



VENICE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Young Marines
1900 Center Road
Venice, FL 34292

20 Aug 12

From: Commanding Officer, Major Connor (ret), Venice Middle Young Marines (VMYM)
To: Young Marine Parent/Guardian

Subj: CLASSROOM STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. Intent. The YM Team and I are pleased to have your child in the VMS Young Marine Program. Below you will find our expected Standards of Conduct in order to guarantee that your Young Marine (YM), and all other Young Marines in VMS, receive outstanding training and education. Our focus for your YM is to create a positive educational experience while learning leadership and disciplinary skills and characteristics. With that focus, your Young Marine will be held to higher standards of behavior than other students, exhibiting teamwork, leadership, personal discipline, and respect to others at all times.
2. Standards of Conduct.
 - a. Rules. The best general guideline to follow is the YM Obligation. "From this day forward, I sincerely promise, I will set an example for all other youth to follow..." Specifically:
 - i. Follow instructions the first time.
 - ii. Only one person speaks at a time.
 - iii. Raise your hand to speak and wait to be called upon.
 - iv. Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
 - b. Consequences.
 - i. Warning.
 - ii. Standing at the Position of Attention to reflect/refocus (time-out).
 - iii. Discipline Action Report and call to parent (a YM receiving multiple Discipline Action Reports may be removed from the program after administrative review).
 - iv. Immediate Referral to Principal (incident specific).
 - c. Rewards.
 - i. Praise and positive reinforcement.
 - ii. Increased leadership responsibilities and promotion.
 - iii. Participation in external events.
3. Team approach. It is imperative we work together in order to create the best learning environment for all Young Marines. Though I will have already discussed this letter with your YM, I request you review it with your YM before signing and returning it to me. Please keep this letter visible in your home as on the refrigerator or bulletin board and periodically review it with your YM.

I look forward to a great year with your YM. I can be contacted at the below email address with any questions.

Sincerely,
Major Connor (ret)
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First Endorsement (Please sign and return no later than 23 Aug 12)

I have read, understand, and will comply with the information contained in VMYM's CLASSROOM STANDARDS OF CONDUCT dated 20 Aug 12.

YM's Printed Name: _____

YM's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Comments: