



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

COOK-WISSAHICKON SCHOOL

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Michael Lowe, Principal

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Dear Middle School Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the middle school demerit system. The middle school team and the specialist teachers use an online form to administer and track demerits for every child in grades 6-8. Demerits are given for unwanted classroom infractions/ such as disruption of instruction, disrespectful attitude, etc. After a student receives a 5th demerit, s/he will be referred to the Dean of Students for violation of **Code of Student Conduct Rule 1a-Failure to Follow Classroom Rules/Disruption**. Students will continue to be referred to Dean of Students for every 5th demerit they receive. Consequences will be meted out in a progressive manner:

| Demerits | Consequence   |
|----------|---|
| 5        | lunch detention   |
| 10       | after-school detention  |
| 15       | 2 after-school detentions   |
| 20       | in-school suspension/Saturday school, parent conference & cannot attend trips |
| 25       | 2 days in-school suspension & cannot attend any special middle school events  |
| 30       | 3 days in-school suspension & cannot participate in middle school sports      |
| 40       | No end-of-year activities (field day, commencement, etc)                      |

While consequences can be unpleasant, we feel they are important because they hold students accountable for their actions. Please help support your child with managing his/her own behavior. We ask that you and your child sign below to affirm that you have read and understand this policy.

Thank you for your support as always,

Mr. Gray

Dean of Students

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_