



D.M. Therrell High School

Minor vs. Major Behavior Clarifications



Always be **PUNCTUAL**. Always be **PREPARED**. Always be **PROFESSIONAL**. Always be **POSITIVE**. Always be **PERSISTENT**.

Behavior	Minor (Teacher Managed)	Major (Office Managed)
Disrespect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not working/Unfinished work • Not participating in group work • Making faces/ Rolling eyes • Huffing, signing, etc. • Arguing/defiance – Inappropriate Response to Teacher Request • Ignoring a teacher/not responding to a teacher • Uncooperative behavior • Talking back • Cheating/Lying • Leaving assigned area • Minor object stealing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blatant or excessive non-compliance or defiance • “F-you”, flipping off, etc. • Repetitive minor incidences that normal classroom consequences are not addressing • Leaving campus/hiding from staff • Forgery • Theft of major objects or pattern of minor stealing that is ongoing
Disruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making noises • Constant talking • Yelling Out or Blurting • Disruption during instruction • Throwing objects • Out of seat • Not listening • Not following directions • Tardy to class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screaming/Yelling excessively • Students cannot learn • Out of control behavior in the extreme • Throwing objects with the intent to cause harm • Excessive pattern of absence, tardy or truancy • Walk out of class
Dress Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in appropriate uniform shirt, tan or black khaki bottoms, or red/black jacket • No Tie (11th and 12th grade only) • Sandals/Slides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gang related apparel • Ongoing pattern of dress code violations
Inappropriate Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative talk • Name calling • Teasing • Swearing • Verbal argument/disagreement • Rude or disrespectful language • Talking back • Peer Conflict (balance of power) • Mean comments that hurt feelings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blatant or excessive swearing • Offensive/harassing language • Excessively vulgar language • Severe verbal threats against anyone • Gang harassment • Harassment (racial, sexual, religious, gender, ability) • Intimidation • Bullying (imbalance of power)
Property Damage/Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defacing books, pencils, pens, crayons, classroom supplies, PE equipment • Minor vandalism (such as writing on desk or other’s property) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive defacing of peer/teacher/school property • Vandalism (breakage, spray paint or permanent damage) • Use of combustibles (fire crackers, snaps, etc.) • Stealing major items from peers/adults • Pushing over furniture • Arson/setting fires
Physical Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bumping into another person • Play hitting/ horseplay • Touching someone else/ poking • Pushing/ Shoving • Tripping • Reckless Physical Behavior such as: play hitting/ horseplay/ flicking/ pinching/ teasing-messing around intent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fighting • Loss of control out of anger • Hitting/punching/spitting/scratching/biting with intent to harm- anger related • Physical intimidation • Sexual misconduct • Physical aggression/ Assault • Repeated minor physical contact/ aggression
Technology Violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texting at inappropriate times • Cell phone on during class/ringtone • Earbuds in at inappropriate times • Cell phone not in backpack/purse/locker/pocket • Off-task computer behavior • On a website without permission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuses to give tech equipment to the staff member • Accessing “off limit” and inappropriate websites on school computer • Bullying/ Harassment type messages on school tech equipment
Other <i>*Specify in brief note*</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bomb Threat • Alcohol/drug/tobacco/weapons possession • Repeated “minor offenses” in any category listed.