



# MASD STUDENT BEHAVIOR QUICK GUIDE

Students, parents, and the community share with the faculty and staff a responsibility to develop and maintain a positive and safe school climate. Our belief at Moon Area School District (MASD) is that students receive consequences based on behaviors that are not conducive to maintaining a positive school culture. Consequences are assigned to students in order to alter/stop negative behaviors.

An orderly and safe environment must be established and maintained for effective education to occur for all students. The District recognizes that misbehavior by any student has a negative impact on the educational process, and the District has established fair and reasonable rules, regulations, and policies to define appropriate and inappropriate behaviors.

In regard to consequences for inappropriate behavior, the following information is provided:

## STUDENT PRIVACY

Actions taken for inappropriate behaviors are not and never should be public knowledge. State and Federal laws, together with District policy, are considered when issuing student consequences. A student's right to privacy is Federal Law.

## EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL

Suspensions most commonly range from one to ten days however an initial suspension may not exceed three days without an informal hearing, which may take place by phone or in person. Students can receive consequences in excess of ten days (expulsion) depending on the infraction, and that is determined on a case-by-case basis. Student privacy is protected and all appropriate laws and policies are followed.

## REASONABLE REQUESTS

Moon Area High School and Middle School require that students follow "reasonable requests" made by any staff member. Failure to follow a reasonable request made by any staff member may result in suspension from school. This reasonable request rule has been effective in promoting a positive school environment built on mutual respect and has removed confrontation between staff and students. Students at the elementary levels frequently discuss positive behavior and decision-making, acting responsibly, and respecting one another. Students could receive consequences appropriate for their grade level for not adhering to these tenets.

## CONSEQUENCES

Consequences for inappropriate behavior are assigned on a case-by-case basis taking into account Federal, state, local laws, as well as, District policies, procedures and guidelines. Additionally, consequences increase as the number and type of violations compound.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BEHAVIOR, PLEASE REVIEW PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL CODE, SECTION 12.2 "STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES."**