

2019-2020 Rainier Middle School Student Handbook



Learning Target

I will understand key expectations & consequences of behavior at Rainier M.S. and understand why these expectations are important.

“Do Your B.E.S.T.”

Be Safe

Encourage Kindness

Show Respect

Take Responsibility

Aggressive Behavior/Fighting

Fighting, pushing, posturing (getting in someone's "face" or personal space in an aggressive manner, taking off a backpack in preparation for a fight, etc.), fight promoting (encouraging students to fight or trying to set up a fight), video/audio recording a fight, posting a fight on social media, and/or physical aggression is not allowed at school & will lead to "discipline" with the possibility of suspension.

"Confronting" a student about a rumor (or any potential information that may be interpreted in a negative manner) is not allowed at school & will lead to "discipline." Students should talk to a trusted adult, counselor, security officer or administrator if they feel a student is talking negatively or spreading false rumors as opposed to "confronting" a student "just to talk."

Aggressive Behavior/Fighting

Yelling, screaming, talking loudly, swearing, spreading rumors, saying inappropriate “things” and “trash talking,” and other verbally aggressive behavior is not allowed at school & will result in “discipline” with the possibility of suspension.

Posting aggressive or inappropriate comments on social media (snapchat, Facebook, text messages, IM, etc.) in which those comments “bleed into the school grounds” and disrupt or impact the school setting, is not allowed & will result in “discipline” with the possibility of suspension.

Aggressive Behavior/Fighting

Students who are involved in any physically or verbally aggressive behavior **as described in the previous sentences/slides**, whether they started the behavior or not, will be subject to discipline ranging from restorative conversations, mediations, lunch and/or after school detentions, in-school suspension, and/or out-of-school suspensions depending on the severity, frequency, warnings, context, and other factors as determined by administration. (Continual violation of these expectations may lead to a long-term suspension.) **NOTE:** **Any behavior that administration feels is aggressive and/or inappropriate regardless if it is specifically listed in this Student Handbook, is subject to school discipline.**

Students who continue to watch/observe a fight, follow a crowd or a group of aggressive students simply to “observe” them, knowingly go towards a potentially aggressive situation, or refuse to disperse or follow directions of an adult during intense situations, are subject to discipline including suspensions.

Aggressive/Fighting Behavior Discipline

- First Offense (3 to 5 Day Suspension)
- 2nd Offense (5 to 10 Day Suspension)
- 3rd Offense (Long Term Suspension)

Assemblies

-Will be discussed in classes before our first Pep Assembly.

Attendance

Arriving late/Leaving early = you must check in through attendance office at all times if you arrive later.

Absences: can be excused with parent phone call or note. You have one day to excuse an absence.

Truancy: Truancy is being absent without parents knowing, skipping class, & wandering the halls for more than 10 minutes. Arriving 10 minutes late to class = truant. Consequence: This leads to lunch detentions and after school detentions.

Rainier Middle School is a “Closed Campus” which means students cannot leave after they have arrived or return after having left.

Bathroom Expectations

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Bicycles & Skateboards:

They are allowed to get to and from school.

They must be locked once at school, using the bike rack for bikes.

“Walk” your bikes/skateboards once you enter school grounds.

Buses

Appropriate behavior is required on buses as riding the bus is a privilege and not a right.

Inappropriate behavior may lead to denial of riding the bus.

No bikes/scooters allowed on the bus.

Cell Phone

Cell Phones only be used in class for academic purposes with teacher permission.

Bringing personal valuables to school is at the student's own risk. The school is not responsible for personal items if they are lost, stolen, or damaged, **including cell phones.*

We also strongly encourage students to keep cell phones (and other valuables) at home as Rainier MS is not responsible for lost/stolen cell phones and administration/security may not have time to investigate.

Cell Phones

Phones may be confiscated by the teacher if a student continues to refuse to put the phone away, etc. **(Refusal to follow teacher directions related to cell phone will lead to discipline, such as Lunch Detentions/After School Detentions).**

Cheating

-Copying of someone else's work, including work that is found online, is considered cheating/plagiarism and is subject to discipline and loss of grade based upon the teacher's opinion.

Classroom Expectations

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Counselors

Please see your counselor if you have questions/concerns about:

- Classroom concerns with students or adults in the classroom
- Academics/Grades/Classes/Schedule
- Struggling to get to school or class on time
- Drug or Alcohol Concerns with yourself, family, friends, or students
- Harassment, Intimidation, and/or Bullying (HIB) being done to you/others
- Safety concerns with your homelife
- Referral services to community resources

Last Name:

- A-G: Mrs. Campbell
- H-N: Mrs. Sohal
- O-Z: Mr. Erickson

Computers and Chromebooks

Students are expected to responsibly use district technology and network resources and to keep their district-issued devices safe, secure and in good working order.

Chromebook devices are loaned to students and remain the property of the Auburn School District. Just like textbooks, team uniforms, and other school property issued to students for school purposes, there is a responsibility to care for and return school property in good condition.

*Chromebook coverage program: \$25 a year

Courtyard Expectations

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Drugs and Alcohol (Justin....)

-Auburn School District partners with outside agencies to work with kids who may have issues with drug and alcohol use.

-Talk to your counselor (or any trusted adult in your school) if you have concerns about yourself or others using drugs and alcohol.

-Remember, just because certain drugs and alcohol are legal for adults, it doesn't mean it is legal for kids to use, to carry, to sell, etc. **(Violating this district and state law is an arrestable offense!!!)**

Drugs and Alcohol

-Having drugs and alcohol at school, being under the influence of drugs and alcohol, or having any paraphernalia (drug related items) may result in an out of school suspension, possibly a long-term suspension, and/or other consequences.

-Students will also be referred to a Drug and Alcohol Assessment for a violation. If a student attends and follows through the recommendations of organization, a suspension may be reduced significantly.

Drugs and Alcohol

-Intent to sell Drugs and/or Alcohol on school grounds, or any ASD campus, will result in discipline, which may include a long term suspension and/or other discipline.

Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying

Students understand that Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying of any kind, *including but not limited to verbal, psychological, social, or physical HIB* will **not be tolerated** at Rainier Middle School.

If students see, hear or experience harassment they should report it to an adult immediately. (Talking to your counselor about this is a great idea as well.)

Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying is taken seriously and Rainier Middle School administration reserves the right to employ disciplinary action that includes out-of-school suspensions or even expulsions for HIB.

Please remember we are not able to help Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying if it is not reported and documented in a timely manner. Our aim is to keep Rainier a safe and positive place for everyone to learn.

Headwear

-Hoods, hats, cowboy hats, bandanas, beanies, “snow” hats, do-rags, paisley print or any other headwear is not allowed on school.

-Please remove before entering school.

-Failure to comply will result in discipline, starting with lunch detentions.

Fines

— — — Fines and/or fees are imposed for books, classroom materials, and/or athletic equipment that are not returned or have been damaged.

-Grades and class schedules can be withheld until all fines are paid. (This follows you to high school as well!!!)

-Students with unpaid fines cannot participate in athletic events, turn out for sports, or participate in school Bashes.

-Payments can be made at the school or the on-line payment system.

Fire Drills and Evacuations

- -Make sure you follow the directions of teachers (or any adult) during evacuations and fire drills.
- Walk in a straight line with your teacher, remain quiet, no “horseplaying” while in line, and line up at your proper location immediately,
- Failure to follow the directions of staff members and these expectations will result in discipline (lunch detention, after school, and/or suspensions) depending on the severity of the situation.***

Fire Alarms, Arson, Smoke Detectors

Purposely pulling fire alarms, trying to burn something (including items in Microwaves), or purposely trying to set off smoke alarms is illegal.

-Authorities (Fire and Police) will be notified and involved. Fine's may include \$500 and a criminal charge.

-Engaging in any sort of these activities or intent to, will result in discipline, including suspensions.

Gang Affiliation or Behavior

-Any sort of behavior that is connected to a gang affiliation and results in intimidation, harassment, threats, and/or disrupts the educational setting is not allowed and will result in discipline including suspensions.

-Graffiti that is connected to gang affiliation is subject to discipline including suspensions.

Gifts: Flowers and Balloons (deliveries)

-As fun and exciting as special deliveries of flowers/gifts/balloons to students at school are, this is NOT ALLOWED.

-Items will NOT be delivered to classrooms and will be TURNED AWAY.

-Balloons and flowers are not allowed on school buses **because it can be difficult for bus drivers to see.**

Guest Teachers

— — — -All guest teachers at Rainier will be treated with respect and kindness.

-Guest teachers need to be “treated better” than your regular teacher.

-Guest teachers have the same authority as the classroom teacher, or any adult in the building for that matter.

-Disciplinary sanctions begin at the lunch detention level for disrespect towards a guest teacher. (The classroom teacher has a right to assign an after school detention if warranted and admin. has a right to impose greater discipline.)

“Hallway Expectations”

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-Music and/or other sounds coming from cell phones or speakers are NOT allowed and result in lunch detentions.

Lockers and Backpacks

Students must use the locker assigned to them.

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Trading lockers with another student is not allowed.

Combinations should be kept confidential and not shared with anyone.

Lockers belong to the Auburn School District but students are responsible for making sure lockers are well kept and clean.

Backpacks must be stored in student lockers and cannot be brought to class. Backpacks with wheels are not allowed.

Can an administrator search your locker without your permission?

Lunch Room and Commons

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Medication

Students who take medication at school must provide a completed *Authorization for Administration of Medication at School* form, signed by both the Physician/Dentist and parent/guardian and given to the health room (nurse).

The school nurse or health room technician will then make arrangements to dispense or handout the medication.

No medication (*prescribed or over-the-counter*) is permitted on campus without prior approval as noted above, including prescription bottles!

Summary: Students are NOT allowed to take ANY medication on their own, even tylenol, aspirin, ibuprofen, etc., or even carry them.

Out of the Building by 2:15

At the close of school, students are expected to ride home on the bus or a with parent/guardian, or walk home.

Students will not be allowed to ride home with unauthorized persons.

Students not involved in staff-supervised after-school activities are expected to be out of the building by 2:15.

Once a student leaves campus they may not return to attend an after-school function without permission from the office.

Students who did NOT leave in a timely manner may receive discipline.

Student Privacy and Searches

District staff shall take particular care to respect student privacy.

At the same time, they must protect the health and safety of all students and promote the effective operation of the school.

A student shall be free from searches of his/her clothing and other personal property unless there is reasonable suspicion to believe that something is concealed that may be stolen, an illegal substance, or of immediate danger to the student or to other students. **(Refusal will result in discipline.)**

School officials shall request a student to remove all items from pockets and other personal effects.

School Visitations

— — — Classroom visitations must be scheduled in advance through the Principal's office.

Students not enrolled at Rainier are not allowed to visit during the school day or at school social events.

All visitors during school hours are asked to enter through the Main Entrance in the front of the building and report to the Main Office for a visitor's badge.

Guests and friends of students are not allowed at dances, etc.

Tardy Policy (“Take Responsibility”)

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Trading/Selling Items

-Trading and/or selling items on school ground is strictly NOT allowed. Shoes will not be “traded” or sold on school grounds.

Trading or selling items will result in school discipline.

Weapons

-Possession of any weapon (pocket knife, Swiss Army Knife, nunchuks, throwing star, gun, “pepper spray”) or ANY type of object that is sharp and can easily be seen as a weapon or intended to do harm, is not allowed and is subject to suspensions and/or expulsion.

-Police will be notified of any weapon, especially of any knife that is over 3 inches in length.

-Pocket knives or Swiss Army Knives of any length are NOT allowed on campus and subject to discipline including suspensions.

PBIS Rewards

BASH - once a quarter, dance and other activities, BASH Pass

Clubs - Drama, Honor Society, Robotics

Sports - 4 seasons, physical forms online, free physicals,

Daily, Weekly and Monthly Prizes for “Doing Your B.E.S.T.”

**Be Safe; Encourage Kindness; Show Respect; Take
Responsibility.**

DRESS CODE

All rules apply to
both **MALES** and
FEMALES

**NO BANDANAS
/ DO-RAGS**

**NO TANK TOPS /
UNDERSHIRTS**

**NO INAPPROPRIATE
WORDS, PHRASES, OR
GRAPHICS**

**UNDERWEAR
SHOULD NOT SHOW**

**PANTS MUST BE WORN AT
THE WAIST (EVEN WITH A COVERING
SHIRT. PANTS MUST BE WORN AT THE
WAIST)**

**NO CHAINS / SPIKES /
PIERCINGS**



**NO
HATS**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

**UNDERWEAR SHOULD
NOT SHOW**

**NO TUBE TOPS OR LOW
CUT TOPS**

NO BARE MIDRIFF

**SHORTS, SKIRTS, AND
DRESSES MUST BE
BELOW FINGERS WHEN
ARMS ARE STRAIGHT
AT THE SIDE**

**NO SLIPPERS,
HOUSE SHOES.
FLIP FLOPS OR
PAJAMAS**



*****ANY OTHER ITEMS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE BY ADMINISTRATION *****

Dress Code Violations

-First time offense will most likely result in the student getting a new change of clothing and a call home to parents.

-Continual violation of this will result in progressive discipline such as lunch detention, after school detention, etc.

Questions

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