



TOP FIVE RULES FOR BOARDING STUDENTS

1) Attendance: Along with grades, standardized test scores, leadership positions, and extracurricular involvements, good attendance is also reported on the Mercyhurst Prep transcript that is forwarded to colleges and universities. Punctuality and dependability are virtues that are prized in the United States, and students who want to succeed at the university level should ensure that their absences are few and their tardy arrivals to school are even fewer. Awards and scholarships are given annually by secondary schools and businesses to high school students who have perfect attendance records.

2) Intellectual honesty: Intellectual honesty is a trait that is highly valued in academia in the United States in general and at Mercyhurst Preparatory School in particular. Violations of this policy are treated very seriously and could result in expulsion. In addition, transfer to another secondary school or acceptance to university could be negatively affected by such violations. Please see the Mercyhurst Prep student handbook for a detailed explanation of what may constitute a violation of this nature.

3) Stealing: Stealing refers to taking something that belongs to somebody else, illegally or without the owner's permission. All students are expected to act with concern and respect for the rights and possessions of others and themselves. A more detailed list of what may constitute stealing can be found in the student handbooks.

4) Dorm Room: We pay strict attention to the cleanliness of our facility. Every day we devote a lot of time and energy to ensuring that everything is as spotless and sanitary as possible to maintain your safety. Students are expected to keep their room neat and clean. Rooms will be checked daily by staff.

5) Campus Safety: Boarding students are not permitted to walk off the Academy campus to any destination including: Country Fair, The Summit, other schools within walking distance, any store, restaurant, or other locations on Peach Street; this also includes streets and stores in the vicinity of MPS. At no time should any student be in another student's room without permission. As part of Pennsylvania International Academy safety procedures, the Academy reserves the right to search a student's room if deemed necessary with or without the student being present. Threats, threatening behavior, intimidation, the use of drugs and/or alcohol will not be tolerated. The Academy will take all instances of threats, violent behavior and/or drug/alcohol usage seriously and will promptly investigate and take appropriate actions, including contacting appropriate law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

***Failure to follow Top Five rule(s):** The Disciplinary Committee will meet and the student may be expelled from the Academy. A letter will be placed in the student's permanent file for future references. Please refer to the student handbook for additional information.

Date _____

Student Signature

Staff Signature