

# Student Expectations

## SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2014 – 2015

- **TARDINESS**

Students are expected to report to class promptly. Students in the hallway following the late bell will be admitted to class and marked tardy. Students arriving late to school must use the main entrance. Students arriving to school 10 minutes after the late bell should report to the Attendance Office.

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense – Teacher discretion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Teacher discretion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – Teacher contacts parent and counselor and lunch detention is assigned
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense – Teacher contacts administrator

- **CUTTING CLASS**

Students are expected to be in each class for which they are scheduled unless officially excused. All students will be assigned administrative detention.

- After school **administrative** detention will be assigned for each missed class
  - 1<sup>st</sup> missed detention – doubled
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> missed detention – mandatory parent conference

- **INAPPROPRIATE DRESS**

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is **appropriate for school**. The wearing of inappropriate, offensive and/or distracting clothing is prohibited. No headgear of any type will be permitted except for approved religious or medical reasons. Shirts should be “complete”: midribs, torso should be covered, undergarments should not be visible and **spaghetti straps are not allowed**. Shoes must be worn and sunglasses are prohibited.

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense – student will be given an opportunity to change clothes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – parental contact with guidance referral until student can be outfitted in the appropriate attire and in some instances, student will be sent home.

- **PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

A portable communication device (PCD) refers to any device carried, worn, or stored by an individual to receive or communicate messages, music, or other electronically transmitted data. These devices may be used by students during the day, but must be turned OFF and placed out of sight upon entering the classroom unless otherwise directed by the teacher. If the device becomes a disruption in the classroom, in the hallway, or in any other school location, it may be confiscated without warning. If the device is confiscated, it must be picked up and signed for by a parent/guardian at the end of the school day. Continued violations may result in disciplinary consequences.

- **DISRESPECT**

Students are expected to show respect toward any staff person or parent volunteer from any school at all MCPS activities. When a school official makes a reasonable request of any student, it is imperative that he/she comply. Failure to do so shall constitute insubordination.

- Administrative conference with possible suspension

- **FIGHTING**

All students who actively participate in a fight regardless of who “threw the first punch” are subject to disciplinary action.

- 3-10 day suspension with possible request for expulsion
- Referral to police could be made at the Principal’s discretion

- **BULLYING**

An act defined as a direct or indirect, physical or psychological intimidation which occurs repeatedly over time to create an ongoing pattern of harassment and abuse. Consequences will include one or more of the following:

- Administrative Conference
- Parent conference
- Detention
- Exclusion
- Suspension