

Shady Grove Middle School Discipline Policy

In Montgomery County Public Schools, maintaining student discipline is a shared responsibility that involves students, teachers, parents, administrators, security staff, and all other adult employees. A successful educational program depends on maintaining an educational environment in which students and staff can engage in the process of teaching and learning without disruption. Discipline is a learned, developmental process. Shady Grove Middle School provides an environment where conflict can be used as an opportunity to teach and learn with the ultimate goal of empowering students to use appropriate and positive strategies in situations of conflict. This philosophy fosters the development of positive, self-disciplined, self-reliant individuals capable of behaving appropriately as the situation demands.

The Shady Grove Middle School Discipline Policy focuses both on consequences and on changing or managing inappropriate behavior. The following table lists specific inappropriate behaviors and the minimum and maximum consequences. Consequences are implemented to help students develop the social maturity necessary for success in our complex society.

Nondiscretionary Expellable Offenses

Infraction Reference	Minimum	Maximum	Additional
*Bomb/Facsimile Possession or Bomb Threat	Expulsion Police Referral	Expulsion Police Referral	Regulation EKC-RA Bomb Threats/Explosive Devices on MCPS Property
*Distribution of Intoxicants	Expulsion Police Referral	Expulsion Police Referral	Regulation COF-RA Intoxicants on MCPS Property
*Firearms	Expulsion Police Referral	Expulsion Police Referral	
*Violent Physical Attack on a Staff Member	Expulsion Police Referral	Expulsion Police Referral	
* Weapons Used to Threaten or Cause Bodily Harm/Injury	Expulsion Police Referral	Expulsion Police Referral	Regulation COE-RA Weapons on MCPS Property

* **Countywide infractions**
See also "Students Rights and Responsibilities"

MCPS Regulation effective July 1, 1999
Students who have knowledge of a weapon, portable communications device, or illegal substances on school grounds are obligated to report this information to the administration or staff member immediately.