

Rules at School, Fair or Unfair?

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At Medea Creek Middle School there are rules like any other school, but there are other rules that only MCMS has. These rules are seen through different perspectives. Some are commonly deemed understandable, but there are others that aren't seen in the same light. Some staff doesn't even know about all the school rules.

Dr. Bayles feels she favors rules that protect your safety but she also cracks down on the rule for hugging. The rule states there is no opposite sex hugging and girls aren't allowed to hug for more than five seconds. How does she see this rule protecting the students, and from what? Many students think this rule has no use and it is the second most commonly broken rule. Through a child's eye showing outward affection to each other should be seen in a good light but yet there is a rule against it. There are certain reasons you shouldn't hug. When someone is sick or the flu is traveling around school, keeping your space would be better. Dr. Bayles supports the hugging rule. She believes this rule is in place to stop the student's form getting distracted during class. But what commonly happens is friends, both girls and boys, hug each other hello and goodbye. This never seems to distract any students. The rule is broken so much that to students it is almost like it is not there. The hugging has not gotten out of control in any way. How does hugging get in the way? It is simply a way to show you are friends with someone and should never be deemed as something dangerous. Dr. Bayles has the theory that hugging can quickly get out of hand, but the question is how. People can see hugging as inappropriate or getting inappropriate. This should not have hugging completely against the rules.

Almost every student on campus has a cell phone. The use of one during school hours is an understandable rule. Even before school when someone steps onto school property the fact it should be turned off is acceptable. What about after school? After school cell phones can still be taken away. After the final bell rings, and when there are no more classes to attend. Why is the cell phone still taken away? If it goes off it is not going to disturb the already noisy hallways. When the last bell of the day has rung cell phones should be able to be taken out, but it turns out that after talking to Dr. Bayles that cell phone are allowed to be used, and taken out after the last bell rings, but why are they still taken away. There must be some misunderstanding between people.

The dress code is a largely broken rule. One of the most popular rules broken with the dress code is for showing too much of a bando. Bandos are like undershirts in a way. They go over a bra like an under shirt but just to cover the bra. This is to wear under a low cut shirt to stop from showing any of the bra, but by the dean this is considered a bra its self. Natalie Balen believes that this rule is unfair and the Bando is only used as an undershirt.

There are always different opinions on rules, what's your?

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