the applicant, and mailed in an envelope with the correct postage.

First Time Voters Who Register by Mail

If you are registering to vote for the first time in your jurisdiction and are mailing this registration application, you may be required to provide proof of identification the first time you vote.

Depending on the specific requirements of your State, you may avoid providing identification at the polls when you vote for the first time by mailing a copy of an identification document together with this application. The list of acceptable documents is included in the State Instructions.

Do not include original documents with this application.

Please read the accompanying State Instructions to determine the voter identification requirements for your State.

If You Were Given this Application in a State Agency or Public Office

If you have been given this application in a State agency or public office, it is your choice to use the application or not.

If you decide to use this application to register to vote, you can fill it out and leave it with the State agency or public office. The application will be submitted for you. Or, you can take it with you to mail to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. You also may take it with you to deliver in person to your local voter registration office.

Note: The name and location of the State agency or public office where you received the application will remain confidential. It will not appear on your application. Also, if you decide not to use this application to register to vote, that decision will remain confidential. It will not affect the service you receive from the agency or office.

Application Instructions

Before filling out the body of the form, please answer the questions on the top of the form as to whether you are a United States citizen and whether you will be 18 years old on or before election day. If you answer no to either of these questions, you may not use this form to register to vote. However, state specific instructions may provide additional information on eligibility to register to vote prior to age 18.

Box 1 — Name

Put in this box your full name in this order — Last, First, Middle. Do not use nicknames or initials.

Note: If this application is for a change of name, please tell us in **Box A** (*on the bottom half of the form*) your full name before you changed it.

Box 2 — Home Address

Put in this box your home address (legal address). Do **not** put your mailing address here if it is different from your home address. Do **not** use a post office box or rural route without a box number. Refer to state-specific instructions for rules regarding use of route numbers.

Note: If you were registered before *but* this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, please tell us in **Box B** (*on the bottom half of the form*) the address where you were registered before. Please give us as much of the address as you can remember.

Also Note: If you live in a rural area but do not have a street address, or if you have no address, please show where you live using the map in **Box C** (*at the bottom of the form*).

Box 3 — Mailing Address

If you get your mail at an address that is different from the address in Box 2, put your mailing address in this box.

Note: If you have no address in Box 2, you **must** write in Box 3 an address where you can be reached by mail.

Box 4 — Date of Birth

Put in this box your date of birth in this order — Month, Day, Year. *Be careful not to use today's date!*

Box 5 — Telephone Number

Most States ask for your telephone number in case there are questions about your application. However, you do **not** have to fill in this box.

Box 6 — ID Number

Federal law requires that states collect from each registrant an identification number. You must refer to your state's specific instructions for item 6 regarding information on what number is acceptable for your state. If you have neither a drivers license nor a social security number, please indicate this on the form and a number will be assigned to you by your state.

Box 7 — Choice of Party

In some States, you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention. To find out if your State requires this, see item 7 in the instructions under your State.

If you want to register with a party, print in the box the full name of the party of your choice.

If you do **not** want to register with a party, write "no party" or leave the box blank. Do **not** write in the word "independent" if you mean "no party," because this might be confused with the name of a political party in your State.

Note: If you do not register with a party, you can still vote in general elections and nonpartisan (nonparty) primary elections.

Box 8 — Race or Ethnic Group

A few States ask for your race or ethnic group, in order to administer the Federal Voting Rights Act. To find out if your State asks for this information, see item 8 in the instructions under your State. If so, put in Box 8 the choice that best describes you from the list below:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, *not of* Hispanic Origin
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial
- White, *not of* Hispanic Origin
- Other

Box 9 — Signature

Review the information in item 9 in the instructions under your State. Before you sign or make your mark, make sure that:

- (1) You meet your State's requirements, and
- (2) You understand **all** of Box 9.

Finally, sign your **full** name or make your mark, and print today's date in this order — Month, Day, Year.

If the applicant is unable to sign, put in **Box D** the name, address, and telephone number (optional) of the person who helped the applicant.

State Instructions

California

Registration Deadline — 15 days before the election.

6. ID Number When you register to vote, you must provide your California driver's license or California identification card number, if you have one. If you do not have a driver's license or ID card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). If you do not include this information, you will be required to provide identification when you vote.

7. Choice of Party. Please enter the name of the political party with which you wish to register. If you do not wish to register with any party, enter "Decline to State" in the space provided.

California law allows voters who "decline to state" an affiliation with a qualified political party or who affiliate with a nonqualified political party to vote in the primary election of any qualified political party that files a notice with the Secretary of State allowing them to do so. You can call 1-800-345-VOTE or visit www.ss.ca.gov to learn which political parties are allowing nonaffiliated voters to participate in their primary election.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in California you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of California
 - be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election
 - not be imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony
 - not currently be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law
- Signature is required. If you meet the requirements listed above, please sign and date the registration card in the space provided.

Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)

Voting in person:

- A first-time voter who registers by mail must present to the appropriate state or local election official:
 - 1) a current and valid photo identification; or

- 2) a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

Voting by mail:

- A first-time voter who registers by mail must submit a **COPY** of one of the following documents with his or her absentee ballot:
 - 1) current and valid photo identification; **OR**
 - 2) current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

For Those Who Register by Mail:

Persons who register to vote by mail and submit a driver's license number that the state or local election official can match with an existing state identification record will not be required to provide identification when they vote. Additionally, voters will not be required to provide identification when they vote if they are: (i) provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act; or (ii) entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other Federal law.

These identification requirements only apply to elections in which there is a federal office on the ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

Mailing address:

**Riverside County
Registrar of Voters
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507**

Special Note: The State of California requires the voters State or Country of birth in order to be validly registered. The attached Federal Form is missing this required field. Please print your State or Country of birth underneath the line in Box 6 in order to make your voter registration valid.

Voter Registration Application

Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form. (Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)		This space for office use only.				
1	(Circle one) Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV	
2	Home Address		Apt. or Lot #	City/Town	State	Zip Code
3	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above			City/Town	State	Zip Code
4	Date of Birth _____ Month Day Year		5	Telephone Number (optional)		6
7	Choice of Party (see item 7 in the instructions for your State)		8	Race or Ethnic Group (see item 8 in the instructions for your State)		
9 I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I am a United States citizen ■ I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required. ■ The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States. 						
						Please sign full name (or put mark) ▲
						Date: _____
						Month Day Year

If you are registering to vote for the first time: please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a **change of name**, what was your name before you changed it?

A	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV
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If you were **registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2**, what was your address where you were registered before?

B	Street (or route and box number)	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town/County	State	Zip Code
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live. ■ Draw an X to show where you live. ■ Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores, or other landmarks near where you live, and write the name of the landmark. 	NORTH ▲							
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If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

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Mail this application to the address provided for your State.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

FIRST CLASS
STAMP
NECESSARY
FOR
MAILING



KARI VERJIL

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

2724 GATEWAY DR

RIVERSIDE CA 92507-0918

California Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Rev. 04/2016

Enter the date of the election and the type of election (e.g., Primary, General, or Special). This application must be received by your county elections official not later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the election. The date of the election can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/. A ballot will not be sent to you if this application is incomplete or inaccurate.

1. This is an application for a vote-by-mail ballot for the _____, _____ election.
Month/Day/Year Type of Election (Primary, General, or Special)

2. Print name: _____ 3. Date of birth: _____
First Middle Name or Initial Last Month/Day/Year

4. Residence address: _____
Number and Street (P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc. will not be accepted) (Designate N, S, E, W if used)

City Zip Code California County

5. Mailing address for ballot (if different from above):

If your mailing address is outside of the U.S., and you are a military or overseas voter, re-register at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or use the Federal Post Card Application at www.fvap.gov.

Number and Street/P.O. Box (Designate N, S, E, W if used)

City State or Foreign County Zip Code or Postal Code

6. Telephone number (optional): (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Day Evening

7. (Only complete Item 7 if this application is for a Presidential Primary Election.)

Yes, I want to request a political party ballot for the Presidential Primary Election.

I have declined to disclose a preference for a qualified political party. However, for this primary election only, I request a vote-by-mail ballot for the _____ Party.*

* The following political parties are allowing No Party Preference voters (voters who have declined to disclose a preference for a political party) to vote their party's presidential ballot for the upcoming June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election:

•American Independent •Democratic •Libertarian

8. **Yes, I want to become a permanent vote-by-mail voter.**

By checking this box and by initialing here _____, I am requesting to become a permanent vote-by-mail voter. A vote-by-mail ballot will automatically be sent to me in all future elections. I understand that if I fail to vote by mail in four consecutive statewide general elections, I will need to reapply for permanent vote-by-mail voter status.

9. This application must be signed.

I have not applied for a vote-by-mail ballot from any other jurisdiction for this election. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Warning: Perjury is a felony, punishable by imprisonment in state prison for up to four years. (Penal Code § 126)

NOTICE

You have the right to mail or deliver this application directly to your county elections official. Returning this application to anyone other than your county elections official may cause a delay that could interfere with your ability to vote. If this application is returned by mail, it must be returned directly to your county elections official. Only the registered voter himself or herself may apply for a vote-by-mail ballot. An application for a vote-by-mail ballot made by a person other than the registered voter is a criminal offense.

Individuals/Organizations/Groups Distributing this Application

The format used on this application must be followed by anyone distributing vote-by-mail ballot applications. Failure to conform to this format is a crime. Anyone distributing this application may not preprint a mailing address in Item 5.

Anyone distributing this application may not preprint a check mark or political party name in Item 7.

Anyone providing this application to a voter must enter their name, address, and telephone number here: _____

Instructions for Completing California Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application

Who Can Use this Application

The uniform California Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application can only be used by a registered voter. If you have not already registered to vote, you can register to vote online on the Secretary of State's website at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. You may also pick up a Voter Registration Card at your county elections office, library, or U.S. Post Office. Your completed Voter Registration Card must be submitted online or to your county elections office at least 15 days before the election.

To vote by mail, you can use this Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application, use the form in the sample ballot booklet you receive in the mail, or contact your county elections office. This Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application is provided by the Secretary of State (SOS) for use by any person, group, or organization distributing vote-by-mail ballot applications for elections that involve more than one county. For organizations distributing applications for elections that involve a single county, the county elections office should be contacted for the appropriate application format and barcode information.

Californians who are serving in the military and are absent from the county where they are eligible to vote, or living or studying abroad must register as a military or overseas voter, either online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or via the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) in order to request a vote-by-mail ballot. The FPCA is available at www.fvap.gov.

How to Fill Out this Application

Item 1. Enter the date of the election in which you wish to vote (month, day, year), and the type of election (Primary, General, or Special).

Item 2. Print your first, middle, and last names as they appear on your Voter Registration Card.

Item 3. Print your date of birth in this order – month, day, year.

Item 4. Print the complete street address of your voting residence. A post office box or rural route cannot be accepted.

Item 5. Mailing address information must be completed by the voter. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent, if it is different than the residence address provided in Item 4.

Item 6. Print your telephone number (optional, not required) to allow the elections office to contact you if more information is needed.

Item 7. Only complete Item 7 if the application is for a Presidential Primary Election. If you have not disclosed a preference for a political party, you are considered a No Party Preference voter and may request to vote a party's presidential ballot at the Presidential Primary Election if the political party allows it. **The check off box and name of the political party must be completed by the voter.** The following parties have notified the Secretary of State that they will allow No Party Preference voters to request their party's presidential ballot in the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election:

- American Independent
- Democratic
- Libertarian

If you choose not to request a political party ballot in the Presidential Primary Election, you will be provided a nonpartisan ballot containing only the names of candidates for voter-nominated and nonpartisan offices (this does not include presidential candidates) and measures, if any, to be voted for at the Presidential Primary Election.

Item 8. Any registered voter may receive a vote-by-mail ballot automatically in all future elections by checking the Permanent Vote-By-Mail Voter box and initialing the line. Any voter can opt out of the permanent vote-by-mail status at any time by contacting their county elections official directly.

Item 9. Sign and date in this order – month, day, year. No witness or notary required.

How to Submit the Application

Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application must be returned to your county elections official at least 7 days before the election. However, if you become ill or disabled during the final week before an election, or find that you will be unable to go to your polling place on Election Day, you may request that a vote-by-mail ballot be delivered to you by personally submitting a written application or letter to your county elections official. The request must contain your name and residence address, the address to which you want the ballot sent, the name and date of the election in which you would like to vote, your signature, and the date. You may authorize another person to receive the ballot from the elections official, and/or return the ballot to an elections official after you have voted it.

If this application is returned by mail, it must be returned directly to your county elections official.

Please do not send applications to the SOS's office. Doing so will delay the application process.

You can find the address and telephone number of your county elections official on the SOS website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/.

What Can be Preprinted on the Application

State law requires the voter to personally affix his or her signature and the address to which the ballot is to be mailed.

If an organization is distributing the application, the name, address, and telephone number of the organization authorizing distribution must be included on the application.

In order to ensure accuracy, each voter should fill out all of the information on the application. However, any person, group, or organization distributing the application may preprint the following:

- The printed name and home address of the voter as it appears on the Voter Registration Card.
- The name and date of the election for which the ballot is requested.
- The name, address, and telephone number of the person, group, or organization authorizing distribution of the application.

(Revised April 2016)