

Mill Valley Middle School
Behavior and Technology Agreement 2017-2018

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Panther Time Teacher: _____

All of us at MVMS are committed to everyone's emotional and physical safety. We would like students to read the following list of behavior and use of technology expectations (a detailed description of our policies is also found in the Student Handbook). We believe this is important to maintain a welcome and safe environment in which we can all work, study and grow. After you have reviewed the Behavior Expectations (and the MVMS Student Handbook) with your teacher and parent/guardian, please sign this Agreement.

BE KIND AND RESPECTFUL

1. MVMS Students are expected to be kind and respectful to others:

- * Be considerate and respectful with other students, teachers, staff, visiting teachers, parents and other community members or guests to the school
- * Use proper language; no swearing, verbal insults, harassment, or bullying

2. MVMS Students are expected to respect school property and the personal property of others:

- * Be responsible about picking up trash (clean up after yourself at lunch)
- * Engaging in graffiti or destruction of school or private property will not be tolerated
- * Taking, hiding, or stealing school or private property is prohibited

3. MVMS students are expected to dress in such a way that is respectful to the teaching and learning environment:

- * Clothing may not promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, discrimination, hate, or violence
- * Clothing must cover midriffs and underwear
- * Students must have PE uniform and proper athletic shoes
- * Hats may not be worn in classrooms or at assemblies
- * Full Dress Code policy found on page 32 of the MVMS Student Handbook

4. MVMS students are expected to respect themselves and others by refraining from public displays of affection at school. This behavior is not appropriate at school.

BE HONEST AND TRUTHFUL

1. MVMS students are expected to be honest:

- * Be truthful with teachers and administrators when discussing incidents

2. MVMS students must abide by the Academic Honesty Policy as set forth in our student handbook (please review in MVMS Student Handbook)

BE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE

1. MVMS students are expected to be safe:

- * Fighting, teasing, bullying or harassing others will not be tolerated
- * Leave unsafe items at home such as knives, weapons, firearms, drug paraphernalia, etc..
- * Unsafe games such as tackle football, piggyback rides and table-topping, are not allowed before, during or after school
- * Walk in the hallways and stairwells
- * Controlled drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are illegal and not allowed at school
- * MVMS is a closed campus- students must stay on campus within designated areas during the school day

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2. MVMS students are expected to behave appropriately during lunch:

- * Eat and play only in designated eating areas that are supervised
- * Only 6th graders may eat and play in the 6th grade area
- * Students may not throw food, and are expected to clean up personal trash
- * Students are only allowed in the school building if going to the library, going to the front office, attending a supervised meeting, or a rainy day lunch

3. MVMS students are expected to use bicycles, scooters, and skateboards responsibly:

- * California State Law requires that bicyclists, skaters, and scooters under age 18 must wear a helmet.
- * Bicycles, scooters, and skateboards must be walked or carried on campus.
- * Riding is not permitted on tables, blocks or benches.
- * Bicycles are to be locked securely in the bike racks and removed at the end of the school day.
- * Scooters and skateboards are to be stored in the first session classroom.
- * MVMS is not responsible for theft or damage to bicycles, scooters, skates or skateboards that are on school property.

4. MVMS students are expected to be responsible:

- * Safeguard valuables, and money by keeping them on you (not in backpack)
- * Gum chewing is not allowed anywhere on campus.
- * Eating in the building is only allowed when you are with a supervising adult.
- * Cell phones and personal electronics must be turned off during instructional day
- * MVMS students are expected to refrain from buying, selling or trading merchandise for personal profit on campus.

5. All students are expected to read and understand the “zero tolerance” infractions, which are grounds for suspension or expulsion in the MVMS Student handbook (pages 38-39).

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Students and staff recognize that access to information an essential component of education. The Mill Valley School District network is designed to provide and protect stable access to this vital resource for all the members of our school community which includes: students, teachers, parents, and volunteers. Users of this network have an obligation to treat the network and all technology (computers, iPads, laptops) with respect and good judgment.

1. The use of all technology, including the MVMS network, is a privilege, not a right. Students are intended to use the Internet for purposes consistent with school curriculum. If a user chooses to violate this policy, technology privileges may be revoked and future access denied.

2. MVMS students must adhere to the following terms and conditions for using the MVSD network Internet

- * Although the Internet provides valuable information and resources, it is not the same as the print resources in a school library. School library resources are carefully selected to meet the needs of the curriculum and are organized to be easy to find. The Internet is unregulated and unorganized.
- * Along with the valuable curriculum-related materials and websites, inappropriate and/or inaccurate materials are just as easy to find. Inappropriate

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web sites include those that are violent, sexually explicit, defamatory or threatening. Students and parents need to be aware that unregulated access to the Internet may not be appropriate or safe for their child.

* The wealth of information available on the Internet requires students to exercise caution and good judgment about sharing of personal information. Students need to be aware that there is no privacy on the Internet or on the district's computer network. Mill Valley Middle School retains the right to access and read the contents of student accounts at any time including e-mail students send or receive on school computers.

3. MVMS students are required to demonstrate respect for resources

* Information is property. Users must acknowledge the property's *owner*. Intellectual property includes: student projects, teacher projects, photos, lyrics, files, music, video, and any other media or information. It is expected that users will follow copyright laws when using intellectual property. "Users will never publish information they know to be untrue or potentially harmful."

* "Users will never undertake any action that has the potential to damage any part of MVMS's technology infrastructure." These actions include, but are not limited to, altering the school's computer system, launching or distributing viruses or other damaging software, physically damaging or altering hardware or software.

*As a part of this network all users understand the importance of reporting any misuse of it to school staff. It is difficult and costly to replace equipment and repair network problems. It is imperative that ALL users treat the equipment with respect.

4. MVMS Students are required to adhere to all 1:1 iPad policies and procedures

*Students are expected to review all the technology use and iPad policies and procedures concerning the school's 1:1 iPad program. More detail information can be found on page 25 of the Student Handbook and on the MVMS webpage.

5. Consequences of Breaking the Technology Student Use Policy:

* Students who intentionally damage equipment, alter or destroy other user's intellectual property, or use the Internet inappropriately are subject to disciplinary actions by the administration – including the revocation of student use privileges. The administration may also contact the Mill Valley Police Department for serious infractions.

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Consequences for Most Common Infractions

Infraction	1st Offense	Repeated Offense(s)
Being Disrespectful	*Conference/warning, parents notified by teacher or administration *Severity of infraction may lead to immediate consequences ranging from Wednesday School to Suspension	*Additional referral and conference with administration and parent notification *Consequences ranging from Office Lunch to suspension (cumulative)
Acting in an Unsafe manner	*Conference/warning, parents notified by teacher or administration *Severity of infraction may lead to immediate consequences ranging from Wednesday School to Suspension	*Additional referral and conference with administration and parent notification *Consequences ranging from Office Lunch to Suspension (cumulative)
Arriving late To school or Class (tardy)	*5 tardies in a trimester = parents and student notified, warning *30 minute or more unexcused tardy is automatic Wednesday School	*10 tardies in a trimester = parents and student notified, Wednesday School *Each tardy after ten in a trimester is an Office Lunch *Additional Wednesday School at 17 and 25 tardies, parents and student notified, possible SARB hearing
Using Electronics/ Technology Inappropriately	*Confiscated for the day, parent notified and returned to student *Automatic Wednesday School for using cell phone in a manner not directed by teacher *Inappropriateness of use may lead to immediate consequences ranging from Wednesday School to Suspension	*2 nd offense - confiscated until the end of following day, parent notified, returned to student *3 rd offense - confiscated for a week, parents notified, returned to parents and Wednesday School *Additional offenses – confiscated for two weeks, parents notified, Wednesday School
Dressing Inappropriately For the learning Environment	*Student asked to change or remains in office until parent brings clothes that are appropriate for the learning environment	*Student asked to change or remains in office until parent brings clothes that are appropriate for the learning environment *Wednesday School for each additional dress code violations
Cheating on an Assignment, test, Project, or quiz	*No credit on the assignment or test *Conference with administration and parents notified *Academic Honesty contracted signed	*2 nd offense – no credit on assignment or test, suspension, parent and student conference with administration *3 rd offense – all of the above and student will be at risk of failing the course

We acknowledged that we have read and reviewed these policies, including the additional polices set forth in the Student handbook, found at www.mvschools.org/ms

Student Name (Print): _____ **Signature:** _____

Parent/Guardian (Print): _____ **Signature:** _____