



# Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School 74

## "Soaring from Good to Great and Beyond"

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Dear TEAM 74 Community Members,

We are BEYOND excited to bring clubs and activities back into our in-person Hawthorne Experience. It is a major indicator that we are moving in the right direction.

Participation in clubs and activities are a necessary part of life at our school. At the same time they represent a commitment by all students to live up to a code of conduct that promotes our shared values and state of emotional well-being. Therefore, we will also be reinstituting the "Dean's Points System" that assigns values to various infractions of the *Citywide Standards of Discipline and Intervention Measures* (The Discipline Code) and other school policies. The following chart indicates **some** of the most frequent infractions:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Unexcused lateness to class	1 point	"N" in conduct on report card (per class)	2 points
Unexcused lateness to class (subsequent lateness)	1 point	"U" in conduct on report card (per class)	4 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Unexcused lateness to school	1 point	Violation of the Dress Code Policy	2 points
Unexcused lateness to school (subsequent lateness)	1 point	Official removal from a class	5 points
Being in the hallways without proper pass	1 point	Cutting a Class	3 points
Loitering or "fooling around" in hallways	1-3 points	Cutting School	5 points
Potentially dangerous behavior (e.g. pushing, shoving, touching, horseplay, threat of violence, etc.)	2-4 points	Confiscated cell phone or other electronic devices (1 <sup>st</sup> offense)	2 points
Inappropriate use of social media	5 points	Confiscated cell phone or other electronic devices (subsequent offenses)	4 points
Damage to school property	5 points	Academic dishonesty (cheating, copying, plagiarism, etc.)	2-5 points
Touching another person and/or belongings without their permission.	1 points	Engaging in verbally rude, disrespectful, or vulgar language and/or behavior	1-3 points

**\*\*Note: Infractions of the Discipline Code or violations of school policy not listed above can also result in the assignment of points at the discretion of the school administration.**

The following indicates the steps that will be taken when students reach different point totals:

Parent conference to review student's disciplinary record.	10 points
Afterschool Detention	15 points
Removal from one school activity, such as: Participation in or attendance to school activities (e.g. sporting events, clubs/teams, etc.) School Wide Celebrations Grade Level Field Trips S.O. Events	20 points
Removal from two or more activities. (at the discretion of school administration)	28 or more points

**\*\*Note:**

- ***Students standing or admission in the National Junior Honor Society may be jeopardized by point totals.***
- ***Students who have been suspended may automatically be removed from any or all of the above listed activities.***
- ***Points can be amended on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the school administration.***
- ***Point totals will not carry over from school year to school year.***

We will be engaging our students with this point system across this week and next in classes. We ask that you discuss this letter with your children. We know that you share our concerns in keeping Middle School 74 safe and orderly for all students. As with any and all aspects of our school, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brandon Contarsy  
Principal, MS 74

**PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS**