

Meigs Academic Magnet School - Student Support Plan

2024-2025

The staff of Meigs Academic Magnet School believes the environment of the classroom and the overall school should be orderly and free from disruption. We believe our students can and should behave appropriately. ***We believe appropriate behavior should be modeled, encouraged, and acknowledged.*** These beliefs have led to the development of our school-wide student support plan.

Expectations for Student Behavior: The Cavalier Code

In support of our beliefs, we have established the following four major expectations for student behavior:

- **Be impeccable with your word.**
Say only what you mean. Avoid speaking against yourself or gossiping about others.
- **Don't take anything personally.**
When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.
- **Don't make assumptions.**
Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid sadness, misunderstandings, and drama.
- **Always do your best.**
Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

What Cavalier Code behavior looks like . . .

- Be kind to yourself and others, take care of school property, dress appropriately, and be positive.
- Make good choices, take care of yourself, keep up with your belongings, complete your work on time and with your best effort, carry your ID Badge at all times, be on time for school and class, and attend class prepared for success by bringing necessary materials.
- Solve problems, use materials wisely, and recycle when possible.
- Ask for help when you need it.

Student Rewards, Incentives, & Recognition

When students meet or exceed school behavioral expectations, they may receive Live School points and/or Meigs Moolah. Also, students will have the opportunity to participate in various school activities.

- **Grade Level Reward Days** – e.g., Sports & activities outside & inside, DJ dances, etc. (Qualifications will be determined by grade level teams and sent to students and parents at the beginning of the school year.)
- **Weekly Meigs Moolah** - Students may use Live School points to purchase Meigs Moolah which can be used as a raffle ticket to win prizes (provided by the Meigs PTO) in weekly drawings. They can also be used as currency to purchase items or privileges at the grade level stores and Reward Days.
- **End of Semester Drawings** - At the end of each semester, there will be a Meigs Moolah drawing for a grand prize (e.g., iPad mini) provided by the Meigs PTO.
- **End of Year Carnival** - In May, all students have the opportunity to participate in the Carnival, sponsored by the Meigs Student Council.

Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are provided by the cafeteria; however, students are allowed to bring lunch from home. Meigs will not accept food and/or beverage drop-off or delivery originating from outside eating establishments. We will continue to accept forgotten lunches prepared from home for any student.

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Student Rights, Discipline & Family Resources

Meigs Academic Magnet School follows all the rules and procedures provided in the MNPS Student-Parent Handbook. (<https://mnps.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=32970327&pageId=33401613>)

MNPS Progressive Attendance Intervention Strategy Process

There is a direct correlation between student attendance and student achievement. Attendance is vital to academic success.

1-4 absences *(excused and unexcused)*

- *School personnel talks to student and calls parents to discuss absences.*

5 absences *(excused and unexcused)*

- *Attendance secretary will run attendance reports each week to identify students with 5 or more absences.*
- *School personnel will conduct an attendance assessment with each student or parent, and relay that information to the school counselor.*
- *School counselor collaborates with the school MTSS team to assign student to appropriate support provider or program to address attendance barriers through the collaborative referral process.*

7 absences *(excused and unexcused)*

- *Attendance team member has an attendance conference with parent and student and creates an attendance plan.*
- *The attendance conference will take place via phone conference or virtual conference.*
- *Attendance team continues progress monitoring.*

8-9 absences *(excused and unexcused)*

- *Attendance team evaluates the effectiveness of the interventions.*
- *Attendance team continues progress monitoring.*

10 absences *(excused and unexcused)*

- *The 10-day, no show procedures will be followed if absences are consecutive.*
- *Attendance team will decide the next level of intervention.*
- *All absences after 10 will require a doctor's note to be excused.*
- *Attendance team continues progress monitoring.*

11 absences *(excused and excused)*

- *Attendance team continues progress monitoring.*

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Meigs Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy

At Meigs we encourage student use of technology. Therefore, students may possess a cell phone, iPad, Kindle or other electronic device while at school or school related events. However, during school hours (7:30 am-3:00 pm) electronic devices must remain off, not on vibrate, and must remain concealed, out of sight, unless used with teacher permission as part of a classroom activity. The MNPS Policy and the Meigs Acceptable Use Policy Applies to student use of electronic devices and the Internet during and outside of school hours.

A Behavior Referral will be entered each time.

- *1st offense: Phone confiscated and brought to the office.
Phone call to parent by Admin.
Student may pick up phone at the end of the day.*
- *2nd offense: Phone confiscated and brought to the office.
Phone call to parent by Admin. Parent must come to Meigs to pick up the phone.
3 days ISS. Beginning the next school day from confiscation, student is required to turn in the phone at the beginning of the day and pick up at the end of the day.*
- *3rd offense: Phone confiscated and brought to the office.
Phone call to parent by Admin.
Parent must come to Meigs to pick up the phone.
Minimum of 1 day OSS.
Cell phone not allowed on Meigs campus for the duration of this policy.*