

DUMBARTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



CODE OF CONDUCT - Expectations

As a Dumbarton student, I am:

1. *respectful*
2. *responsible*
3. *resilient*
3. *ready to learn*

In order to maintain a respectful, safe, and secure learning environment, I will:

1. *follow the directions given by all staff members and adhere to the DMS dress code.*
2. *attend all classes and be on time unless lawfully excused by an absence note.*
3. *turn off electronic devices such as cell phones, I-pods/MP3 players or any wireless communication devices and store them out of sight during school hours.*
4. *walk and talk in the halls using appropriate language and an indoor voice.*
5. *speak in a respectful manner and tone when interacting with other students and staff.*
6. *secure my backpack/large bag/large purse in my locker.*
7. *strive to earn grades of Honor Roll status (all A's/B's and one C) or above.*
8. *seek assistance in order to achieve at the highest level possible.*

Dumbarton Middle School focuses on creating a learner-centered environment which includes personalized learning which meets the individual needs of students and provides opportunities for collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking which are essential skills in the twenty-first century. DMS is also BCPS Lighthouse middle school which will be piloting the digital conversion with our sixth graders this year.

Learner-centered environments:

- *are spaces where students construct knowledge through discovery & synthesizing information in order to create, inspire and innovate*
- *encourage students to reflect on what they are learning and how they are learning it.*
- *rely on collaboration between students and teachers and parents.*
- *are based on the philosophy of a growth mindset and emphasize that grappling with learning, re-doing and improving work is admirable and the path to high levels of achievement.*



CREATE!
INSPIRE!
INNOVATE!

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