

Berrien Springs Middle School

2011-2012 Handbook Revisions

Burglary/Theft/and/or Unauthorized Possession of Property Belonging to Others

Stealing of school property or personal effects (**\$100 or more**) of others, or stealing from an individual by force or threat of force is prohibited.

All Occurrences: Parent notification/full restitution/possible police notification
First Occurrence: Ten (10) days suspension/parent notification
Second Occurrence: Recommendation for expulsion.

Stealing of school property or personal effects (**less than \$100**) of others, or stealing from an individual by force or threat of force is prohibited.

All Occurrences: Parent notification/full restitution/possible police notification
First Occurrence: Three (3) days suspension/parent notification
Second Occurrence: Five (5) days suspension/parent notification
Third Occurrence: Ten (10) days suspension/parent notification
Fourth Occurrence: Recommendation for expulsion.

Disruptive/Disorderly Behavior

A willful act or behavior that jeopardizes or destroys the educational atmosphere will be considered disruptive behavior. **Students are expected to adhere to the Berrien Springs "Voice Level" guidelines. Loud disruptive voice levels in the classroom, hallway, and other areas will not be accepted.**

First Occurrence: One (1) Wednesday detention/parent notification/guidance conference.
Second Occurrence: One (1) day suspension/parent notification/guidance conference.
Third Occurrence: Three (3) days suspension/parent notification/guidance conference.
Fourth Occurrence: Five (5) days suspension/parent notification/guidance conference.

Electronic Devices

The use of portable radios, recorders, cameras, and **mp3 players, iPods**, etc. can be disruptive to the educational process; such devices are not to be used in the school building without prior authorization. Once the first bell rings, students must place these items in their lockers and must not use them again until they are dismissed for the day. Items confiscated must be picked up by a parent from the Principal.

~~*Cell phones are not to be used for any reason once the first bell rings. Cell phones are to remain turned off and locked in the students locker at all times. Due to privacy concerns camera phones are not allowed in Berrien Springs Middle School.~~ Berrien Springs Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices that students choose to bring to school. Loss of these items will not be investigated and it is highly recommended that they be left at home.

First Occurrence: Confiscation/one (1) day detention.
Second Occurrence: Confiscation/one (1) day Wednesday detention.
Third Occurrence: Confiscation/one (1) day suspension/parent notification

Pictures/Video Taping

Due to privacy concerns taking pictures or video taping is not allowed in Berrien Springs Middle School without the consent of administration.

First Occurrence: Confiscation/one (1) day detention.

Second Occurrence: Confiscation/one (1) day Wednesday detention.

Third Occurrence: Confiscation/one (1) day suspension/parent notification

Student Cell Phones /~~Pocket~~ Pagers

Students are not permitted to have their cell phones ~~or pocket pagers~~ on or in class at any time during the school day. All pocket pagers and cell phones are to be turned off and kept in the students' locker at all times. Electronic communication devices may be authorized, on an individual basis, for health or other unusual reasons approved by the board. Items confiscated must be picked up by a parent from the Principal.

First Occurrence: Confiscation/one (1) detention.

Second Occurrence: Conference/confiscation/three (1) Wednesday detentions.

Third Occurrence: Conference/confiscation/one (1) day suspension/parent notification

Fighting

The deliberate act of hitting, or striking another student on school property, or going to or from school, including any activity under school sponsorship, will not be tolerated. **Premeditated or planned fighting will result in consequences being increased by one occurrence.**

First Occurrence: May be sent home the day of the fight/three (3) days suspension/parent conference.

Second Occurrence: May be sent home the day of the fight/five (5) days suspension/parent conference.

Third Occurrence: May be sent home the day of the fight/ten (10) days suspension/parent conference.

Fourth Occurrence: Recommendation for expulsion to the Board of Education/parent notification.

Harassment/~~Bullying~~

An example of harassment is, but is not limited to, making fun of another student(s), excluding students, spreading rumors, etc.

First Occurrence: One (1) day suspension.

Second Occurrence: Three (3) days suspension/parent notification.

Third Occurrence: Five (5) days suspension/parent notification

Fourth Occurrence: Ten (10) days suspension/parent notification

Building Security

Berrien Springs Middle School is a safe and secure facility with a goal of providing students and staff with minimal distractions therefore, maximize learning.

Consequently, all doorways are locked throughout the instructional day with the exception of the main office entrance. Under normal circumstances, students are to refrain from opening locked doors to allow visitors into the building. All visitors must report directly to the main office. Violation of this practice will result in the following consequences:

1st Occurrence: One (1) detention

2nd Occurrence: One (1) Wednesday detention

3rd Occurrence: One (1) day suspension/parent notification