

# MVUSD Middle School Discipline Matrix & Code of Responsibility

**It is the responsibility of every MVUSD student to know and follow school rules.**

**By doing so, you will be a productive and successful member of the learning community.**

**Student behavior is expected to reflect the MVUSD mission of "Inspiring every student to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care".**

**Students who make poor decisions will be held accountable for their actions.**

*This matrix lists the most common violations, but other forms of behavior may also result in discipline. California State law provides that a student may be disciplined, suspended and/or recommended for expulsion based on committing the acts below (among others). Discipline may result for actions related to a school activity or school attendance, including those that occur while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school (including on school buses), during lunch periods (whether on/off campus) and during or while going to or coming from a school-sponsored activity. Students with disciplinary issues or uncleared attendance will be placed on a "NO GO LIST" for student activities and administrators reserve the right to monitor student activity privileges.*

**Students confronted with any unsafe situation that could result in disciplinary action are expected to:**

- 1) Walk away**
- 2) Immediately report the incident to a staff member**
- 3) Not to engage in any unsafe activity**
- 4) Immediately report to office or staff member for assistance in resolving the situation**

Behavior Expectation	School Rule Based Upon CALIF. EDUCATION CODE	1st Offense	2nd Offense	Severe or Repeated Violations
<b>DRUGS / ALCOHOL</b>				
Model positive behavior and contribute to the well-being of the school community	Alcohol or illegal drugs are not allowed on any part of campus including parking lots or at any school related activity. You may not unlawfully possess, use, sell or otherwise furnish or be under the influence of, or unlawfully offer, arrange or negotiate to sell, any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.	Five-day suspension; possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral; Behavior Contract	Five-day suspension; possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral follow-up; Behavior Contract update	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral follow-up
	Nor can you sell, deliver or otherwise furnish to any person another liquid substance or material and represent the liquid, substance or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough follow-up	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough follow-up
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>MVUSD utilizes detection dogs for random school facility searches of drugs and explosives. The primary goal of this program is to discourage students from bringing anything illegal to campus.</i></p> </div>				
<b>DRUG PARAPHERNALIA</b>				
Engage in higher-level thinking and contribute to a healthy and clean school environment	You may not unlawfully possess or unlawfully offer, arrange or negotiate to obtain, or sell any drug paraphernalia.	Possible Saturday School, OCI or suspension; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral; Intervention Agreement	One to three-day suspension; MPD involvement; Breakthrough follow-up; Behavior Contract	Two to five-day suspension; possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough follow-up; Behavior Contract update
<b>FIGHTING</b>				
Practice self-discipline and support a safe campus culture	You may not cause, attempt to cause, or threaten to cause physical injury to another person, or willfully use force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.	One to five-day suspension; possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral; Behavior Contract	Three to five-day suspension; possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough follow-up; Behavior Contract update	Five-day suspension; possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough Referral follow-up; Behavior Contract update
<b>POSSESSION OF WEAPONS / DANGEROUS OBJECTS</b>				
Uphold a culture of safety and respect for others and contribute to a positive school culture	Use or possession of any dangerous object is prohibited. You may not possess, sell or otherwise furnish any firearm or knife, explosive or other dangerous object without written permission as provided by Education Code Section 48900 (b).	Five-day suspension; possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Behavior Contract; Breakthrough referral	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral follow-up; Behavior Contract update	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough Referral follow-up
<b>IMITATION FIREARMS</b>				
Model positive behavior and contribute to the well-being of the school community	You may not possess an imitation firearm, meaning a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to a real firearm, as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.	Possible suspension or OCI; Intervention Agreement; Breakthrough referral; possible MPD involvement	One to five-day suspension, possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Behavior Contract; Breakthrough referral follow-up	One to five-day suspension, possible expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Behavior Contract Update; Breakthrough referral follow-up
<b>BRANDISHING KNIVES / FIREARMS / EXPLOSIVES</b>				
Model positive behavior and contribute to the well-being of the school community	You may not possess, sell or otherwise furnish a firearm. You may not brandish a knife at another person. You may not possess an explosive.	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral follow-up	Five-day suspension; expulsion recommendation; MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral follow-up
<b>HARASSMENT / INTIMIDATION / BULLYING / HAZING</b>				
<i>Students experiencing harassment, bullying, intimidation or hazing are expected to do the following to avoid an altercation and disciplinary action:</i>				
<b>1) Walk away; 2) Report the incident to a staff member; 3) Seek help from a teacher, campus security/supervisor, counselor or administrator to resolve the situation.</b>				
Treat others with respect and compassion and do everything possible to resolve conflicts peacefully	Electronic, physical or verbal bullying, harassment or intimidation are not tolerated. You may not engage in, or attempt to engage in, any form of hazing. You may not harass, threaten or intimidate any student who is a complaining witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that student from being a witness or retaliating against that student for being a witness, or both.	Possible detention, OCI, Saturday School or suspension; possible MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral; Intervention Agreement and/or No Contact Contract	Possible OCI, Saturday School or suspension; possible MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral; Behavior Contract; No Contact Contract	One to five-day suspension; possible expulsion recommendation; possible MPD involvement; Breakthrough referral follow-up; Behavior Contract update

**DEFINITIONS:** OCI -On Campus Intervention MPD -Murrieta Police Department SART -Student Attendance Review Team SARB -Student Attendance Review Board AP -Assistant Principal

\*\*For Education Code 48900 (f) through (.7), students can be suspended for a 1st offense if their presence at school causes a danger to other persons.

**ALL DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES REQUIRE PARENT CONTACT AND/OR CONFERENCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TARDIES**