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***Boston Prep Mission Statement:***

***Boston Prep Charter Public School prepares students to succeed in four-year colleges and embody, in thought and action, lifelong ethical growth.***

**Dear Boston Prep Families & Students,**

As Phoenix, we rise! This year, we plan to continue the practice of rising. The Middle School Culture Team has been working hard this summer to reconstruct and revamp our accountability system. We believe that our school can display academic excellence and remain safe throughout this process.

Last year, we saw an increase in disruptions of the educational process. At times, we did not live into our commitments as a Boston Prep community. In our reflection, reconstruction and re-imagining, it arose that change was necessary. From the ashes of our mascot, the Phoenix, transformation and renewal was necessary. With that, we introduce our accountability system, updated dress code and important “needs to know” for the school year 2024-2025.

**Meet Our MS Culture Team**

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## DRESS CODE

<u>Tops</u>	<u>Bottoms</u>	<u>Shoes</u>
<p>Official <b>Boston Prep</b> top:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maroon Polo (short/long sleeve)</li> <li>• Athletics T-shirt (<b>On P.E. Day ONLY</b>)</li> <li>• Black Quarter Zip Sweatshirt</li> <li>• Black Zip Up Fleece</li> <li>• Black Crew Neck</li> <li>• Maroon Cardigan</li> </ul> <p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚫 Phoenix Hoodies</li> <li>🚫 House shirts</li> <li>🚫 Team Sports Hoodies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khaki or Tan Pants</li> <li>• Skirts/Shorts must be within an inch of the knee-length and waist height</li> <li>• Boston Prep branded shorts/sweatpants <b>on gym day only</b></li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚫 Jeans</li> <li>🚫 Leggings</li> <li>🚫 Jeggings</li> <li>🚫 Tights</li> <li>🚫 Biker Shorts</li> <li>🚫 Ripped Leg Wear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sneakers</li> <li>• Shoes</li> <li>• Boots</li> </ul> <p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚫 Sandals</li> <li>🚫 Slides</li> <li>🚫 Flip Flops</li> <li>🚫 Slippers</li> </ul>

### Non-negotiable Electronic Policy:

Boston Prep does not permit the use of personal electronic devices while on school grounds. Personal electronics use is prohibited in **classrooms, restrooms, common areas and school offices**. At the beginning of the school day, electronics **must be placed** in a student's backpack/belongings before entering the building and **silenced**. When students need to place an emergency phone call during the day, they should get permission to use the dean's office phone. If a student is found to be using any personal electronic device while on school grounds, they will be referred to the Dean's office and **must** turn in their device. The device will be stowed away and returned to the student at the EOD. If this becomes a recurring event, the culture team will follow up with the student, family, and **will** result in disciplinary actions.

### Lunch Expectations:

Free Lunch is provided daily to our students here at Boston Prep. Students are to report to the Middle School Cafeteria at their designated lunch time. Students are NOT permitted to leave the building during this time. This is considered a safety violation and further consequences will be implemented. Parents/Guardians, and or relatives are not permitted to bring outside lunch to a student during the school day. If a student is bringing food from home, it should be with the student when they arrive on campus.

### School Culture Expectations

Listed below is the behavior matrix, defining the positive expectations of scholars in the classroom and common school areas

BEHAVIOR MATRIX		
Level 1- Demerit Level 2- Referral	Description	Pertinent Information
Demerit (1 Demerit per offense)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tardiness to class (less than 5 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Food/Drink in class (outside of water) <input type="checkbox"/> Unprepared <input type="checkbox"/> Off-task	3-5 demerits = 1 Detention (30 minutes) 1 referral = 1 detention (60 minutes). 3 referrals = Parent-Teacher Conference w/ Behavior Plan  Detention must be served next day
Referrals	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Disrupting Learning Environment/Defiance <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate Language <input type="checkbox"/> Location/Building Violation <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Violation <input type="checkbox"/> Tardy (greater than 5 times) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform	1 referral = Next day detention**  3 referrals = Parent-Teacher Conference w/ Behavior Plan  3+ referrals =Exclusion from, but not limited to: of community meetings, field trips, events, etc.  *In-School and Out-Of-School suspension are determined on a case-by-case basis*

## DETENTION

**Each referral is associated with an **earned detention**. Deans and Community Coordinators will log and track all assigned detentions. Detentions take place during lunch and after school. Students must fulfill their detention obligation on the day following their detention. **If detention is not served, then a hearing will be required with guardians and an extended referral will be issued that they must serve.****

Tardy students will not be permitted into detention. Students are expected to be **on-time and working individually on academic tasks for the duration of the detention**. Should these expectations not be met, the student will be dismissed from detention and required to attend a future detention session.

We look forward to journeying with you in this school year 2024-2025. With your partnership, we will build an inclusive and joyful culture of learning and achievement. Through the lens of our mission and anti-racist statement, we will affirm our scholars, foster a sense of belonging, hold high expectations and deliver exceptional instruction. Coupled with clear systems of accountability, we are able to prepare our students to be successful, independent thinkers, learners and conscious contributors to our local communities and the world at large. Wherever they may travel, may they remember their Boston Prep experience and be reminded to RISE LIKE A PHOENIX!

Best,

**MS Culture Team**

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