

**Discipline Policy** 

To our Legacy families:

Welcome to another exciting year at Legacy the School of Sport Sciences! The 2021-2022 school year was full of so much success academically and athletically. As Legacy enters its 5<sup>th</sup> year in operation, we want to continue the tradition of academic and athletic success and ensure that all of our families are on board with Legacy policies. We have high expectations not just for ourselves as faculty and staff, but for our students who enjoy the endless opportunities presented to them here at Legacy.

At the beginning of the year, teachers and staff will have conversations with your students regarding daily expectations. We will encourage students to make good decisions while pursuing the Legacy Way: Be where you are supposed to be, do what you are supposed to do, in pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. The following document will outline student expectations and highlight the importance of following the Student Code of Conduct (https://www.legacycmhs.org/documents-and-forms). Furthermore, this document serves to outline the processes and consequences for violating these policies.

We look forward to having a great year with you all! Our students benefit the most from all of us working together to continue the tradition of serving students and providing opportunities for success.



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# **Disciplinary Steps**

### **Step 1: Student Communication/Redirection**

It is Legacy's goal to build relationships with all students. If a student is distracting class, breaking Student Code of Conduct or engaging in behavior or activity that violates Legacy policy, a conversation will be held. For minor offenses, our philosophy is to talk with students and counsel them through their decision-making processes. Extending grace through this learning process will always be the base of our philosophy. If a student refuses to listen to this communication from their teacher, staff or Administrators on campus, our Behavior Specialist (Coach Bishop) will be contacted to pull the student from class to determine next steps.

For repeat behavior, students may be referred to Legacy's Court in which their offense will be evaluated, and a jury of their peers will decide their consequence. For example, if a student continues to violate the dress code, they will be referred to court. The court may decide a consequence as minor as assisting staff on campus during their off period. The Dean of Students (Shantel Thomas) and/or Principal Butler, will determine or affirm final consequences.

### Step 2: Coach Bishop/Parent Involvement

If students are unwilling to cooperate following communication, they will be immediately referred to Coach Bishop for disciplinary action. Coach Bishop will continue to counsel the student through their decision-making process but will contact parents regarding the behavior. Your support through these situations will hopefully curb the repeat behavior we are seeing. We would like to ensure that your student does not miss valuable class time moving forward for things within their control.

### **Step 3: Consequences**

When the above processes do not work, more serious consequences will be implemented. These can include (but not limited to) the following:

-Suspension from all extracurricular activities (Practices and/or games included)

-Losing the privilege to leave campus during lunch (for Juniors and Seniors)

-Lunch Detention

-Titan Community Service

-Losing the privilege to drive and park on campus.

-Disqualification from school/senior events

-Disqualification from the graduation ceremony

-Other consequences as outlined by the Student Code of Conduct (<u>https://www.legacycmhs.org/documents-and-forms</u>)

## **Step 4: Serious Offenses**

In order to keep Legacy a safe space, we reserve the right under state law and district policy to immediately remove students from campus. These offenses can include (but not limited to):

Threatening or following through with physical harm to others
Smoking, drinking and doing other drugs on campus
Possessing drug paraphernalia (including vape products)
Having drug contraband on campus
Threatening teachers and peers with gross acts of physical harm
Possession of weapons on campus
Assault (as outlined by the Texas Penal Code)
Theft

### **Behavior Contract:**

If your student continues to violate the Legacy Student Code of Conduct, they may be placed on a behavior contract. Parent/Student involvement is imperative to student success. Every effort will be made to work with students and their parents to resolve behavioral issues by helping the student learn acceptable boundaries, self-control, problem-solving techniques, and effective communication strategies. Students who are disrespectful to their peers, teachers, staff or who continually disrupt the learning environment may be removed from the Legacy SSS program. Additionally, a violation of a Behavior Contract elicits removal from the Legacy SSS program.

For questions or clarification regarding Legacy's policies, please give us a call. (713) 400-7848. You can also reach out to us online via "Let's Talk" @ legacycmhs.org.