

**COLLINGSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**William P. Tatem Elementary School**

**MINOR INFRACTIONS: DEFINITIONS**

Infraction	Definition
Dishonesty	Delivering a message that's untrue, or lying or cheating.
Disobedience or Disrespect	Talking back or being socially rude.
Disregard of Rules or Directions	Passively refusing to follow classroom rules or procedures.
Electronic Devices on Person	Possession of/or using a cell phone or other electronic devices (e.g., MP3 player, etc) during the school day
Inappropriate Language	Using non-threatening, non-directed verbal or gestural messages that may include swearing, name-calling, or words in an offensive manner.
Lateness	Entering class after 8:30 bell unexcused.
Minor Disruption	Engaging in intentional behavior that causes interruption of a class or activity; may include loud talk, making noise with materials or body parts, or getting out of one's seat.
Rough Play	Non-threatening physical interaction.
Teasing	Using words or gestures in a deliberately hurtful way.

**MAJOR INFRACTIONS: DEFINITIONS**

Infraction	Definition
Abusive or Inappropriate Interactions	Using threatening verbal or gestural interactions that may include swearing, name-calling, or words in an offensive manner directed toward someone.
Bullying or Harassment	Delivery, to another person, of a disrespectful message (electronic, verbal, or gestural) that includes threats, intimidation, obscenity, inappropriate pictures, or written notes; disrespectful messages may also include negative comments based on race, ethnicity, disability, religion, gender, age, national origin, handicapping condition, or sexual orientation.
Defiance	Assertive refusal to follow classroom or school rules or procedures.
Fighting or Physical Aggression	Actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur (e.g. , hitting, punching, using objects, kicking, hair-pulling, scratching).
Inappropriate Conduct	Consensual physical contact between pupils that is sexual in nature and goes beyond a simple hug or kiss.
Major Disruption	Engaging in intentional behavior that causes interruption of a class or activity where the pupil isn't responsive to repeated directions; may include loud talk, making noise with materials or body parts, or getting out of one's seat.
Physical Assault on School Personnel	Intentional aggressive actions (e.g. , hitting, kicking, throwing objects at, pushing) directed at a school employee.
Possession or Use of a Weapon	Possessing knives, guns (real or look-alike), or other objects capable of causing bodily harm, or creating the impression of causing bodily harm.
Property Damage or Vandalism	Participating in activity that results in substantial destruction or disfigurement of property.
Repeated Minor Infractions	Having committed three minor infractions within a reporting period.
Sexual Harrassment	Including but not limited to verbal abuse of a sexual nature, pressure for sexual activity, remarks made with sexual and/or demeaning implication, and unwelcoming touching
Theft	Possessing, having passed on, or being responsible for taking someone else's property.