

Detention Policy

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Voyageur College Preparatory High School operates on a detention system as an alternative to suspension. The purpose of this system is to permit scholars the opportunity to spend time in a controlled study environment. It is very important that the school and parents/guardians work together to help scholars learn appropriate school behavior as well as consequences for inappropriate behavior. Administrators will issue detentions and scholar must serve them when they are given. Detentions will occur each Wednesday. All detentions are issued by administration only. Parents/guardians will be notified at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled detention through a written notice and phone call by the administrator who issued the detention.

DETENTION GUIDELINES

- ✓ Detentions will be determined by an administrator.
- ✓ All scholars who are to serve detention(s) will report to the scheduled detention room at the time(s) assigned. Extracurricular activities are not considered acceptable excuses for failure to serve an assigned detention.
- ✓ Scholars should bring homework materials with them to work on during detention.
- ✓ Scholars are to sit where assigned. The detention supervisor must authorize exceptions.
- ✓ **Absolutely no talking** is to take place during the detention period, nor will the scholars be allowed to place their heads down or sleep.
- ✓ Scholars who communicate in any way, pass materials of any kind, do not appear to keep busy, eat candy or food of any kind, or put their heads down will be warned. A second violation for any offense will result in dismissal with no credit being given for the time spent. Scholars who are caught sleeping will be dismissed without warning.
- ✓ Failure to serve 3 detentions will result in one (1) day of Out-of-School Suspension (OSS).
- ✓ Scholars should remain in full uniform during their detention period
- ✓ Scholars who are late and not in the detention location by 4:00 p.m. are considered late and will not be permitted to enter detention.

Procedures

1. After School Weekly Detention begins as follows: 4:00pm to 5:00pm.
2. Scholars are required to take all coats, books, etc. to the Assigned Detention Room – he/she is not permitted to go to their locker after entering or when leaving detention.
3. Scholar should bring work to complete.
4. Card playing, cell phones, games, radios/CD/cassettes/headphones, etc. are not allowed.
5. Talking is not permitted.
6. Scholars NOT permitted to sleep or assume a sleeping position.
7. Scholars are not allowed to leave the Detention Room without Supervisor's permission.
8. Missed detention assignments need to be made up by the students.

Disciplined Habits, Excellence, Family, Grit, Optimism, Respect

PLEASE NOTE: Scholars not complying with the After-School Detention rules or who do not serve an assigned detention is subject to additional disciplinary action.

Detention Reflection Think sheet

Core Values

Respect : Respect is the ability to see and celebrate the value in ourselves and others and is the foundation upon which all other values rest.

Respectful behavior means showing consideration, admiration, or thoughtfulness to someone(or something?) even when we have a different point of view. We treat others in the same manner in which we would want to be treated. When we learn to be kind to ourselves, we can generously offer that same kindness to other people.

Family : We are ONE FAMILY working to achieve the mission of school. We work together to achieve one mission of the school. We work to build strong relationships between all staff members, scholars, families, and the community. We are loyal to and care about each other unconditionally. We celebrate our accomplishments and support each other through our struggles.

Disciplined Habits : Disciplined habits are the actions we engage in consistently, and without a guaranteed reward, in order to achieve our desired outcomes or goals. By being disciplined in our habits, we create stability and security so that we can live sustainable, successful, healthy, and happy lives.

Optimism : Optimism is having the most favorable outlook in any situation and in any relationship. Being optimistic leads to commitment persistence, and grit because it allows us to see the best in both rejection and celebrations. We believe that negative events are temporary, limited in scope, and manageable.

Grit : Grit is when you make the extra effort to go further than you believed you could. Dedicating yourself to making it through until the end, Grit is when you persist to work your hardest even when you feel like giving up.

Excellence : Excellence at VCP is the standard of achievement in all that we do academically, personally, and professionally. We choose to excel without excuses. By doing so we set the standard of being the best and never settling for mediocrity.

