

John Glenn Middle School

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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendent Phil Conrad
From: Jonathan Hartunian on behalf of the JGMS School Council
Date: June 13, 2023
Re: Proposed Changes to the JGMS 2023-2024 Student Handbook

The following are the proposed edits and policy changes for the 2023-2024 Student Handbook. The proposed changes are a product of conversations with administrators, staff, students, and school council. For organizational purposes, all changes are listed in the order they appear in the original document. Deletions are in **Red**, additions are in **Blue**, and updates are in **Green**. Please note that there may be additional changes in the appendix of the Student/ Parent Handbook if new legislation, district policies or changes in BPS personnel warrant an amendment(s).

Changes and Updates to Entire Document:

- **Revise any grammatical, punctuation or formatting inconsistencies found.**
- **Update all dates to reflect the 2023-2024 school years.**
- **Update for name changes of faculty members listed**
- **Update Table of Contents and all additional page number references if suggested revisions are approved**

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- **Add under "The John Glenn Middle School does not tolerate at any time,"**

Use of language or gestures that are demeaning and/or represents hatred towards and not limited to another's race, country of origin, ethnicity, gender, religion, ability status, and sexuality

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- **Update the Visitor section to reflect the school committee policy:**

Delete: On occasion, a JGMS student may have a relative who is a middle school student visiting from another state or country. If the visitor comes to JGMS, the visit should have an educational purpose, such as the opportunity to experience a new or different

curriculum. While we welcome visitors to our school, we require that at least 48 hour notice be given. It is important that your teachers be given the professional courtesy to prepare for a visitor.

If you would like to bring a visitor to the school, you will need to complete a form and get approval from all of your teachers and the Principal. We require that you complete important information like emergency numbers and consent for medical treatment. We would like to be clear about the purpose.

Add (from [school committee policy KI](#)): The School Committee encourages parents and guests to visit classrooms to observe and learn about the instructional programs taking place in our schools. Such visits can prove most beneficial in promotion of greater school-home cooperation and community understanding of how we carry out the school system's mission and goals.

Visits by parents to several classrooms in a given grade for the purposes of comparing teaching styles to provide a basis for a request for student assignment to a particular teacher will not be allowed because the school district's policy of assigning a student to a particular class is the sole responsibility of the building Principal in consultation with the staff of that school.

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- Add under category C Offenses:

This includes use of language or gestures that are demeaning and/or represents hatred towards and not limited to another's race, country of origin, ethnicity, gender, religion, ability status, and sexuality