

SARANAC MIDDLE SCHOOL
INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Student Rules and Regulations

1. Students shall not endanger the safety, morals, health, or welfare of any other person by any act including but not limited to:
 - a. selling, using or possessing alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia;
 - b. selling, carrying, concealing, using, or possessing lethal weapons, explosives, fireworks, or other dangerous instruments or contraband;
 - c. selling, using, or possessing obscene material;
 - d. engaging in fighting or violent behavior;
 - e. using profane, vulgar, or abusive language (including ethnic slurs);
 - f. inciting anyone to commit an act, which is illegal, or failing to separate from or leave a group who is going to commit an illegal act, or giving untruthful statement;
 - g. engaging in obscene, indecent, grossly inconsiderate behavior exposing anyone to highly offensive conditions and disregard for the privacy of anyone;
 - h. turning in a false bomb threat, setting off fire alarms, or tampering with safety equipment;
 - i. obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
 - j. creating a hazardous, or physically offensive condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose;
2. Students shall refrain from engaging in disorderly conduct that intentionally causes public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm by:
 - a. harassing, intimidating, name-calling or otherwise verbally abusing any other person;
 - b. showing disrespect towards staff members or others in authority;
 - c. making unnecessary noise;
 - d. gambling;
 - e. showing excessive affection (hand-holding is the limit in high school only);
 - f. loitering, or entering school property before or after normal school hours without permission;
 - g. leaving the school grounds without permission while school is in session;
 - h. being without a pass unless otherwise excused;
 - i. failing to comply with the directions of a teacher, school administrator, school employee, or chaperone;
 - j. openly displaying cigarettes on school property
 - k. displaying unacceptable manners in the cafeteria;
 - l. eating or drinking in other than designated places;
 - m. possessing soda during regular school hours unless permission is granted by the building principal.
3. Students shall strive to constantly improve their academic standing by avoiding:
 - a. excessive tardiness;

- b. illegal absences;
 - c. failing to report to class or study hall without permission;
 - d. cheating;
 - e. plagiarizing;
4. Student shall not attend evening school functions on the day of absence without permission from the principal.
5. Students shall not disrespect the property of anyone by acts including but not limited to:
 - a. breaking into school buildings and grounds;
 - b. theft or unauthorized use of someone else's property;
 - c. destroying or defacing school, staff, or student property; harboring or concealing stolen goods.
6. While being transported to or from school or school events by school vehicles, students shall not, whenever practicable:
 - a. enter or leave the bus in a disorderly fashion;
 - b. remain standing after entering and before leaving the bus;
 - c. occupy any position that will interfere with the vision of the driver or his driving;
 - d. extend any portion of the body out the window, and they shall keep their legs out of the center aisle;
 - e. change seats while the bus is in motion;
 - f. hold conversations above a normal tone of voice so that the driver's distraction is kept to a minimum;
 - g. throw anything within the bus or in and out of its windows;
 - h. leave wastepaper or other trash anywhere except in the receptacle provided in the front of the bus;
 - i. eat on the bus;
 - j. carry bundles, large parcels, groceries, or pets in the school bus;
 - k. be unprepared to board the vehicle when it appears at the stop. During adverse conditions, a variance may be in order.
7. Students may not use the school phones unless an emergency demands it.
8. Footwear must be worn at all times for the safety and health of the students.
9. Headgear will not be worn in school.
10. Students shall not engage in conduct violative of the Board's policy for the maintenance of public order on school property.
11. While attending a dance sponsored by a school organization or held on school property, students shall not:
 - a. Re-enter the building after leaving.
 - b. Loiter on school grounds or stay in cars in the parking lot.
 - c. Abuse chemical substances in the building or on school property.
 - d. Be a disruptive influence or cause a disturbance
 - e. Be in any part of the building other than that part designated for the dance
12. While assigned to in-school suspension, students

- a. will report promptly to the principal's office upon arrival to school
- b. will bring assignments, assignment sheets, texts, a paperback library book, paper and pens/pencils
- c. will be allowed rest room privileges once in the morning and once in the afternoon except in an emergency or due to a doctor's note.
- d. shall not engage in talking unless seeking help from the supervisor
- e. shall raise their hand to be recognized for permission to speak to the supervisor, sharpen pencils, etc
- f. shall not chew gum
- g. shall not participate in any extra-curricular activities
- h. shall make up time lost due to absence while during a period of suspension immediately upon returning to school
- i. shall complete regular classroom assignments before resumption of classes
- j. shall not be reinstated until:

- the contract for in-school suspension is returned to school
- all contracted days plus any extra time received while in the suspension room
- all work assigned by the suspension supervisor has been completed
- a student contract for readmission has been completed
- an improvement has been shown in attitude and behavior

13. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds

C. No Person, Either Singly Or In Concert With Others, Shall:

1. deliberately obstruct, disrupt, or prevent the peaceful and orderly conduct of classes, lectures, study halls, assemblies and meetings or deliberately interfere with the freedom of any person to express his views, including invited speakers.
2. deliberately obstruct or disrupt staff functions, administrative functions, disciplinary procedures, or other school activities or of activities on Saranac Central School District premises authorized by duly constituted administrative, faculty or student authorities.
3. deliberately obstruct or disrupt health care and public service functions, activities, procedures or apparatus.
4. fail to conform to school fire drill procedures.
5. tamper with any safety measures such as fire extinguishers, alarm systems, fire regulation posters, and closed fire-smoke doors.
6. willfully cause physical injury to any other person nor threaten to do so for the purpose of compelling or including such other person to refrain from any act which he has a lawful right to do or to do any act that he has a lawful right not to do.
7. physically restrain or detain any other person nor remove such person from any place where he is authorized to remain
8. will fully damage or destroy property of the Saranac Central School District or under its jurisdiction, nor remove or use such property without authorization.

9. without permission, expressed or implied, enter into any private office or an administrative officer, member of the faculty, or staff member.
10. enter upon and remain in any building or facility for any purpose other than its authorized use or in such a manner as to obstruct its authorized use of others.
11. without authorization, remain in any building or facility after it is normally closed.
12. refuse to leave any building or facility after being required to do so by an authorized administrative officer.
13. obstruct the free movement of persons and vehicles in any place to which these rules apply.
14. knowingly have in his possession on any premises to which these rules apply, a firearm or weapon or an explosive device without the written authorization of the chief administrative officer, whether or not a license to possess the same has been issued to such person, This regulation shall not apply to authorized local town, village, or county police departments, nor shall it apply to the New York State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor any other publicly recognized law enforcement agency, investigatory agency, or public authority.
15. set fire willfully to Saranac Central School District property or create a conflagration of Saranac Central School District property.
16. without authorization, possess or use a key to enter either a building or a room on Saranac Central School District property.
17. prop open an external or corridor door, or in other ways, facilitate unauthorized access to a locked building on the Saranac Central School District property.
18. knowingly take or appropriate another's property without his implied or expressed permission.
19. willfully cause or display disorderly conduct or offensive conduct on the Saranac Central School District property.
20. willfully incite others to commit any of the acts herein prohibited with specific intent to procure them to do so.
21. knowingly have in his possession upon any premises to which these rules apply, drugs or controlled substances without authorized medical permission.
22. knowingly have in his possession on any premises to which these rules apply, alcoholic beverages.

III. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

- A. The range of penalties which may be imposed for violations of the student disciplinary code include the following:
 1. verbal warning
 2. phone call to parents
 3. written notification to parents
 4. reprimand
 5. counseling
 6. pass restriction
 7. detention before or after school with parental consent
 8. suspension from transportation
 9. suspension from athletic participation
 10. suspension from social or extracurricular activities

11. suspension of other privileges
12. exclusion from a particular class
13. in-school suspension
14. involuntary transfer
15. external suspension from school
16. referral to probation
17. P.I.N.S. Diversion
18. P.I.N.S. Petition

- B. Depending upon the nature of the violation, student discipline shall be progressive, i.e., a student's first violation should merit a lighter penalty than subsequent violations.**
- C. All relevant factors should be taken into account in determining an appropriate penalty.**
- D. The above penalties may be imposed alone or in combination.**