



**Ogden Preparatory Academy**  
Parent Handbook  
2009-2010

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of Ogden Preparatory Academy, through a bilingual education, is to create an environment where our students will gain:

- A passion for lifelong learning
- Respect for themselves and others
- Confidence in their own abilities
- Competence to thrive as productive and responsible citizens in the global community

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## OPA Eagles' Standards of Conduct

Each student is expected to:

**R**emember to exemplify yourself as a honorable student of Ogden Preparatory Academy. *Actions speak louder than words.*

**E**veryone has the right to be in a safe place. *Keep your hands and feet to yourself.*

**S**peak when it is appropriate, not when it is time to listen. *Do not interrupt.*

**P**articipate in class. *Work with your teachers and peers. Follow directions.*

**E**ngage yourself. *Commit to do something meaningful.*

**C**ontrol yourself. *Have power over your actions.*

**T**reat others like you want to be treated. *Be kind to one another.*

## Goals of Ogden Preparatory Academy

The students of our school will:

- Demonstrate the ability to identify, plan for, pursue and reach their academic objectives
- Demonstrate responsible behavior and contribute to the well-being of the community
- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation for the diversity of our school and our community

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### **Administration/Office**

Kathleen Thornburg - Principal  
Robert Mitchell - Vice Principal  
Ilene Painter - OPA Secretary  
Brandy Beckman - MOPA Secretary

#### **Office Hours**

7:50AM – 4:00PM

#### **Phone Numbers:**

##### ***OPA***

*East Building* (Grades K-4):  
(801)627-2066  
(801)394-2267 (fax)

##### ***MOPA***

*West Building* (Grades 5-9):  
(801)627-3066  
(801) 395-2267 (fax)

### **Message from the Principal:**

Welcome to our school community! Ogden Preparatory Academy continues to provide quality education and academic opportunities for all of its students. We reach out and challenge students who excel and provide interventions for students who need extra help. Our test scores continue to improve due to the hard work of the staff and the students' engagement in their coursework.

Character Education permeates our curriculum and our standards for behavior. Students work better and are more productive when they know they are in a safe environment. Respect is the key word. We give it and expect it from each other.

As a charter school, we need your help. We look forward to working with your student and you for the 2009-10 school year. Working as a team, we can provide the optimum education for all our children.

## Daily Schedule

### Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Daily Schedule (East Building):

7:45AM – 8:05AM	Breakfast (served in West building)
8:25 AM	First Bell
8:30 AM	Tardy Bell
11:30 AM	Lunch Starts
11:30 AM	AM Kindergarten Dismissal
12:00 PM	PM Kindergarten Tardy Bell
3:00 PM	Dismissal

### 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Daily Schedule (West Building):

7:40 AM – 8:05 AM	Breakfast (served in West building)
8:05 AM	First Bell
8:10 AM	Tardy Bell
3:00 PM	Dismissal 5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> grade

## Eagles' Rules and Regulations A-Z

### **Always on Time**

Students are encouraged to always be on time for class. Late students disrupt the teaching/learning environment for all. Timeliness is emphasized by the Always on Time (AOT) Program. On a specific day teachers will be asked to lock their doors. After the bell rings, students in the halls on those days will be issued one block of detention.

### **Assembly Behavior**

Assemblies are planned for student learning and enjoyment. Students are expected to be orderly while entering the gymnasium and sit with their classes. Students who disrupt the assembly will be removed and referred for appropriate disciplinary action. This may include detention, suspension or the student forfeiting their opportunity

to attend assemblies for the remainder of the year.

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

**Arrival:** Students will not be permitted in the school buildings prior to 7:30 AM.

**Dismissal:** Dismissal procedures are important for staff and students. Teachers attend weekly staff meetings and prepare for the next school day. Students are ready to go home after an intensive, productive day of study. For these reasons, it is imperative to pick up your student in a timely manner at the end of the day. To ensure that all parents are aware of the expectations for dismissal, the following policy was approved by the OPA Board of Directors.

- Students must be picked up no later than 30 minutes after dismissal time.

Dismissal Times:

AM Kindergarten	11:30 AM
PM Kindergarten	3:00 PM
OPA	3:00 PM
MOPA	3:00 PM

- A record will be kept of students left at school for more than 30 minutes after dismissal time.
- After the third occurrence, an evaluation will be made regarding further action. The administration will then determine whether or not the Department of Family and Child Services will be contacted.

**Attendance**

**Legal Parameters.** Parents/guardians are required by state law to see that their students attend school regularly. Students are expected to attend classes on time every school day. All students are expected to be in school with a 95% attendance rate. All parents have signed a contract to have their children in school at least 95% of the time. Please plan your vacation schedule around the students' vacation time. Please access our website for the 2008-09 calendar. Do not use children for babysitting during the school day. Health appointments need to take place outside the school day, if possible.

**Check-in/Check-out.** If a child is checking in or out, a parent/guardian must sign the appropriate sheet in the office. If a student is 15 minutes late to school, the parent must come in with the student and sign the student In/Out record sheet. School personnel must make personal contact with the

parent/guardian before the child can leave. A child will not be released from school to anyone but the legal guardian or designated adult by the parent/guardian on the emergency form. Parents should ensure that this information is current.

**Excusing Absences.** For educational and safety reasons, parent/guardian notice is required for any absence. If your child is ill, or if there is an emergency, call OPA at 627-2066 and MOPA at 627-3066. We have a voice mail system so absences may be reported at any time.

If a pattern of absences is noted, the OPA School Attendance Remediation Plan will be initiated. We are held accountable for each student's academic progress. Your student is required to attend school 95% of the school year. If a child is not in school, he/she will miss the academic instruction that is targeting acquisition of the Utah State Core. Attending school is one facet of teaching responsibility. Children need to learn and value being to "work" on time and prepared every day. Parents must take a critical role in making this happen.

**Tardiness.** Students who come to school after the tardy bell must check in at the office and pick up a tardy slip. The school does not excuse tardiness.

**Truancies** (sluffing). Students are considered truant when they are out of class or school without an official excuse. The law requires parents to see that their students attend school regularly. Discipline for truancy will be handled by the administration.

Teachers are not obligated to allow students to make-up assignments or tests that have been missed due to truancy. Parent conferences will be

required if students are continually absent or truant. Parents are welcome to request assistance. If reasonable efforts and interventions do not remedy the problem sufficiently, students will be referred to Juvenile Court.

#### **Background Checks**

In accordance with State Law, volunteers who work with minors without direct supervision from school staff are subject to background checks. These checks along with fingerprinting of volunteers are performed by the police department. Volunteers who require a background check must sign a waiver. All background checks are kept confidential. If you have questions regarding background checks please contact the school office or Academica West at (801) 444 - 9378.

#### **Backpacks/Book Bags/Purses**

Due to safety, health and space concerns, backpacks/book bags/purses must be left in lockers or in the hall hook area during the school day.

#### **Being Prepared for Class**

If you find your student having a problem in class, please ask their teacher for help or contact the school. An unprepared student can disrupt a whole classroom. In an effort to cut back on students being tardy to class, unannounced AOT (Always on Time) drills will be conducted. Teachers will lock their doors after the bell has rung. Students in the halls and late for class will be required to serve 1 block of detention.

#### **Business Hours**

Office hours are 7:50 am to 4:00 pm. Students are expected to leave the building no later than 30 minutes after dismissal unless under the supervision of teachers/advisors or parents. Conferences with teachers should be

pre-arranged either before or after school. Our teachers are very busy with students during school hours, please be considerate of their time.

#### **Books**

Textbooks are very expensive. Please talk with your student about taking good care of these books. We encourage you to cover the books with book covers or with grocery bag paper. Do not use contact paper on these books. The students are responsible for the condition of returned books and will pay monetary charges if damage is incurred.

#### **Cell Phones**

Cell phones may only be turned on and used before and after school hours. If a cell phone is heard or seen during school hours, it will be confiscated, sent to the administration and only returned to a parent. If you choose to bring a cell phone to school, it should be turned off during the school day and placed in your locker, backpack or purse.

**Please reference Electronic Device consequence rubric.**

#### **Citizenship**

Students are representatives of this school and take pride in responsible behavior. Each child is accountable for their behavior. Teachers set examples for students and teach them through acknowledgement, praise and role-modeling.

#### **Closed Campus**

OPA is a closed campus. No student is permitted to leave the school grounds at any time during regular school hours without appropriately checking out through the office. Students are not to leave at lunch unless they are cleared through the office beforehand by a parent and there is sufficient time to return to school without being tardy or

absent for the next class. Students and visitors must enter and exit through the front doors of both buildings. The North-West doors of the West building are not to be used during school hours.

#### **Communication/ Newsletter**

Newsletters from teachers, administration, or parental organizations will be periodically sent home. Please check your children's backpacks for communication from the office on Wednesdays.

#### **Computer Usage**

Computers are available for student use in each classroom and in computer labs in both buildings. Students must have teacher's permission to use classroom computers. All students must sign the Internet User Agreement form before accessing the internet. If this agreement is broken disciplinary actions will be taken.

#### **Curriculum**

The Utah State Core Curriculum will serve as the minimum basis for academic requirement for advancement and graduation. The school's curriculum and student expectations will exceed the standards of the Utah State Core Curriculum.

We will participate in the End-of-Level testing in May. The emphasis of this testing is proficiency in Language Arts, Math and Science. Throughout the year, teachers will assess proficiency in each of these subject areas and adjust instruction based on test results.

#### **Dances**

Dances are planned at Middle Ogden Preparatory Academy. Prices for tickets are kept to a minimum. School dress code is the minimum acceptable attire for dances.

#### **Dance Rules:**

- Once students have been admitted to the dance, they can only leave if they do not plan to return to the dance. Students will not be let in and out for any reason.
- Students must maintain appropriate behavior while attending student dances. Any student who deviates from policies and procedures as outlined in the student handbook will be removed from the dance and appropriate action taken.
- Slam dancing, dirty dancing, or any dancing deemed inappropriate by the person in charge is prohibited and violators will be asked to leave the dance.
- Only students from OPA/MOPA are allowed to attend dances.
- If a student has received a detention/suspension within the past 30 days prior to a dance, they may not attend.

#### **Discipline**

Ogden Preparatory Academy will provide students a safe, challenging academic environment. To ensure this environment, a school wide discipline plan is implemented and carried out by all staff members. Parents will be involved at every level of intervention. Students enrolled at OPA agree to accept the rules and adhere to promoting a positive, healthy school environment.

While working to maintain a productive learning environment in the classroom, OPA realizes there are incidents where

discipline will be needed. Our forms of discipline are outlined below.

**Detention:** Detention is used as a disciplinary tool and will be used to warn students their behavior is unacceptable. When teachers, administrators or staff feel a student has broken rules to the point that discipline is necessary, the student may be required to serve detention. Detention will be served in blocks of 45 minutes each. Detention will be served every day after school from 3:15-4:00. There are three levels of detention. The level of detention assigned is determined by the severity of the discipline issue. If a student does not appear for their block of detention, more detention time will be assigned.

**Reasons for detention include but are not limited to:**

- Disruptive behavior in the classroom, school or on school property
- Three tardies in a quarter
- Three times a student is without a planner
- Three times without a visible name badge
- Non-compliance with the dress code
- Disrespect for other students, faculty, and staff
- Unprepared for class
- Throwing things
- Public displays of affection
- Defacing/destroying school property
- Use of vulgarity, profanity, or use of obscene gestures
- Bullying
- Hazing
- Note writing and passing
- Cheating

- Violation of the “no touch” policy
- Littering in the halls or school grounds
- Illegal electronic device usage
- Other

**Suspension.** At all times, OPA’s administrators have the authority to suspend a student. The length of suspension can be 1-10 days.

**Reasons for suspension include but are not limited to:**

- After five detentions, a student could be suspended for 1-10 days
- Continued deliberate disobedience/disrespect displayed
- Negative behavior that disrupts students, teachers or the learning environment
- Behavior that has a negative effect on the image of the school
- Failure of the student to comply with disciplinary action of the school
- Fighting
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Harassment
- Other

If a student is suspended, parents will be called and expected to pick up their student immediately.

Students who have been suspended from school must not come on campus during the suspension period, not even for extracurricular activities.

To be reinstated, students will return to school accompanied by a parent/guardian for a conference with an administrator.

Following a second suspension, a contract between all parties will be drawn up outlining behavior the student needs to engage in to stay enrolled at the school. If the contract is broken the student may be recommended for expulsion.

**Expulsion.** If the behavior contract is not adhered to or there are repeated problems with a student's behavior, expulsion from school will be considered. The principal will refer the matter to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors in executive session will review the student's history and will make the final decision.

**No Tolerance Issues.** These are the items that fall under OPA's No Tolerance Policy which can result in immediate suspension and/or expulsion. Issues may include but are not limited to:

- The selling, possession, and use of illegal drugs (The use of tobacco and alcohol, under age, is an illegal activity)
- Possession of any type or look-alike weapon on school property
- A serious breach of conduct such as:
  - a. Life threatening or intimidating actions
  - b. Sexual harassment
  - c. Pornography
  - d. Bullying
  - e. Obscenities
  - f. Computer Use Contract violation
  - g. Vandalism of other student's or school property
  - h. Aggression
  - i. Insubordination
  - j. Stealing

k. Matches, lighters, or other fire starting devices

#### **Directors**

OPA is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board meets every 2nd Tuesday at 4:00 PM. in the MOPA Library. These meetings are open. The OPA Board makes all policy decisions for OPA. For information on individual Board members, look on the school website.

#### **Dress Code**

All students are expected to take pride in their appearance and to dress and groom in a manner that will not distract from the academic environment at OPA. This means clothing must be modest, and promote a safe environment. It is the responsibility of parents and students to ensure compliance with the dress code.

- Shirts may be either solid white, hunter green or navy blue with or without the school logo. They must have a collar and be long enough to remain tucked in.
- They can be long or short sleeved
- Capped sleeved are not allowed
- Shirts worn under the outer shirt must be either hunter green, white or navy blue
- Pants must be khaki or navy blue corduroys or Docker-type. No stretch material or denim jeans of any color may be worn
- Pants may be no larger than one size from a student's fitted size
- Pants must stay fitted around the waist

- Belts are required if pants do not stay at the waistline
- Hooded sweatshirts may not be worn in class
- White or navy blue sweaters and vests with no hoods may be worn in class
- All students must wear closed toe and closed heel shoes with socks
- Body piercing is limited to earrings only
- No enlarged ear piercing allowed
- Hair must be clean, well-groomed and not distracting. Only natural human hair colors will be allowed.
- Hats or head gear are prohibited
- Boys will be clean shaven
- Modesty is required for all girls' shirts
- Camisoles must not be visible

**Girls:** A choice of pants/capris, shorts, skirts or skorts that are no more than two inches above the knee. Midriff must remain covered. A simple test to be done at home to check shirt length is to have the student raise her hand to see if the midriff is covered.

**Boys:** A choice of pants or knee length shorts.

#### **Emergency Lockdown Procedures**

A principal or administrative staff will activate the Emergency Lockdown Procedure when the safety and welfare of the students, faculty or staff are in danger. This can be because a breach of physical security or protocol has happened, or when notified by authorities of a dangerous situation in close proximity to the facility such as a

fleeing or violent felon in the area or an act of terrorism.

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

Participation in inter-scholastic athletics, student government, student clubs, ceremonies and other extracurricular activities is a privilege not a constitutionally protected civil right. Students given such privilege are representatives of OPA and are expected to exemplify OPA standards at all times. Eligibility is based on citizenship and a GPA of 2.5. Students who are suspended or expelled may lose the privilege of participating in all extracurricular activities during the period of discipline.

#### **Field Trips**

Student participation in school field trips will be based upon the discretion of the teachers and their evaluation of the student's academic performance and behavior. If participation is not granted, 24 hour notice will be given to parents.

#### **Fighting**

Fighting will not be tolerated at school or at any school function or school-sponsored activity. Students who fight, threaten, or are audience to a fight will be suspended and suffer appropriate legal consequences. People who promote, instigate, or encourage fighting will like-wise be held responsible.

#### **Fire Alarms and Evacuations**

All individuals in the school building must exit the building immediately under adult supervision when the alarm sounds. Evacuation maps and procedures are posted in each classroom. If the alarm sounds at times other than during class, each student must assemble where her/his homeroom teacher has designated as their meeting area.

In case of long-term evacuation, students will go with their classroom teachers to the OPA or MOPA building.

### **Food Services**

We expect students to demonstrate good citizenship and proper manners in the cafeteria. Unsatisfactory behavior will not be tolerated.

**Payment** for food services can be made by cash or check at the front office and is expected to be paid before meals are given. Please be sure to retain your receipts until the end of the year.

Reminder notices will be sent home with your student(s).

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
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Reduced	\$ .30	\$ .40
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Full Pay	\$ .80	\$1.50
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**Breakfast** will be served from 7:40 to 8:05 a.m. in the West Building.

Students in Kindergarten through 4th grades will be escorted to the East Building at 8:10 a.m.

**Lunch** will be available each day in both buildings.

### **Grades and Progress Reports**

Because each student's academic progress is extremely important, the school will communicate student progress in several ways:

**Student Status Reports.** Administrators and teachers will initiate progress reports if concerns arise regarding a student's progress. Parents/guardians may also request progress reports by accessing PowerGrade. Each student will have his/her own account and password. These will be issued at the beginning of the year.

**Report Cards.** Report cards will be sent home with students the week following the end of each term. Each term's grades will appear on the student's permanent record.

If parents/students have questions concerning grades, they should contact the teacher(s) immediately.

### **Grading Scale**

Grades are figured as follows:

A+	97-100%	C	73-76%
A	93-96%	C-	70-72%
A-	90-92%	D+	67-69%
B+	87-89%	D	63-66%
B	83-86%	D-	60-62%
B-	80-82%	F	0-59%
C+	77-79%		

### **Gum**

Gum chewing is not allowed. If a student is breaking the rule by chewing gum, detentions will be assigned.

### **Hall Passes**

Hall passes will be issued by the teacher during class if a student needs to access his/her locker, visit another classroom or go to the office. Students should use the restroom before school, during lunch, during passing time between classes and after school. In the event of an emergency, a student may sign-out and then sign back in to class.

<i>Behavior in the halls should reflect the standards of respect, safety and appropriate manners.</i>
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### **Harassment,**

### **Hazing and Initiations**

Harassment is defined as unwanted verbal or physical advances or threats. The difference between fun and harassment is how it makes the victim feel. Harassment, hazing, or initiations of any type are not permitted in school or extracurricular activities. Students guilty of harassment of any type, threats, hazing, intimidation or initiations may be suspended and/or referred to law enforcement for disciplinary action.

### **Homework Recovery**

The administration and teachers at Ogden Preparatory Academy Middle School want you to be a successful student. In order to help you, we have established a homework recovery policy and tutoring option. Please review the teacher's disclosure statement for further information.

### **Honor Code**

Integrity is an individual's most important asset. Honesty and respect for one another are important traits to develop and maintain not only for a successful school year but for the experiences of life. Therefore, this school will not tolerate lying, cheating or stealing.

Violations of the honor code may result in detention, suspension or expulsion. Cheating violations will result in a grade of 0 on the assignment or test and detention. Continued violations may result in a letter grade of "F" for the quarter and suspension.

Students and parents agree to accept the responsibility of the honor code by the act of enrollment at Ogden Preparatory Academy.

### **Images and Video**

Due to technological advancements, video and still images are easily taken, even using cell phones. Any use of a camera or imaging device in the school must be approved by the administration. Inappropriate use will be referred for disciplinary action; criminal use will be referred for legal action.

### **Immunizations**

The State of Utah has legislated (HB 27 and HB9) that no student may attend a public school unless a certificate of immunization is on file at the school or parents/guardians have shown sufficient evidence of exemption. Immunizations

must be given by a licensed physician or representative of the County Health Department.

### **Labeling**

Please label all clothing, lunchboxes, and backpacks. Clothing left in the Lost & Found will be donated to a charity or worthy cause.

### **Library**

Library books and materials are provided for use by our students. Students are expected to return materials in a timely manner. Students who fail to return materials on time keep others from using them. Failure to return any library materials or returning them in poor condition may result in a fine being assessed and possible exclusion from library usage.

**Hours.** The library is open before and after school for supervised student and parent use. Students are welcome to come in and use the library if instruction is not being conducted.

### **Lockers**

Lockers (West building only) and combination locks will be assigned to students. Lockers and combination locks are provided for the convenience of students and are the property of OPA. Locks will be kept on lockers at all times. If not, detention will be issued. Students vandalizing or misusing their lockers may be assessed fines or may forfeit their locker privileges. A student must pay for lost locks. Lockers are subject to periodic inspection and must be free from inappropriate pictures, graffiti or controlled substances. OPA is not responsible for personal property placed in student lockers. Do not keep valuables or large amounts of cash in your locker.

**Jammed Lockers.** Students should report to class on time and receive permission before seeking assistance for jammed lockers.

#### **Lost and Found**

Students who find items must turn them in to the office immediately. Unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to charitable organizations at the end of each quarter.

#### **Lottery for Enrollment**

According to state statutes, any vacancies in our school must be filled by lottery. The first lottery, following an open-enrollment period, fills all openings for the following year. This lottery is conducted the first week of March.

#### **Medication**

If it becomes necessary for a student to take any form of medication at school, the appropriate forms are available in the office. All medication will be kept in and dispensed through the office. Students may not carry medicine around or store it in their lockers. Students with asthma may carry their breathalyzer with them.

#### **Name Badges**

Everyone is required to have on a name badge to attend class. To replace a lost name badge your child will need to pay \$5.00 for a new one in order to attend class. Please reinforce having name badges create a safer environment at the school. A student without a name badge three times during a quarter will receive detention.

#### **National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honors Society, established in 1929, serves to distinguish exceptional middle school students. Membership in the National Junior Honors Society is the highest

honor given to middle school students and maintains nation-wide recognition. Membership is based on student achievement in scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Students seventh through ninth grade who display exceptional standards in these areas will be invited to join the Middle Ogden Preparatory Academy Chapter of the National Junior Honors Society.

#### **Parents' Organization (OPAPO)**

All families of students enrolled at Ogden Preparatory Academy are members of the OPAPO. The OPAPO is operated by a Council made up of 12 parent members, 2 teachers and the Principals. For more information about OPAPO, see the school website.

#### **Parking Lot and Road Safety**

**Moving between buildings.** Students will be escorted between buildings by an adult during school time.

**Student Pick-up at Dismissal.** Students must remain on the sidewalk areas during pick-up. To reduce congestion, parents/guardians should avoid parking in driving areas. Parents are encouraged to park in designated parking areas.

**Violations: Individuals conducting themselves or operating vehicles in an unsafe manner will be referred to law enforcement.**

#### **Personal Conduct**

Students are expected to behave in a manner that is respectful of others at all times at school or during school related activities. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

Throwing snowballs and/or other items that may cause injury shall not be permitted. Skateboards and shoes that have wheels are not permitted. Laser pointers are not permitted. Students will

not be congregate in front of the school following dismissal.

***Inappropriate Gestures/Language:***

Students are expected to show respect to others. Any indecent gesture, foul language, act of lewdness or indecent exposure is contrary to the ideals and standards of the school and will be promptly disciplined.

***Public Displays of Affection:*** Public displays of affection such as kissing, embracing, etc. are not acceptable on school property. The student will be disciplined.

**Personal Property**

Students are welcome to bring personal items to school such as games, toys, and approved electronic devices. Students are responsible for these items and the appropriate use thereof. If any personal item is used, seen or heard during class it will be confiscated. If any personal item is used in a way which compromises the safety of the other students, it will be confiscated. Inappropriate behavior regarding such items may warrant disciplinary action at the discretion of administration. (See Consequence Rubric below)

**Electronic Devices**

***CD Players/IPOD Devices:*** CD players can be used according to individual teacher and staff discretion. Only appropriate music can be played. Some classes allow the use of CD players during free time or certain appropriate activities. It is the responsibility of the student to know the specific classroom policy. **IPOD type electronic devices are not allowed.**

***Consequence Rubric:***

**This applies to both cell phones and CD/IPOD devices.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Device will be confiscated and sent to administrator.

Parent/Guardian contacted. Device returned to Parent/Guardian only. *Level I detention will be served.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Device will be confiscated and must be kept in the office.

Parent/Guardian contacted. Device returned to Parent/Guardian only. *Level II detention will be served.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** Device will be confiscated and not allowed in the building for the remainder of the year. Parent/Guardian contacted. Device returned to Parent/Guardian only. *Level III detention will be served. Further violations will result in suspension.*

**Physical Education & Outdoor Recess**

Children are expected to participate in outdoor and physical education activities with their class.

Consideration will only be given to children who have a medical excuse with a doctor's or parent's note for not participating.

Outdoor recess will be conducted in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship. Students are expected to have best behavior at all times on the playgrounds.

**Physical Education Uniforms**

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must wear PE uniforms during PE. Uniforms are available through the office. Shirts will be light blue or grey. Shorts will be knee length and navy blue or black in color.

**Planners and Homework**

All students are required to have a planner with them. The planner will be used as a hall pass, to convey information to parents and to relate all information in regards to class assignments. Students are encouraged to make daily use of their planners by recording assignments and due dates as

directed by teachers. Students should take their planners home, have them reviewed by their parents and return with them each school day. Parents and teachers may also use the student's planners to exchange information. Parent's signatures in student's planners are required every Friday.

#### **Pride Patrol**

Pride Patrol is an honor organization of MOPA's most outstanding students in 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade chosen to serve and promote pride in our school. These students will be called on for help when needed. New students will be able to ask members questions or for help.

#### **Guidelines for Pride Patrol:**

- Student must maintain grades that have no more than one C
- If a student has more than one C in one quarter they will be put on probation for that quarter. If the C is not brought up by the end of the quarter the student will be placed on a non-participatory status for the following quarter.
- A Pride Patrol member must maintain a citizenship grade of S or above. If an N is received in a quarter, the student will be put on probation. If a student receives more than one N in a quarter the student will be placed on non-participatory status for the following quarter.
- If the citizenship grade is not brought up to Pride Patrol standards the student will be released from Pride Patrol
- If a student receives a U in citizenship then immediate removal is necessary

- A Pride Patrol member will be put on probation if they receive a detention. If they receive two blocks of detention they are put on non-participatory status.
- If a student is suspended they will be removed from Pride Patrol
- The Pride Patrol members will be issued a special name badge to be worn during school time and any time deemed necessary by the school administration

#### **Professional Development Days**

The first Friday of each month will be designated as Professional Development day. Students will attend a minimum school day which will end at 12:45 PM.

#### **School Closing – Weather**

School will close at the discretion of the principal. Please listen to the radio station KSL 1160 and/or watch Channel 5 morning news for school closure announcements.

#### **Search and Seizure**

School officials have the authority to search a student's person or personal property while located on school property or at a school-sponsored activity, when they have reason to believe that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating a particular law or school rule. (Please see *Lockers*.)

#### **Supplies**

Teachers will give parents a list of school supplies that the students will need for the upcoming school year.

#### **Student Council**

OPA Student Council has three sections: grades 2-4, 5 -6, and grades 7-8-9.

**Grades 2-4** Student Council consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Historian and two representatives from each home-room class (one boy and one girl). Students in grades 3 and 4 are eligible to run for the top four positions. Representatives are nominated by their class and chosen by the teacher.

**Grades 5-9** Student Council consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Historian and two representatives from each home-room class (one boy and one girl). Students in grades 7 - 9 are eligible to run for the top four positions. Representatives are chosen by the class and approved by the home-room teacher.

**Student Qualifications:** Teachers must verify that any student wishing to participate with the Student Council is academically and behaviorally eligible. All teachers must sign a release form granting applying students permission to participate. Students must carry a 2.5 GPA. Students must agree to accept the responsibility of adherence to the school's standards of conduct or to withdraw if they can no longer conform to these standards.

#### **Substance Abuse**

Any student, who possesses, controls, uses, sells or arranges the sale of real, look-alike or pretends illegal drugs or controlled substances, including alcohol and tobacco, may be suspended, tested for drugs, expelled, referred for police investigation and /or prosecuted.

#### **Theft, Extortion,**

#### **Vandalism and Arson**

Any student involved in stealing or extorting money, school or personal property or in causing fires of any nature may be suspended and referred to law enforcement. Students found in

possession of any incendiary device such as matches, lighters are also in violation. Any student who destroys or defaces school or personal property will be responsible for restitution and may be referred to law enforcement.

#### **Treats and Parties**

Treats and favors for children's birthday parties, holidays, and special occasions are not permitted. Many parents object to their children eating sweets or other foods that may interfere with family diets or health considerations. Other parents feel too much pressure to provide treats when financial limitations make it difficult to do so. Teachers recognize these special occasions with their students in other ways that do not use food. OPAPO provides a birthday table for grades K-6 once a month during lunch to recognize and celebrate our children's birthdays.

Surprise parties for teachers are discouraged. Students are not allowed to collect money for the purpose of buying a gift for a teacher.

#### **Visitors**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to visit the school frequently and take an active role in the education of their children. Arrangements to visit a classroom may be made by contacting the teacher to set up a convenient time.

*All non-employee adults must check in at the school office and pick up a visitor's badge upon entering the building.*

Please leave small children at home if you plan on assisting in the classroom. Teachers may not conduct private conferences with parents during instructional time unless a prior arrangement with the teacher has been made.

***Forgot Something?*** If your student forgot something at home and you are delivering it to the school, please leave it with the front office. We must respect the teaching time of the teacher and the students so interruptions are minimized.

**Volunteer Hours**

Families of OPA students are encouraged to volunteer each school year. Volunteer opportunities can be obtained from the school website, contacting your student's teacher, or contacting a member of the OPAPCO Council.

**Weapons**

Bringing any weapon (including look-alikes) is a violation of school policy. Those who bring chains, knives, fire arms, laser flashlights, or any type of weapon or any item that can be used as

a weapon or any item that resembles a weapon to school will serve minimum 10-day out-of-school suspension and may be referred to law enforcement.

***Items prohibited by law*** such as possession or use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, firecrackers, including any item resembling the above mentioned items shall not be allowed on school property or at school sponsored events. Students caught with or using an unlawful substance or in possession of an unlawful item will serve a minimum 45 day out-of-school suspension and may be referred to law enforcement.

For a complete copy of the Ogden Preparatory Safe Schools Policy, please speak with the school's secretary. A copy is also posted on the website.