

Discipline Policy 2025-26

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 with teacher
- Demerits Begin
- **5 Demerits:** Upon receiving 5 demerits, the student receives a lunch detention scheduled by the head of discipline. The head of discipline will send an email notifying the parent(s) of the five demerits the student has incurred, and a lunch detention will be served.
- **10 Demerits:** Upon receiving 10 demerits, the student receives a 2nd lunch detention scheduled by the head of discipline. The head of discipline will have a brief conference with the student notifying them of the number of demerits they have incurred. The parents will also be notified of the situation and the number of demerits incurred at this time.
- **15 Demerits:** Upon receiving 15 demerits, a parent is contacted by 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, nor will they be allowed to exempt exams.
- **20 Demerits:** Upon receiving 20 demerits, the student will go to ISS. (In-School Suspension) The parent(s) 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. With a behavior contract in place for the next school year, a student will only be allowed a total of 12 demerits for that school year.

Minor Offenses	Demerits
Air Pods in Use	1 Demerit
Antagonizing Another Student	1 Demerit
Being Out of Class Without a Hall Pass	1 Demerit
Cell Phone/Any Electronic Device Violation	2 Demerits
Coming to Class Unprepared	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/Hat/Sunglasses	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
Inappropriate Aggressive Behavior	3 Demerits
Inappropriate Verbal Behavior	3 Demerits
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
Pocket Knife in Possession	2 Demerits

Possession/Use of Unclear Water Bottle	1 Demerit
Public Display of affection	1 Demerit
Pushing or Shoving Another Student	2 Demerits
Sitting at Teacher's Desk	1 Demerit
Taking and/or Sharing Inappropriate Content on Electronic Devices	1 Demerit
Use of Profanity	1 Demerit

***After receiving 1 demerit for not shaving, a student will be asked to shave at school or go home and shave and then return to school.**

***After receiving 3 consecutive demerits for "coming to class unprepared" students will serve a lunch detention.**

Electronic communication device violations will follow the following protocol:

Purpose: To establish a policy regarding the use and/or possession of cell phones and other electronic communication equipment on campus during school hours that promotes, enhances, and fosters the learning environment, as well as preventing distractions that keep others from learning.

Policy:

The use and/or possession of cellular telephones and other electronic communication equipment on campus during school hours is strictly prohibited. For purposes of this policy, electronic communication equipment shall include cell phones, smart watches, devices that connect via Bluetooth, a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. Wireless earbuds are not allowed during school day. Electronic devices will be turned into the homeroom teachers each morning and returned at the end of the school day.

Violation of this policy on the first occasion shall result in confiscation of such a device, and it will be returned at the end of the day. Middle and High school students will receive a demerit for a phone violation.

***Students who receive a demerit for cell phone violation will receive the 2 demerits as well as have their phone confiscated for the day. The third time a student violates the cell phone policy, parents will be notified, and they will need to retrieve the phone. It will not be given back to the student.**

Suspensions and/or Dismissal for Major Misconduct:

- Upon receiving 10 demerits for not shaving, a student will be suspended for one day under the offense of flagrant or consistent defiance of basic routine of school.
- 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. Zeros will be given for all daily work missed. A day of suspension will result in the student taking all his/her exams.
- 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 will result in immediate dismissal.

Major Offenses
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 event
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

Zero Tolerance Misconduct
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