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Maputo International School

Detention policy

A detention is a consequence that schools may use to address inappropriate student behaviour. Detentions can be applied during school hours, out-of-school hours or on non-school days. School detentions are an important part of any school's disciplinary system. A detention is a form of punishment given to a student who has violated the school's rules or regulations. Detentions are typically given to students who have not followed school rules. Detentions are not intended to be a punishment, but rather a way of teaching students the importance of following the rules.

Detentions can help students learn that there are consequences for their actions, and can also serve as a deterrent for future misbehaviour. Detentions can take many forms. In some cases, a student may be required to stay after school and complete an assigned task or work on schoolwork.

Some examples of behaviours that could warrant a detention in a school setting:

1. **Repeated tardiness:** Being consistently late to class without a valid excuse.
2. **Skipping classes:** Purposefully missing classes without permission.
3. **Disrespectful behaviour:** Talking back to teachers or showing disrespect towards classmates or staff.
4. **Cheating:** Using unauthorized materials or methods to gain an unfair advantage in tests or assignments.
5. **Bullying or harassment:** Engaging in behaviour that intimidates, humiliates, or harms others.
6. **Vandalism:** Damaging school property or defacing desks, walls, or other school belongings.
7. **Insubordination:** Refusing to follow instructions or disregarding school rules.
8. **Use of profanity or inappropriate language:** Using offensive language that disrupts the learning environment.
9. **Disruptive behaviour:** Behaviour that disrupts the class or prevents others from learning.
10. **Repeated failure to complete homework:** Consistently failing to complete assigned homework without a valid reason.

NOTE: Some of the aforementioned behaviours, due to Maputo International School rules & regulations, and depending on the student's honesty, the judgment of teachers, Key Stage Head and PD, may escalate to more serious action without having to go through Detention.

Detention Guidelines

Monday and Wednesday, detention begins at 14:50 and lasts until 15:50. Fridays from 12:50 to 13:50.

1. Students are responsible for remembering that they have a detention;
2. No food, candy or drink except water.
3. Students will not be allowed to go to the toilets or to their locker – they must come prepared.
4. No sleeping or heads down on the desk.
5. They will not be allowed to just sit – Students should bring homework to complete or a book to read.
6. Each student must be on time, seated, and prepared to work. Room assignments and time will be given with the discipline.
7. Each student must remain seated during the assigned time and not disturb others. They may work on personal assignments at a desk but not at a computer.
8. Students are not allowed to leave detention during the designated time.
9. Students who are sent to detention are not allowed in afternoon activities on that week.
10. If detention is missed once, detention will be doubled. If missed more than once, administrative action will be taken such as a suspension and warning letter.

Student detention slip

STUDENT DETENTION SLIP

School Name:

Pupil Name: Class:

Issued by: Date:

Because of your failure to follow rules you have detention with a Senior Staff Member. Failure to attend a detention may result in exclusion from school.

Reason for detention:		
Staff Member/s serving detention:	Date/s:	Time/s:
Location of detention / further instructions:		