

Discipline Policies

Conduct Slips: Conduct slips will be issued to students for violation of school rules. Parents must sign the back of the slip and it must be returned the next day. Failure to do so will result in another conduct slip. Conduct slips will be issued for, but not limited to, the following infractions:

1. Disrespect and disobedience
2. Being out of school uniform
3. Destruction of property (Restitution will also be required.)
4. Disturbing behavior during class, in the cafeteria, or at school functions
5. Chewing gum anywhere or any time during the school day; eating candy or snacks during the school day
6. Running in the hall
7. Writing or passing notes
8. Having headphones, MP3 players or CD players at school
9. Writing on uniform or body
10. Inappropriate play on the playground

Detention Hall: If a student receives two or more conduct slips in a one-week period, he or she will be required to attend Detention Hall. It will be held on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 in an assigned teacher's classroom. Only written proof of an appointment with a doctor or a dentist will be an excuse from Detention Hall. The Detention Hall will then be made up the following week. The homeroom teacher will supply the work to be done in the Detention Hall and homework will not be allowed. For more serious offenses, an Automatic Detention slip will be issued. Suspension from athletic activities is at the discretion of the administration and may be used as a disciplinary measure.

Automatic Detention:

1. Using inappropriate language or making inappropriate gestures
2. Stealing
3. Talking on cell phone at school and/or texting

Tardy Detention: If a student receives three unexcused tardies in a nine week period, he/she will report to the office at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings for early morning detention with the principal. Excused tardies include medical and dental appointments or excuses at the discretion of the principal. If your child does not report for early morning detention, a \$50.00 fine will be assessed according to School Board policy. **On the third tardy detention, the student must attend detention AND the \$50 fee must be paid.**

Technology Concerns:

1. Engagement in online blogs (in school or away from school) such as, but not limited to, Myspace.com®, and Facebook.com®, etc. may result in suspension or expulsion if the content of the student's blog includes defamatory comments regarding the school, the faculty, other students or the parish.
2. Students involved in the possession or transmission of inappropriate photos on their cell phones or other electronic devices face suspension and/or expulsion.

3. Students should at no time be involved in texting during the course of the school day. Students involved in texting at school face detention, suspension and/or expulsion.
4. Virtual Reality Sites pose a developmental and moral risk to the life of a student. Parents are cautioned to be aware of the online sites visited by their children, knowing that often predators are not living in a neighborhood, but within the home via a computer.

Suspension: A student who has to **serve Detention Hall more than twice in a nine-week period will be suspended in school for one day. A conference will be held with the Principal, parents, and student before he or she can return to class.** Other infractions that will result in automatic suspension are:

1. Fighting or hitting on campus or any school sponsored event
 2. Leaving campus without permission
 3. Being truant from school
 4. Cheating (student will also receive a grade of 0/F on work). This includes letting others copy work.
 5. Teasing, name calling, or making fun of another student or faculty member
 6. Engaging in online blogs (in school or away from school) where the content includes defamatory comments regarding the school, faculty, other students or the parish.
 7. Transmission of inappropriate photos on cell phones or other electronic devices
 8. Any serious misconduct - judgment to be made by the administration and/or faculty
- ***If a student is suspended, they will not be able to play basketball for that nine week period.**

Expulsion: Expulsion from Jesus the Good Shepherd School is the responsibility of the Administration. **If a student receives three suspensions in an academic year he or she will not be allowed to return to Jesus the Good Shepherd the succeeding year or may be subject to expulsion during that school year.** Possessing/consuming alcoholic beverages, drugs, and/or cigarettes on the school grounds may result in expulsion. Students possessing anything that could be used as a weapon (gun, pocketknife, etc.) on the school grounds or at any school-sponsored function will result in immediate expulsion. A student who exhibits behavior outside of the school may be expelled if that behavior does not follow the standards as set forth in this handbook and the mission of the school. A student who continually interferes with the academic atmosphere that is conducive to learning may be expelled during the school year. A student may also be asked to leave the school if the parent(s) refuses to follow school policies as set forth in this book.

Forgiveness is a central tenet of our Catholic faith and one that Jesus the Good Shepherd School strives to carry out on our campus. **Therefore, if parents of a student who has been expelled wish to have their child return to Jesus the Good Shepherd School for the academic year following the expulsion, the case will be considered by the school administration, and the child may be allowed to do so.** If the student is allowed to return after expulsion, the following standard will apply. **If the student receives one suspension in the academic year following his or her expulsion, he or she will be expelled for a second and final time, and will not be able to return to Jesus the Good Shepherd School at any time.**