

PURPOSE: To allow minor profanity between students on floors 2-5 of each dormitory excluding lobbies

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

SECTION ONE (DEFINITIONS):

Minor profanity: profanity not used with the intention of degradation, hate speech, or disrespect

SECTION TWO (REASONING):

MSMS prides itself on its ability to allow students to express creativity. Creativity can take many forms. For some, expression of emotion includes swearing. In private spaces and without being used with the intention of harming another student or disrespecting faculty, students should be able to exercise their First Amendment right of free speech.

What kind of school silences the voice of their students? I believe cursing or swearing can be expressed minorly and can add to the impact of sentences. Teachers frequently use minor curse words in class to get their point across. Does this clause in the handbook imply that students are held to a different moral code than faculty? Does this clause in the handbook imply that students shall become mundane clones of each other with no inflection in their speech? If cursing is not used in a manner that disobeys preexisting noise compliance policies or as a method to spread hatred or disrespect, I do not see the problem.

SECTION THREE (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

OFFENSE	CONSEQUENCE
1. Running in building/playing sports in building/HORSE PLAY (in or out of buildings) without injury or damage 2. SWEARING (using profanities, vulgarities, or obscenities) 2. USING VULGAR/OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IN FLOOR ONE OR LOBBIES OF ANY DORMITORY (using vulgarities or obscenities with the intention of disrespect or hate speech) 3. LEAVING THE RESIDENCE HALL without permission when at least one class has been missed during the day or being out of the room when confined to bed rest 4. FAILURE TO SEE STAFF within 24 hours to discuss rule violation 5. LIGHTS ON after lights out time, or objects under door 6. QUIET TIME DISRUPTIONS 7. Not at ROOM CHECK; no prior arrangement made 8. Disturbing others or making excessive NOISE 9. FAILURE TO SIGN OUT/IN (accidental) for field trips, mentorships, going home on weekend, etc. 10. Being on the TELEPHONE after lights out (public or personal phone) 11. SIGNING IN LATE, other than at curfew, without authorization 12. SITTING ON air units or the backs of couches or chairs, or having shoes on upholstered furniture 13. ROOM INSPECTION - did not pass inspection (including extended weekend & holiday room checks) 14. Failure to demonstrate proper CLEANLINESS as evidenced by no straightening or cleaning up after oneself or putting personal trash in a common or unauthorized area. 15. DISRESPECT/NONCOMPLIANCE	FIRST OFFENSE: • Written warning SECOND OFFENSE: • Extra work service assignment (2 hours) THIRD OFFENSE: • Saturday School (4 hours) FOURTH OFFENSE: • Weekend residence hall restriction FIFTH OFFENSE • Referral to administration as level II SIXTH OFFENSE: • Parent conference required • Referral to administration as level II or III (at the discretion of the administrator)