

Student Conduct

The student discipline plan for Newton High School is based on the belief that high-school age students are capable of making positive choices concerning their behavior and that these choices protect the rights of others, particularly as it relates to a safe and orderly school environment.

When problems are recognized with a student's behavior, the discipline guidelines provide objective guidance for school administration in dealing with concerns. The discipline guidelines are organized in three categories. Category III contains the most severe and serious student behaviors. The severity of the behaviors decreases through Categories II and I.

Each category has a "point value" assigned to the student behaviors, along with an administrative consequence for each behavior. All students begin each school year with zero points. If a student accumulates **twenty-five points**, a conference will be held involving the student, parents, administration, and others as appropriate. If a student accumulates **fifty points**, a formal hearing will be held to possibly remove the student from further attendance at Newton High School. Points accumulate on a yearly basis. If a student is removed from school attendance for a period of time less than the end of a school year, the student returns to school with a balance of twenty-five points.