

# DISCIPLINE AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT POLICY ADDENDUM

## **DISTRICT CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE**

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Marion County High School will follow the Marion County Public Schools Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline (see Appendix \_\_\_). This addendum includes specific rules and guidelines that will be emphasized.

## **STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

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In order to prevent the disruption of the educational process and the ability of all students to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered at Marion County High School the following student behaviors as defined by law will not be tolerated.

- Hazing
- Bullying
- Taunting
- Menacing
- Intimidating
- Threatening Behavior
- Verbal or physical abuse of others
- Use lewd, profane, or vulgar language

This policy extends to any/all student language or behavior including but not limited to, the use of electronic or online methods.

These provisions should not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate protected under the state or federal constitutions where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process or intrude upon the rights of others.

## **VIOLATIONS AND REPORTING**

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Students who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as outlines in the District Code.

Students wishing to report a violation or who believe they are victims may report it to any staff member of Marion County High School who will take appropriate action as defined by the Code. **Students may use the tip line on the MCHS website to report any issues or concerns.** Staff will refer the report to the principal (or designee) for further action when the report involves an offense that may warrant suspension or expulsion of a student, any felony offense, or a report that may be required by law, including reports to law enforcement.

When a complaint is received that does not appear to be covered by this policy, the administrators will review other policies that may govern the allegations and take appropriate action.

## **RETALIATION**

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Other students and employees shall not retaliate against a student because he/she reports violation of the Code or assists or participates in any investigation, proceedings, or hearing regarding the violation. The Superintendent (or designee) shall take measures needed to protect students from such retaliation.

As provided in the Code, students who believe they are victims of these behaviors will be provided with a process to enable them to report such incidents to personnel for appropriate action.

## **COMMUNICATION**

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By the end of the first week of school, the Marion County Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline will be posted at the school, referenced in our school handbook, and provided to all school employees, parents, and legal guardians, or other persons exercising custodial control or supervision of students including those students who enroll during the school year.

Before the beginning of each school year, the principal (or designee) will work with the district to develop a process to train employees when necessary in the use of the Code and/or to provide updated information to be staff, students, and parents concerning this Code.

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