High School
Great Expectations

Disruptive Behavior
&
Insubordination
Edition

Disruptive Behavior

• Definition: to interrupt the normal course or unity of a class

• Why disruptive behavior is a BIG problem: it robs other students of opportunities to learn and it’s annoying!

• Consequences for causing disruptions: referrals and phone calls to your home, after four incidents you could be dropped from class with an “F”

Scenario 1

• The issue: Be Responsible: Socializing during class instruction.

• The scenario: A student is talking and the teacher asks the student to stop but the student continues.

• The “Spartan Way” to handle this situation: Don’t socialize during class, if you’re asked to stop talking you should follow the request. The teacher and other students around you will appreciate your corrected action.

Scenario 2

• The issue: Be Respectful - Packing up your materials before the bell rings and lining up at the door to leave.

• The scenario: A student notices that there are three minutes left in the period and he packs up his things and stands up to line up at the door. Other students notice her packing up so they do the same and the teacher’s lesson is disrupted.

• The “Spartan Way” to handle this situation: Don’t pack up until the bell rings and never line up at the door... that’s for elementary school!

Scenario 3

• The issue: Be Involved - Sleeping during class.

• The scenario: A student is constantly sleeping in class and the teacher has to continuously ask the student to wake up.

• The “Spartan Way” to handle the situation: Don’t sleep during class it’s disruptive and it’s rude. When a teacher has to stop his teaching to ask you to wake up, the rest of the class loses concentration.

Scenario 4

• The issue: Be Respectful - Passing notes during class.

• The scenario: Two students tried to pass a note during class and it dropped causing the teacher to stop his lesson. An additional two innocent students got in trouble for transferring the note as well.

• The “Spartan Way” to handle the situation: Don’t write notes during class and don’t try to pass them during class. You disrupt other students around you and the teacher!
Don’t let a small issue turn into a big issue like..... INSUBORDINATION!

What is Insubordination?
- Disrespect
- Defiance or Talking Back
- Lying to a Staff Member

Students are expected to obey all reasonable directions and requests of staff members.

In the Hallway

Scenario – Be Respectful:
Action: You are standing at a locker with 5 other friends carrying on about your ex-boyfriend when a friendly teacher comes by and kindly asks you to move on to class.
Insubordination: You ignore the teacher or say “whatever” and remain standing there with your group of friends. ☹
The Spartan Way: You kindly smile and move on to your class without comment or attitude. 😊

In the Classroom

Scenario – Be Respectful:
Action: Class is well underway and You decide you have to use the bathroom. You approach your teacher and they tell you now is not a good time because class has started.
Insubordination: You decide it is a good time and just walk out without permission. 😒
The Spartan Way: You decide to remain in class and respect your teacher’s request. 😊

In the Cafeteriia

Scenario – Be Responsible:
Action: You have finished with your lunch while conversing with your friends when the bell rings. You get up without throwing away your garbage and a lunchroom supervisor kindly asks you to please throw away your garbage.
Insubordination: You ignore them and walk away while leaving your garbage behind. 😒
The Spartan Way: You kindly acknowledge their request and throw away your garbage. 😊