

NATIONAL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL
1701 D. Avenue National City CA, 91950
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PROGRESS DISCIPLINE RULES

The learning process and safety of every person at National City Middle School is a priority. Students are expected to behave in a respectable way on a daily basis. The principal and assistant principal have the right to decide which consequences to assign. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis and depending on the seriousness of the violation.

The table below is an extensive list of the types of violations which will result in consequences. You are encouraged to become familiar with them. Telling someone that you did not know about a rule is no excuse for bad behavior.

Here are the types of consequences you can be assigned for breaking school rules:

- Warnings
- Parent contact
- Parent meeting
- Principal meeting
- Campus beautification
- After school Detention
- Lunch detention
- Saturday School
- Suspension
- Transfer to another school
- Community Day School or Summit
- Expulsion and/or arrest

If a violation is a Level 1 violation your teacher will assign consequences to you. If a violation is a Level II violation, your teacher will send a referral about your negative behavior to your counselor. Level III violations are handled by the Assistant Principal and at times, may require National City Police Department to take over a case.

Uniform violations are referred to the campus assistants. Attendance issues are referred to the Intervention Specialist or to the Attendance Clerk.

VIOLATION	LEVEL	DEFINITION
Alcohol, intoxicant, controlled substance	III	Something that causes people to behave in irrational behavior. The person can become excited or confused and is less able to control what they say or do.
Battery	III	The act of battering or beating.
Bullying	I II III	California Education Code Language 48900 Bullying means, "any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, as defined, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threats, or intimidation, that has the effect or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable pupil as defined*, in fear of harm to that pupil or those pupils' person or property, causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantial detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health, causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance, or causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or privileges provided by a school."
Cell Phones	III	All electronic items are prohibited, including cell phones. <u>However</u> , if a student chooses to bring a cell phone, it must be turned off at all times and put away during the school day; this does not apply to after school. If it is heard or seen, it will be confiscated. Parents are required to pick the phone up between 8am and 3pm. IF THE CELL PHONE IS LOST OR STOLEN , it is not the school's responsibility to recover it. Telephones are available for student use throughout the school grounds in offices and classrooms. Additionally, students may not receive or make phone calls or text messages during the school day.

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Cheating	I II	When schoolwork is copied, when students cheat on Accelerated Reader exams, or cheat on any other school work.
Cyber-bullying	I II III	Cyber-bullying is bullying or harassment that happens online. It can happen in an email, a text message, a game, or on social networking sites such as Instagram or Facebook.
Defiance	II III	Refusing to obey the directions of staff.
Digital disrespect	II III	Spreading negative or embarrassing information (true, untrue, or unknown, via text, picture or video) about someone behind their back or to their face.
Disrespect	II	To not respect someone.
Discrimination	III	The practice of unfairly treating a person or group of people differently from other people or groups of people. The ability to understand that one thing is different from another thing
Disruption/disorderly conduct	I II III	Any behavior that disrupts classroom instruction and the learning of others or which greatly disrupts the safety of anyone or anything at school.
Ditching	I II	Not showing up to a consequence or intervention. Referral to the intervention specialist is also possible.
Drugs (includes alcohol, tobacco, and other controlled substances)	III	Possession, use, sale, or otherwise providing any drug, narcotic, intoxicant, alcohol or tobacco products or related paraphernalia, including Hookah/electronic cigarettes, on school grounds, on the way to school or on the way back home from school.
Extortion or threats of extortion	III	Demanding payment in exchange for not inflicting emotional, mental or physical harm.
Fighting	III	When a person causes, attempts to cause, or threatens to cause physical injury. Willfully uses force or violence, except in self-defense. Body punching is a form of fighting and a suspension is in order.
Food/liquid/spitting	II III	Tossing, spitting, or throwing food or liquid anywhere other than in a trash can. There are several trash cans available for this purpose. Spitting anywhere on school grounds is prohibited.
Forgery	I II	Signing or printing someone else's name or making their idea your own.
Gum	II III	Chewing gum in class or on school grounds is strictly prohibited. You will be assigned gum removal after school detention on the 3 rd warning.
Harassment	III	When a student who is a witness is harassed, threatened, or intimidated because he or she complained against you in a disciplinary matter or because you want to prevent the student from being a witness.
Hate crimes	III	Incident/crime motivated by hostility toward a person's disability, gender, nationality, race, religion, or sexual orientation (such as a gay person).
Hazing	III	To force someone to perform strenuous, humiliating, or dangerous tasks.
Horse playing	II III	Rough behavior which starts out as playful behavior but leads to a threat to harm by teasing, name calling, hitting, pushing, kicking, tripping, pulling, running, play fighting, and grabbing.

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Homework	I II	Coming to class unprepared with assigned homework or PE clothing.
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Physical injury to another person	III	If serious injury is caused to a person, except in self-defense, an expulsion is possible.
Profanity	II III	Use of vulgar (offensive) or profane (disrespectful) language under any circumstances.
Prohibited items	I II III	Any type of toy or item that is not used for education is not permitted. This includes skateboards, scooters, kendamas, tools, pictures, permanent markers, laser pointers, spray paint or cans, aerosol sprays, chains, stink bombs, sling shots, darts, lighters or matches, pepper spray, any game, live animal, slam book, trading cards, balloons, flowers, or anything used for gambling, and any other object that interferes or interrupts the learning process or the safety of anyone at school. If these items are brought to school and are lost, stolen or misplaced, the school is not responsible and will not intervene in the recovery of the item.
Public display of affection (PDA)	I II III	Holding hands, kissing, embracing, placing arms around one another, or other shows of affection.
Rumors or gossip	I II III	Spreading rumors or stories, whether true or not, or starting problems because of this behavior. Spreading rumors or stories are done with the intent to harm someone mentally, emotionally, or physically.
Sexual Harassment	III	<p>PHYSICAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purposely bumping or rubbing against a person • Standing in someone's way or standing too close to them • Patting, hugging, kissing or caressing, touching, grabbing, pinching or poking • Lifting or looking under someone's clothing, flashing ones body part(s) <p>VERBAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making comments about a person's body or body parts • Sexual jokes or "dirty" stories • Spreading sexual rumors • Whistles or rude, sexual noises • Profane language or put-downs about sexual orientation <p>VISUAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displaying offensive sexual pictures or posters of males or females • Notes, letters, or graffiti that are sexually offensive • Staring at a person's body • Inappropriate gestures such as winking, licking lips, or suggestive sexual body movements
Tagging/graffiti	Campus Assistant III	A way of signing your name or nickname anonymously or using random words or symbols to describe something that is unknown to the general school population. It also includes writing or drawing that is scribbled, scratched, or sprayed on a wall or other surface.

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Tardy to class	Intervention Specialist	Not being in your classroom seat when the tardy bell rings.
Theft	III	Stole or attempted to steal school or private property.
Tobacco	III	Any product containing tobacco or nicotine (including hookah/electronic cigarettes).
Truant	Intervention Specialist	Absent from class or a full day without authorized excuse (parent note, doctor note, or school pass).
Uniform violation	Campus Assistants	Refer to the school's uniform rules. Campus beautification or after school detention will be assigned.
Vandalism	III	Deliberate damage and/or destruction of property. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property.
Weapon	III	A weapon or look alike weapon, (firearm, knife, explosive, etc.) which is brought to school or to a school activity is grounds for expulsion.