

**PURPOSE:** To incorporate odor as a part of weekly room inspections.

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE**

**SECTION ONE (DEFINITIONS):**

Pungent odors: Intense and penetrating smells that are particularly unpleasant and offensive to the senses.

**SECTION TWO (REASONING):**

MSMS students are expected to uphold the hygienic standards that are set for them and room inspections are used to enforce these standards. While the inspections serve as a good way to upkeep hygiene, it should not solely focus on physical cleanliness and should also focus on non-physical cleanliness such as odor. It is generally frowned upon when someone smells bad from not practicing good hygiene such as not using deodorant or not frequently showering and this ideology should be the same for living spaces.

I believe that the incorporation of odor into room inspections would positively impact cleanliness as a whole and promote the general welfare of MSMS residential halls.

**SECTION THREE (SPECIFIC CHANGE):**

On page 93 of the student handbook (PDF 99), under the section “Housekeeping/Inspection,” the following would be changed to:

RL.48. Students are responsible for cleaning their rooms. Cleaning supplies and equipment are provided for this purpose. In addition to the periodic unannounced health and welfare checks described above, a weekly room inspection will take place (or more frequently if deemed necessary by the residence hall staff) to maintain a healthy living environment for everyone.

RL.49. Failure to pass room inspection will result in disciplinary action. Although inspections occur weekly, a basic degree of cleanliness is expected at all times. All rooms will undergo a full inspection after students leave the building for holidays and extended weekends. The purpose of room inspection is to insure cleanliness, safety, wellness, and a climate conducive to learning. Room inspections include, but are not limited to:

- beds, dressers, desks, sinks, vanities, closets, refrigerators, vents, windows, blinds, carpets, woodwork, and any other type of furniture, or equipment, a student has brought into the room. The staff will also check to be sure there are no unauthorized items in the room and that trash has been removed.

- Students must ensure no pungent odors or foul-smelling items are present during inspections.

RL.50. Students may not skip room inspection by taking a write-up for not being prepared for room inspection. They will be issued the write-up and given 30 minutes to clean and prepare the room for inspection.

RL.51. Students who repeatedly fail to meet room cleanliness standards may have their sign-out privileges suspended until the room is thoroughly cleaned. Some students are assigned to clean the common areas in their residence hall, and such an assignment may serve to fulfill all or part of their work service obligation; however, it is the responsibility of all who live in the hall to assist in its cleanliness and general upkeep by cleaning up after themselves and reporting problems.

#### **SECTION FOUR (APPENDIX):**

##### **RESPONSE ONE (ANONYMOUS FRAZER RESIDENT):**

“I think this bill would positively impact the cleanliness of Frazer Hall, help students practice better hygiene, and learn life skills.”