

December 1, 2021

Dear Butler Families,

This is Principal Golden with pertinent information. David W. Butler High School is a school of academic excellence and great citizenship. Staff and students at Butler has the following three overarching goals: safety for all, strong academics, and positive social and emotional health. Today I am addressing you because I have implemented new rules and procedures that will assist our school with reaching and maintaining our goals. We have observed an increase in physical altercations, which can serve as a deterrent to our safe and orderly learning environment. These altercations are not acceptable and will continue to be addressed with appropriate consequences. Daily, we express to our scholars the importance of conflict resolution and remind them of the many staff members we have on campus to assist with issues or concerns they may have with their peers. Sadly, not all students have taken advantage of this resource.

To help our school maintain an effective and orderly learning environment, the following rules/procedures will be implemented, beginning Monday, December 6, 2021.

1. All students will participate in a conflict resolution training to assist them with the skills, knowledge and confidence to effectively manage and turn around conflict situations in a clear, assertive and constructive manner.
2. Videoing physical altercations or any other inappropriate acts is not permitted. Students who are identified videoing physical altercations or any other inappropriate acts will have their phone confiscated and could receive a consequence up to 5 days OSS. Parent or Guardian must retrieve the phone from the school. According to CMS Code of Student Conduct Rule 7, Insubordination – A student will comply the lawful direction of any authorized staff member while in school, participating in a school activity or on school property. All students are expected to behave in a respectable manner. This includes, but is not limited to, complying with the direction or instruction of a staff member, not walking away from a staff member while being spoken to, and speaking to staff in an appropriate manner.
3. Students who refuse to disperse when witnessing an incident could receive a consequence up to 2 days OSS. According to the CMS Code of Student Conduct Rule 26 G – A student who witnesses an incident under this rule shall disperse at the request of staff members. ***(A student who is videoing and not dispersing would be in violation of Rule 26 G).***

David W. Butler High School staff desires to provide students with effective teaching and learning daily and to return each student home safe. We ask that you continue to partner with us to make this a reality. Please consistently remind your student to follow school rules and to inform you or an adult on campus of any conflict they may have that can lead to any inappropriate actions.

We look forward to a productive year of learning, creating positive high school memories for students, and a safe and orderly learning environment. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Vincent G. Golden, Principal