



# Public Schools of Plainfield

## Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies

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Dear Parents/Guardians of PAAAS:

In a perfect world, we all would like to have a school that is totally free of any disciplinary problems. However, from time to time, our students may forget our behavioral expectations and standards. At PAAAS, we are committed to providing your children with a safe and orderly environment; one that is conducive to learning. To this end, a supportive discipline system based upon cumulative demerit/detentions is employed to help facilitate this goal.

Demerits are negative incentives which indicate room for improvements in the student's behavior so some demerits are to be expected. The system is designed to be objective and to indicate to the students and parents where the student is in need of improvement. Small numbers of demerits do not generally indicate a problem, *large* numbers do. The penalties, attached to the number of demerits a student receives, are designed to bring the student's habits within the parameters established by the school.

This system is designed to assist students in both acquiring and maintaining appropriate behavior. The following is a brief summarization of PAAAS's system of discipline:

Number of Demerits	Consequence
5	Central Detention/Parent Contact
8	2 Central Detentions/Parent Contact
12	Saturday, parent meeting with Counselor
17	2 Saturdays, parent meeting with Administrator
23	ISS (3) days

**This system will take effect on Monday, November 20, 2017** and we thank you in advance for your support with this process. Please discuss with your scholar at home so that you know they are clear about our expectations.

Educationally,

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