

Rollings School of the Arts
Eighth Grade Discipline Expectations

Students in the middle school are expected to behave maturely and responsibly. As such, the team as a cohesive unit will handle discipline in a consistent manner and enforce the same rules. Students must be aware of expected behaviors as detailed in the student handbook and adhere to these behaviors at all times. Failure to adhere to school/team rules will result in one or more of the consequences listed. The rules are enforced in an effort to provide all students with a safe, comfortable, and secure learning environment. Our rules are:

Be respectful.
Be responsible.
Be resourceful.
Be safe.

Consequences for failure to adhere to these rules may be:

- Verbal warning
- Detention
- Note home
- Loss of class privileges
- Phone call home
- Student/Teacher conference
- Parent/Teacher conference
- Discipline referral

Serious offenses will be immediately referred to the principal. Examples of serious offenses are disrespect to a teacher, fighting, or cutting class.

Eighth grade uses a graduated infraction structure.

- For behavioral infractions 1 – 3, students will simply serve detention.
- One of our goals is to help our students take responsibility for their choices and actions and to be given the opportunity to correct their behaviors on their own. For this reason, **infraction three** includes a meeting between the student and the student’s teachers. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible trends and to discuss a plan to avoid further detentions. This step has proven to be very successful, and most 8th graders are able to complete a semester without receiving more than three detentions.
- A student earning a **fourth infraction** has demonstrated that s/he may need parental assistance to correct behaviors. The fourth infraction earns a detention and parents will receive a copy of the detention record so that they can discuss trends and problem areas with their child.
- On the rare occasion a student has a **fifth infraction** (or more) in a semester, the student has demonstrated that administrative intervention has become necessary and a discipline slip will be issued for reaching (or exceeding) maximum allowed detentions.
- Students receiving **two or more discipline referrals** (for *any* reason, not just accumulation of behavioral infractions) in a semester may **lose grade-level privileges such as participation in events or assemblies**.

Students are given a clean slate at the start of the second semester (in mid-January).

Please discuss these behavioral expectations as a family. We ask that the student and parent(s) or guardian(s) sign below stating that our policy is understood and will be supported by all your child’s educational partners (student, parents, teachers). We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Student PRINTED name and Signature

Date

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Students are to return this form to their science teacher ASAP.