

# ***KEEP IT 100***

## Plainfield High School Merit System

Plainfield High School uses a Merit/Demerit system we call “Keep It 100”. This system serves as a positive means to ensure the best possible learning environment for all of our students. Our Merit/Demerit system is designed to eliminate negative behaviors that impact our learning environment and to promote a positive culture and climate that is conducive to learning. At the beginning of each year, all students are given 100 Merits. Throughout the year, students with few or no demerits will be invited to participate in special events and activities. Students with excessive amounts of demerits will lose various school privileges. As a school, we recognize that students will misbehave occasionally and make mistakes. As such, any student who receives a demerit is afforded the opportunity to engage in events and activities that allow them to earn merits and once again be in good standing according to our Code of Conduct. However, we are committed to ensuring that each and every student is afforded the right to attend a school environment that is safe and free from bullying and other negative behaviors that disrupt our school community.

### **ALL STUDENTS START THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH 100 MERITS**

#### **How Demerits are Issued**

##### **Level 1 Demerits**

- Inappropriate conduct in the classroom
- Inappropriate conduct in the hallway
- Inappropriate conduct in the cafeteria or any other location on the PHS Campus

##### **Level 2 Demerits**

- Unexcused Tardy to school after 8:30
- Uniform Violations
- Dress Code Violations
- ID Card Violations
- Central Detention Violations
- Saturday Detention Violations

##### **Level 3 Demerits**

- Mandatory Parent/Guardian/Administrative Conference
- In-School Detention

##### **Level 4 Demerits**

- Misconduct resulting in Out of School Suspension
- Gross Misconduct (Attack on another person and/or Possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument) resulting in Out of School Suspension

##### **Level 5 Demerits**

- Misconduct resulting in Referral to Police

## To Reduce Demerits

Students may earn merits through good works at school and improved behavior. It is the student's responsibility to set up a service project or activity with a staff member and have it approved by the Dean of Students. No student may be released from classes to do a service project or activity. The Principal and/or his designee reserves the right to make a judgment call and adjust the Merit/Demerit process according to the circumstances.

## Examples of Merit Activities

Clean desks, stamp books, tutor other students, clean a classroom, work in the library, pick up papers, clean unused lockers, help in cafeteria, clean storerooms, and perform music department duties or complete tasks assigned by any staff member in the building but approved by the Dean of Students.

## Consequences for Particular Demerits

It should be noted that the school administrators reserve the right to bar a student from participating in any or all activities regardless of the student's point total.

## Merit Requirements

Certain activities have a mandatory merit level requirement. Students may not be allowed to engage in certain activities unless they meet the merit requirement.

STUDENT PRIVILEGES	MERITS REQUIRED
ATTEND ATHLETIC FUNCTIONS	80
PARTICIPATE IN TEAM SPORTS	80
SCHOOL FUNCTIONS: Evening Dances, etc.	80
FIELD TRIPS	80
SENIOR TRIP	90
PROJECT GRADUATION	85
PROM	80
GRADUATION CEREMONY	65

Students' demerits will be reduced to zero at the start of each school year.

Seq	Description	Type	Default Points
1	Start Of Year	Merit ▼	100
2	7:30am Clean-up	Merit ▼	2
3	Lunchtime Clean-up	Merit ▼	2
4	Afterschool Clean-up	Merit ▼	2
5	Perimeter Clean-up	Merit ▼	3
6	Classroom Clean-up	Merit ▼	2
7	Event Volunteer 1 hr = 1 merit	Merit ▼	1
8	Other Activity Support	Merit ▼	2
9	Main Office Support	Merit ▼	2
10	Guidance Support	Merit ▼	2
11	School Based Group 2	Merit ▼	2
12	Ripple Effect	Merit ▼	2
100	Unexcused Tardy to class	Demerit ▼	-1
101	Unprepared for Class	Demerit ▼	-1
102	Disruptive in Class	Demerit ▼	-1
103	Cutting Class	Demerit ▼	-2
104	Teacher Detention	Demerit ▼	-3
105	Teacher Detention Served	Merit ▼	3
106	Teacher/ Parent Conference	Demerit ▼	-4
107	Teacher/ Parent Conference Se	Merit ▼	4
200	Unexcused Tardy After 8:30	Demerit ▼	-2
201	Uniform Violation (Uni/ ID/ Dress)	Demerit ▼	-3
202	Central Detention Issued	Demerit ▼	-3
203	Central Detention Served	Merit ▼	3
204	Saturday Detention	Demerit ▼	-5
205	Saturday Detention Served	Merit ▼	5
300	Admin Parent Conference	Demerit ▼	-6
301	In School Detention	Demerit ▼	-8
400	OSS Misconduct	Demerit ▼	-12
401	OSS Gross Misconduct	Demerit ▼	-40
500	Referral to Police	Demerit ▼	-50

## Merit - Demerit List