

## Discipline Policy 2023-24

Colleton Prep strives to make our school environment safe and as distraction-free as possible to help every student succeed in learning.

This policy is for that purpose. It should help the students understand what is and is not acceptable behavior on our campus.

Every time a demerit is issued, parents will receive an automated email with details. Depending on the severity of the demerit, teachers will reach out to the parents and may request a conference. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to teachers and request a conference if there are any concerns.

### Demerits in Order:

- Verbal warning
- Loss of break
- **5 Demerits:** Upon receiving 5 demerits the student receives a lunch detention.
- **10 Demerits:** Upon receiving 10 demerits the student receives a 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch detention. The head of discipline will contact the parent and notify them of the situation.
- **15 Demerits:** Upon receiving 15 demerits parent is contacted a third time. A parent conference is requested with the head of discipline and an after-school detention is assigned. After a student has received 15 demerits, he/she will not be allowed on off campus field trips.
- **20 Demerits:** Upon receiving 20 demerits the student will go to ISS. The parent will be contacted and a parent conference is required. A behavior plan will be initiated for both student and parent to sign.
- **25 Demerits:** Upon receiving 25 demerits the student will be required to enter virtual learning until a decision for dismissal is decided by the head of school and the board of directors. The student may go before the board for an appeal.
- **20-24 demerits:** If a student ends the school year with 20-24 demerits, a Behavior Contract will be in place for the following school year.

<b>Minor Offenses</b>	<b>Demerits</b>
Antagonizing Another Student	1 Demerit
Being out of class without a hall pass	1 Demerit
Biting	1 Demerit
Cell Phone Violation	1 Demerit
Chewing Gum in Class	1 Demerit
Creating disturbance in the bathroom	1 Demerit
Creating disturbance in class	1 Demerit
Creating disturbance in the hallway	1 Demerit
Creating disturbance in the lunchroom	1 Demerit
Displaying inappropriate content on school's internet devices	3 Demerits
Disrespect to teacher	4 Demerits
Dress Code Violation	1 Demerit
Excessive Talking	1 Demerit
Failure to Appear for Detention	1 Demerit
Food & Drink in Classroom	1 Demerit
Forging a signature on school-related paperwork	2 Demerits
Hat	1 Demerit
Littering	2 Demerits
Major Vandalism/Destruction or Misuse of School Property or Property of Others	3 Demerits
Minor Destruction/Vandalism or Misuse of School Property or Property of Others	2 Demerits
Not Shaving	1 Demerit
On-Campus Driving Violation	1 Demerit
Public Display of affection	1 Demerit
Pushing or shoving another student	2 Demerits

Repeated Inappropriate Verbal Behavior	3 Demerits
Repeated Inappropriate Aggressive Behavior	3 Demerits
Sitting at Teacher's Desk	1 Demerit
Sunglasses	1 Demerit
Use of Profanity	1 Demerit

## Suspensions and/or Dismissal for Major Misconduct:

- Major offenses will result in one-three days of suspension at the discretion of the Head of Discipline or Head of School. A “day of suspension” begins when the student is sent home and extends through the next full day. During the time of suspension, a student may not be on school property or attend any school related event.
- Upon receiving two suspensions, the student will be placed on a Behavior Contract.
- Upon receiving three suspensions, the student will be required to enter virtual learning until a decision for dismissal is decided by the head of school and the board of directors. The student may go before the board for an appeal.
- Zero Tolerance Misconduct may result in immediate dismissal.

<b>Major Offenses</b>
Willful, violent, or harmful behavior, fighting
Flagrant or consistent defiance of basic routine of school
Theft of any kind
Cheating, lying, plagiarism
Altering Grades on School Document
Vandalism of school property
Skipping School/Leaving campus without permission
Participating in bullying whether physical, verbal, or mental on campus or at school related event
Tampering with any fire or safety device or equipment
Possession or use of tobacco products on campus or at any school related events
Possession, sale, gift or use of alcohol on school property or at any school related event
Using alcohol prior to coming on school grounds or prior to attending any school related event
Possession or use of explosives or fireworks on campus or at any school-related event

<b>Zero Tolerance Misconduct</b>
Possession, sale, gift or use of any illegal drug or illegally obtained prescription drug or drug paraphernalia on school property or at any school related event
Assaulting a teacher, staff member, or appointed volunteer
Possession of a firearm, explosive or other deadly weapon on school property or at any school related event
Threatening anyone on campus with a weapon