



POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Pooleville High School is a community of scholars who are expected to conduct themselves in a manner demonstrating respect for self and others at all times. The school staff is responsible for maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment to ensure the equitable treatment of all students. The following information outlines general behavioral expectations, consistent with Maryland State Law, MCPS Regulations and the most recent edition of *A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities in MCPS* which is on file in the main office. A copy is provided to every student each year and is also available on the PHS and MCPS websites.

Culture of Respect

Pooleville High School does not tolerate acts of hate or violence, bullying, discrimination, disruptive behavior, insubordination, profanity, sexual harassment, threats, or verbal abuse. All staff or substitute staff members, regardless of position, and all fellow students must be treated with respect and consideration. Cooperation and appropriate behavior is expected while participating in both classroom and non-classroom activities, while being transported in MCPS vehicles, and while attending all school or MCPS sponsored events.

General Rules

Academic Dishonesty: Students involved in committing acts of academic dishonesty (including plagiarism), on homework, class work, and formative or summative assessments, may be given a zero for the activity and their parents may be contacted. Incidents involving academic dishonesty may result in removal from an elected or appointed position for the remainder of the school year or longer.

Attire: The wearing of inappropriate and/or distracting clothing is prohibited. Clothing will not contain drug, alcohol, or obscene messages. Under-garments will not be visible. Students dressed inappropriately will meet with an administrator and change into appropriate clothing. Parents may be contacted.

Electronic Devices: During class time, portable communication devices/cell phones and/or headphones/earbuds are not permitted. Students will receive a verbal warning for the first violation. At the second violation, administrative intervention may be requested. Teachers will complete a referral and contact home that day.

Language: The school is a professional setting. Language is expected to be courteous and respectful at all times. The use of inappropriate language in school or at any school-sponsored activity may result in detention, administrative intervention, and/or parent contact.

Obligations: Financial obligations must be reconciled before purchasing parking permits and advance sale tickets for events such as homecoming and prom. Seniors must clear all obligations before graduation.

Open Lunch: All students are encouraged to use the extended lunch period to become involved in the school's many clubs and extracurricular activities, and as an opportunity to work with teachers. Students must carry school-issued identification when leaving campus. Upperclassmen will not transport ninth and tenth graders in cars during lunch. Students in violation will face administrative action and parents will be contacted.

Parking: On-campus parking is a privilege. Students must apply for and purchase a yearly or per semester parking permit and park in designated student areas. Students must also attend a session on safe driving practices before permits are distributed. Violators may have their parking permit revoked at any time due to failure to purchase and display a parking permit, unsafe driving practices, violating school rules, or for transporting 9th or 10th graders off campus during lunch.

Passes: Students are expected to remain in class for the entire instructional period. Teachers must give students permission to leave the classroom. A written pass in the student's agenda book is required for all destinations at all times. Failure to have a pass may result in detention, administrative intervention, and/or parent contact.

The staff of Pooleville High School wants you to be successful and maintains high expectations for good attendance, exemplary behavior, and outstanding academic achievement.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date