



Sweetwater Middle School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

There have been some changes to the way that we have handled discipline issues at Sweetwater Middle School. Our current discipline procedures were effective in correcting behavior, but there is now a need to adjust and improve our procedure in order to address safety concerns that many schools across the United States are now facing. Over the past several years many schools in America have seen an increase in violent behavior. Incidences of bullying and fighting are on the rise and we are taking extra measures at Sweetwater Middle School to make sure our students are safe and protected. The safety of our students is at the top of our priority list. The administration and faculty at Sweetwater Middle School realize that before we can begin to educate each student we must first make sure our students are safe and that our students know that we will do everything that we can to ensure their safety.

Some of the changes to our discipline procedures are:

- Immediate consequences for bullying, horse play, and inappropriate aggressive behavior
- All incidence of fighting will be immediately reported to the police and students will be taken into custody by law enforcement
- Students that are spectators to fights or video tape fights and posts on the internet will be held accountable and disciplined for inciting a fight

On Monday, January 30, 2012 the Sweetwater Middle School will open its door to a new academy that will be located in a building across the street from the main campus. The name of this academy is "The Choice Academy". The purpose of this academy is to give students that have consistently made poor choices the opportunity to improve their academics through more individualized teaching procedures and to educate students how to make better choices. Students that are assigned to the academy will be taught academics along with character building and self discipline lessons. It is our hope that when a student leaves the middle school campus and moves on to the next level in their education that he/she has received the academic training they will need to be successful and that they leave with the ability to make good choices that will take them far in life.

We want to assure you that we will do everything we can to give your child the best education possible and to keep your child safe at all times. We want our students to enjoy coming to school and enjoy learning. I want to encourage each of you to visit our campus and work with us in educating your child.

Thank You

Jeff Withrow
Principal