



H.M. Arndt Middle School

Student Handbook and Expectations

School Discipline

Students at H.M. Arndt are expected to follow the school and classroom rules throughout the day.

Students who do not follow the rules will be subject to In School Discipline depending on whether the student commits a minor or major infraction disciplinary action will be assigned accordingly.

H.M. Arndt



**Arndt
CREED**

THE RIGHT WAY

I WILL

RESPECT the rights and wellbeing of OTHERS

I WILL

ACT WITH INTEGRITY at all times

I WILL

MAKE GOOD DECISIONS for success

I WILL

BE HONEST in all matters

I WILL

BE TRUSTWORTHY for my teachers and peers

Minor Infractions

- Insubordination/Compliance with Directions of School Personnel
- Failure to Attend Assigned Classes or Activities
- Unauthorized Leaving of School
- Use of Tobacco Products or Paraphernalia
- Falsification/Providing False Information
- Dress and Appearance
- Gambling
- Inappropriate Speech, Signs, Gestures, and Behavior/Disruptive Behavior
- Inappropriate Literature or Illustrations
- Honor Code Violations
- Conducting or Soliciting Business on Campus

Minor Infractions

Minor infractions may result in:

- Warning

- Silent Lunch

- Timeout/Detention

- ISS

Continuous minor infractions will lead to more severe consequences

Major Infractions

- Aggressive Behavior
- Assault/Fighting
- Theft or Damage of Property
- Incendiary Devices/Combustible Material
- Communicating Threats
- Unauthorized Use or Possession of Medication or Foreign Substances
- Assault on a School Employee/Sexual Assault
- Trespassing, Breaking and Entering
- Robbery
- False Fire Alarms or Bomb Threat/Hoax
- Possession of a Weapon
- Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, Controlled Substances, Chemicals and Drug Paraphernalia
- Discrimination, Sexula Harassment, Harassment, Bullying or Hazing resulting in Physical or Sexual Harm
- Gang Activity
- Use of Counterfeit Drugs, Medication, or Illegal Substance

Major Infractions

Major infractions will result in one of the following consequences due to the severity of the infraction:

- ISS/OSS

- Assignment to Alternative School/Program

Attendance

Students must be present for at least a half-day in order to be counted as a full day. You must sign in before 11:10 A.M. or stay until 11:10 A.M. to be counted present for the day.

Absence/Make-up Work

When you are absent from school you should use the following steps:

- Provide a **written** excuse or doctor's note for all absent days, within 2 days of your absence, whether you parent has called the school or not.
- Give the excuse note to your homeroom teacher.
- Make immediate plans to make up all work due to the absence. Grades will reflect any work not made up due to absences. This is your responsibility, not the teachers.

Tardy Policy

Students should be in homeroom before the 7:30 A.M. bell rings. If students come to class after 7:30 A.M. they are to enter through the front entrance and sign in using Ident-a-Kid.

The only excused tardies are as follows:

- Student Illness
- Student Doctor/Dentist Appointment
- Student Court Appointment
- School Field Trips

All other tardies will be marked as unexcused.

Tardy Policy-Consequences

The consequences for repeated tardiness to school, within a semester, are as follows:

- 3rd tardy- A letter sent to parent. After School Detention.
- 6th tardy- A letter sent to parent. After School Detention.
- 9th tardy- A letter sent to parent. 1 day of In School Suspension
- Every 3rd tardy after 9 is 1 day of In School Suspension

****If a student does not stay for after school detention they will serve time in ISS the next day.**

Honor Code Violations



Each student is bound by a code of honor to insure that all academic work reflects honesty and integrity.

Any student who submits work that is NOT the result of his/her OWN personal creation has violated this code.

Acts of cheating, plagiarism, or other dishonest practices shall result in disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the teacher and principal in accordance with Catawba County Schools Code of Student Conduct.

Dress Code

- Dress will not be such as to disrupt the teaching/learning process
- Shirts advertising alcoholic beverages and those having profane or suggestive language or slogans are not allowed.
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, spandex/yoga pants, leggings without cover-up, pants worn below the waist, and pajamas are not permitted at H.M. Arndt.
- Shorts and skirts should be mid-thigh, anything shorter is not allowed.
- Holes in pants are allowed only if the holes are below mid-thigh.
- Shoes or tennis-shoes must be worn at all times during the school day (bedroom slippers are not allowed).
- Sunglasses, headgear, bandanas, hoods, and hats are not to be worn inside the building.

School Nurse/Medications

A school nurse is provided by the Catawba County Health Department certain days of the week. Nurse Killian is here on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

-Medications are not to be taken at school unless a note from a doctor is provided to the school nurse.

-Students are not allowed to have or distribute any type of medication (including over the counter medications).

Hall Passes

Students are not permitted in the halls during class periods without a teacher or hall pass from their teacher.

-Teams will provide students with a hall pass card each nine-weeks to use for the restroom or lockers.

-Teams will determine consequences for students who run out of hall passes before the nine-weeks is over and still require going to the restroom or lockers.

ID Badges

Identification Badges are to be worn AT ALL TIMES when in the school building.

-ID Badges MUST be visible. ID Badges cannot be in your pocket or under your shirt/coat.

-Teams will determine consequences for students who do not have their ID Badge on daily.

-If you lose your ID Badge you are responsible for paying \$3.00 to get a replacement.

Cell Phones and Smart Watches



Cell phones and smart watches are not permitted in the classroom at any time, unless your teacher has specified they will be used for an activity that day.

Cell phones are to remain turned off in your locker during the school day.

-Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the phone or device being confiscated by any staff member and turned in to the front office. In order to retrieve your cell phone you must have a parent/guardian pick up the device from the front office.

*The school is NOT responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

Grading

A= 90-100

B= 80-89

C= 70-79

D= 60-69

F= Below 60



Locker Policy

School lockers are a privilege not a right.



Locks are mandatory and must be purchased from the school for \$3.00. If you lose your lock you must pay for a replacement.

Students are required to keep their backpacks, purses, cell phones, and any non-essential items in their lockers at all times. You must lock the lock on your locker after each use, this is for YOUR safety!

Lockers are subject to random searches and drug dogs at anytime as they are school property.

Reward Trips

Each semester students are eligible to participate in a reward trip if they meet the following guidelines:

- No more than 2 unexcused absences/tardies/early dismissals
- No ISS/OSS
- No School/Cafeteria Debt
- Passing ALL classes



Buses

Bus Expectations -

Know your bus number! Know your shuttle bus number - you may not switch!

All school rules apply on the bus and to and from the bus - follow driver instructions, use appropriate language, sit at all times, no throwing, no food/drinks, no Chromebooks in use, BE RESPECTFUL

ALL middle school students will travel from shuttle bus to home bus, BEHIND the buses. ***Do not walk in front of the buses!***

Students CANNOT ride a bus home with a friend.

Ride your assigned bus.

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Car Riders

Ask parents to move all the way forward to drop off in the morning. Students enter the school through the cafeteria doors. If you are anywhere in front of the building you SHOULD get out of your car and walk down the sidewalk towards the gymnasium.

In the afternoon, please pay attention and look for your ride.

Keep your hands to yourself.

Stay off the mulch.

Be Respectful!

