

Code of Conduct

The goal of R.I. Baker Middle School is to develop responsible, caring and respectful members of society. If we wish our students and school to be successful, we need well defined expectations in the areas of academics and behavior.

A student's first responsibility is to be actively pursuing his/her studies at RIBMS. It is the goal of RIBMS staff to assist students with their learning. When a student chooses not to take an active role in pursuing his/her studies, there will be consequences, most importantly, the negative impact on the said student's academic progress. Other consequences may also be determined by administration after conferring with teaching staff. Students will achieve their greatest success when they recognize that academics are the priority at RIBMS.

RIBMS's Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for student conduct. Certain rights and responsibilities must be recognized in order to make our school community a safe place where all can achieve their potential.

In this regard, students will:

1. Demonstrate a commitment to maintaining a safe and caring school
2. Conduct themselves so as to reasonably comply with the following:
 - a. be diligent in pursuing their studies
 - b. attend school regularly
 - c. comply fully with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services
 - d. comply with the rules of the school
 - e. Account to their teachers for their conduct
 - f. Respect the rights of others
3. Be answerable for their conduct to the administration of their school in the school building, during all time that they are on school grounds, and during all school sponsored activities, regardless of their location
4. Be informed of this code of conduct and the possible consequences of non-compliance

The school rules are based on common sense. If a student chooses not to comply with the rules and expectations, disciplinary action will be taken.

Consequences will be determined by the severity of the misbehavior and may include any of the following:

- a. Time out(s)/detention(s)
- b. Loss of privileges: field trips, dances, class/grade celebrations, extra-curricular activities etc.
- c. In school suspension (ISS) for ½ or full day(s)
- d. Out of school suspension (OSS). The principal may suspend a student from school for up to five days.
- e. Expulsion: The School Board, upon recommendation from a principal, can expel a student from school.