

# AF Amistad High School Merits and Demerits (with Definitions)

Merits		Definition
1	Grit	Finishing something challenging that was started
2	Integrity	Seeking the truth in a situation with conflict; taking responsibility for one's actions
3	Leadership	Encouraging a group of which one is a member to get things done while maintaining good relations with the group
4	Independence	Having coherent beliefs about one's purpose in life; "living one's own code"
5	Excellence	Noticing or appreciating beauty or skilled performances; actively working to make a project a masterpiece
6	Citizenship	Following the rules; working well as a member of a group by doing one's share
7	Zest	Showing infectious levels of enthusiasm
8	Kindness	Doing favors and good deeds for others; taking care of others; being social in a way that reinforces community
9	Self-Control	Regulating what one feels and does in challenging situations; exercising good judgment and not taking undue risks; exercising discipline in situations when others would not
10	Courage	Standing up for what's right in a difficult circumstance; putting oneself "out there"
11	Organization	Displaying professional levels of neatness and logical organization; creating model binders, lockers and planners
12	Insightfulness	Offering an astute observation or conversation-altering comment to a class
13	Maturity	Showing an ability to see beyond one's immediate circumstances in a way that demonstrates a wisdom beyond one's years
14	Achievement	Performing exceptionally well on tests, quizzes, seminars, etc
15	Resourcefulness	Being able to identify alternative solutions to complicated problems; not merely relying on others in charge for help
16	Initiative	Getting down to work without being asked; not waiting for problems to grow or bubble up
<b>Uniform Violations - Level 1</b>		
20	Untucked Shirt	Shirt is untucked
21	Excessive Jewelry	Student is wearing more than one piece of jewelry beyond the "rule of one" or is wearing jewelry that does not meet uniform standards (i.e. hoops)
22	Disheveled Tie	Tie is damaged or not tight around one's neck
23	Wrong-colored Undershirt	Undershirt color is not neutral (white, beige, black, brown, etc.)
24	Sagging Pants	Pants are below one's waist (regardless of whether they are tucked in)
25	Other Minor Uniform	Other minor uniform infractions
<b>Unprepared Demerits - Level 1</b>		
28	No pen/pencil	Not having a pen or pencil at the ready or one that it is the wrong color or unsharpened
29	No calculator	Not having a calculator when required to do so for class
30	No IR Book	Not being able to produce an IR book upon request
31	No notebook/binder	Not possessing the required notebook or binder for class
32	No required texts	Not having the required textbook or literature for class
33	Other Unprepared	Other unprepared
<b>Disengaged Demerits - Level 1</b>		
36	Disengaged/Off Task during instruction	Not paying attention during instruction; daydreaming; looking out the window; doodling
37	Not tracking speaker	Not tracking the speaker when asked to do so
38	Not starting work on time	Not "hopping right to it" when asked to begin work
39	Too much time in bathroom	Spending excessive time in bathrooms (+5 Minutes)
40	Working on other work	Not doing work directly related to the class at hand
41	Other Disengaged	Other Disengaged
<b>Unprofessional Demerits - Level 1</b>		
45	Poor Posture	Not having a "minds on" posture
46	Unprofessional Communication	Communicating in a way that would not be acceptable in a workplace (slang, street talk, etc.)
47	Head on Desk	Having head on desk
48	Misuse of resources	Playing with classroom supplies instead of using them for their intended purpose (i.e. stapling a piece of paper five times)
49	Poor organization	Failing to utilize an organizational system; being disorganized in a way that it impedes learning
50	Incomplete Header (No name, date, etc.)	Failing to complete header of an assignment
51	Loitering	Hanging around outside of school after 4:15 when not waiting for a ride
52	Poor Transition	Transitioning in a way that is unprofessional
53	Excessive Volume	Yelling; hooting; hollering; singing; being clearly understood more than five feet away

54	Out of Seat Without Permission	Getting out of seat without permission
55	Not cleaning up	Not leaving a space "cleaner than it was found"
57	Grooming	Using lip gloss, make-up, combs during class.
58	Other unprofessional	Other unprofessional behavior
<b>Disruptive Demerits - Level 1</b>		
63	Calling Out	Calling out in class
64	Side Conversation	Talking to a peer in class when not allowed
65	NF class or school procedure	Not following a class or school procedure
66	Negative Attitude	Being sour on the school, a class or an institution
67	Disruptive Laughing	Laughing in a way that it attracts attention (deliberately or not)
<b>Automatic Detentions - Level 2</b>		
72	Refusing to participate	Refusing to complete work or answer questions in class
73	Sleeping	Sleeping
74	Late to Anything	Being late to any scheduled class or activity (including lunch) during the day
75	No Pass	Not being able to produce a hall pass during class
76	Inappropriate Contact	Putting hands on another student in any form
77	Gum/Candy/Food/Drink	Having gum, candy, food or drink in class that is not authorized
78	Phone/Electronics	Having a phone or any form of electronics in sight
79	Major Uniform Violation	Any uniform violation that cannot be fixed in the moment
80	Inappropriate Reaction	Responding in any way to a correction other than acceptance or self-frustration
81	Low-Level Disrespect	Negative attitude about an individual (but not directed <i>at</i> an individual)
82	Disrespect to Property	Doodling on desk or not treating school property as one's own
83	Gossiping	Spreading malicious rumors about another student
84	Ignoring/Refusing	Refusing to comply with teacher directions within 3 seconds of being asked to do so
85	Use of Teacher Work Room	Using the teacher work room without permission (water cooler, refrigerator, etc.)
86	Passing Notes in Class	Passing notes in class
87	After School Procedure Infraction	Not being in a classroom by 4:15 or being in the halls without a pass after 4:15
88	Sharing Wristbands	Giving a wristband to another student for any reason
89	Late to school	Being late to school
90	Leaving Early	Leaving school early for a reason not medically necessary or preapproved
91	Misuse of College-Ready Lounge	Using the CR lounge when one is not CR
92	Mistreatment of Books	Doodling in books, damaging books, or leaving books where they can be easily stolen
93	Missing Forms	Not turning in required forms (elective selection, summer programs, BOY forms, etc.)
<b>Level 3 - Referral/Procedural</b>		
200	Repeated L1s and L2s (3+ in a class)	3 or more L1s and/or L2s in a class
201	Disrespect to Peer	Undermining the dignity or emotional safety of another student
202	Disrespect to Adult	Undermining the dignity, authority, or emotional safety of an adult
203	Hands-on	Play-fighting, rough housing, etc.
204	Threatening (regardless of intent)	Threatening a student or adult member(i.e. "If you __ then I'll __", "I'll kill you!")
205	Verbal Altercation	Verbal arguments between students
206	Plagiarism/Cheating	Claiming work that is not <b>100%</b> one's own
207	Insubordination	Repeatedly refusing to follow directions (a more severe form of ignoring/refusing)
208	Lying/Dishonesty	Being dishonest or not telling the <b>whole</b> truth
209	Destruction of property	Damaging school property in a way that requires replacement or repair
210	Theft/Stealing	Taking what is not one's own
211	Hate Speech	Using language that undermines the dignity of a race, sexual orientation, religion, etc.
212	Graffiti	Tagging or defacing school property
213	Slamming books/binders	Slamming a book or binder on the ground in anger
214	Throwing Items	Throwing <b>anything</b> during class
215	Deliberate Derailment of Lesson	Intentionally attempting to disrupt or derail a lesson
216	Swearing	Using any form of profanity (including the "d" and "h" word)
217	Removed from Detention	Being asked to leave detention or leaving without permission
218	Removed from Extension	Being asked to leave extension or leaving without permission
219	Removed from Homework Club	Being asked to leave HWC or leaving without permission
220	Skipping Class	Skipping class
<b>Homework Demerits</b>		
1	Missing	Work is not present when assigned to be turned in or requested
2	Incomplete	Work does not meet "completeness" standards (not all problems are done, sections skipped, answers are not in complete sentences).
3	Unprofessional	Work lacks neatness and tidiness; is turned in wrinkled, torn or dirty; would not be acceptable if turned in as an adult's work