

Summary of the Code of Conduct for Learners at Hoërskool Roodepoort

Learners are expected to comply fully with all aspects of the Code of Conduct of Hoërskool Roodepoort. Any transgressions of the Code of Conduct will result in demerits in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of Hoërskool Roodepoort. Detention or other suitable punishments will be instituted once a threshold of 30 demerit points is reached.

Roodies are expected to behave in a courteous and exemplary manner towards teachers and fellow learners. Nobody has the right to infringe on any basic or human right of any other person at school.

Daily procedure

School begins at 07:30 sharp and ends at 14:00 on Mondays to Fridays.

- ✓ Demerits will be issued for arriving late at school and parents will be notified via sms.
- ✓ Changing of classes is limited to five minutes. After 5 minutes, demerits will be issued if you are not in class.
- ✓ You are not allowed to leave the school premises during school hours.
- ✓ You are expected to have all relevant study material for each class during the day.
- ✓ Access to lockers will be restricted to before school, during break time and after school.
- ✓ Learners must keep classes, bathrooms and the grounds tidy and free of litter.

Dress code

Every boy and girl is expected to adhere to all the respective aspects of the Dress Code of Hoërskool Roodepoort according to the season of the year.

- ✓ Summer uniform is applicable for the 1st, 3rd and 4th quarters (or as announced).
- ✓ Winter uniform is applicable for the 2nd quarter (or as announced).
- ✓ Blazers are compulsory at **ALL** official school functions, assemblies and with Winter uniform.
- ✓ **NO** sportswear (**including team jackets and tracksuit tops**) are allowed to be worn with your school uniform.

Policy for Cellular phones

Learners are encouraged to leave cellular phones at home. If a cellular phone is needed because of circumstances

- ✓ The cellular phone **MUST** be switched off during school hours.
- ✓ Hoërskool Roodepoort will not accept any responsibility for the safe-keeping of any phone.
- ✓ Hoërskool Roodepoort will not be liable if the phone is lost.
- ✓ Hoërskool Roodepoort does not have the manpower to search for lost phones on closed circuit cameras.
- ✓ Any cellular phones and accessories that are visible during class time and during changing of classes will be confiscated and will be locked in the school safe and will only be released on payment of a R100 penalty.

Abbreviated Disciplinary code of Hoërskool Roodepoort

The school is primarily a learning - and teaching environment. **The purpose of the Disciplinary Code is to protect the unfringeable basic right of every learner to education and to discipline learners who deviate from the accepted standard of behaviour.** Whenever demerits are entered for a Learner, parents will be notified via a sms.

The Disciplinary Code is divided into three sub-sections according to the severity of a transgression:

i. **Category A transgressions:** (Will warrant demerits only)

Minor transgressions that will warrant **5 demerit points.**

- e.g. late for school or class; homework not done; dress code violation; unacceptable behaviour during hall or quad assembly; not in possession of Roodie-visum; smoking (tobacco); gambling on school grounds; excessive noise level, etc.
- **Repeated Category A transgressions** will be escalated to Category B disciplinary action.

ii. **Category B transgressions:** (Will lead to Internal Disciplinary action and suspension)

Serious transgressions that will warrant **15 demerit points.**

- e.g. bunking classes; bullying and intimidation; disruption of classes; racial misconduct; instigation of or bystanders (crowd) at physical fights; aggression towards staff members of Hoërskool Roodepoort; dishonesty, use of cellular phone during class time; swearing at staff members of Hoërskool Roodepoort; selling of merchandise on school grounds etc.
- **Repeated Category B transgressions** will be escalated to Category C disciplinary action.

iii. **Category C transgressions:** (Will lead to External Disciplinary action, suspension and expulsion)

Very serious transgressions that will warrant **30 demerit points.**

- e.g. vandalism; assault; pornography; sexual misconduct; in possession of weapons or knives at school; aggressor in physical fights; theft; disruption of detention class; absent from detention class; use of alcohol on school grounds; being under the influence of alcohol; the use and/or selling of banned substances (drugs) on the school grounds; positive testing of any banned substance, etc.

Any learner who commits a **Category B** offence will not be allowed to participate in any official activities of Hoërskool Roodepoort for the duration of the sanctions for the offence.

Any learner who commits a **Category C** offence will not be allowed to participate in any official activities of Hoërskool Roodepoort for the duration of the sanctions for the offence **AND** will forfeit the privilege to receive any official accolade or decoration of Hoërskool Roodepoort.