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The Brown Trail School of Preaching reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of behavior and to discipline as is necessary. As such, a new Demerit System is being put in place effective March 28, 2011 where a specific numerical value is assigned to a student for specified infractions. The total number of Demerits, and the specific infraction, will be included on Grade Reports that students are to send to supporters. The accumulation of 10 Demerits per quarter will result in one full grade reduction on the student's General Conduct Grade. The accumulation of 15 Demerits will result in written disciplinary action which will go to all supporters along with being placed in the student's permanent file. The accumulation of 20 Demerits per quarter may result in a three day suspension with supporters being notified of the suspension, and the reasons for it. Suspension information will be included in the student's permanent record. The accumulation of 25 Demerits per quarter may result in the student being suspended from school for one quarter with support being stopped during the suspension period. This will also mean that the student will need to take that quarter over in order to graduate. In every case, each infraction receives the specified number of demerits as listed below.

The primary purpose of this new system is to:

- Aid in positive behavioral changes such as will affect student's work as a gospel preacher.
- Express to the Student Body our concern for their inappropriate behavior in so far as following directives, as such will have an impact on them once they leave school.
- Motivate students to modify those behaviors that interfere with the smooth running and/or appearance of BTSOP.
- Deal with actions that do not necessarily affect the classroom grading system.

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OFFENCE	NUMBER OF DEMERITS
1. Open Soda Can left overnight in refrigerator (open cans must have the owner's name on them, or they will be immediately discarded).	1
2. Failure to complete after school cleaning assignment, including turning off lights upstairs and in the two school used restrooms downstairs. Failure to properly initial or sign for clean up assignment.	1
3. Failure to clean up after self in all areas of the school, including the break room. This includes failure to wash one's eating utensils or leaving them out overnight (See Handbook, page 14).	1
4. Papers not written according to instructions (See Handbook, page 30 & following).	1
5. Failure to keep desktops neat, as per Student Handbook regulations (See Handbook, page 14)	1
6. Failure to pay attention to assigned Chapel responsibilities. Assignments are normally listed days in advance. There is no reason for students not to be aware of their assignments or prepared to do them.	1
7. Failure to assist in clean up following activities at the Brown Trail Congregation (i.e. Introduction night, Graduation Banquet, etc.).	1
8. Failure to follow through with assignments for the Fort Worth Lectures.	1
9. Failure to take appropriate action concerning drawing for Friday clean up. If administration must remind students to sign the list, student will receive a demerit.	1
10. Defacing any posted School notification, flyers, etc.	1
11. Persistent tardies (four or more per quarter - each tardy after four will receive 2 demerits) (See Handbook, pages 6 and following).	2
12. Late arrival at school sponsored activities (campaigns, graduation banquets, lectureships, PTS nights, includes failure to call in before 8:00).	2
13. Homework, papers, sermons, absentee notes, etc., turned in late. This is in addition to a grade reduction for that class as per Student Handbook.	2
14. Failure to take appropriate notes during class.	2

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OFFENCE	NUMBER OF DEMERITS
15. Improper use of computer while in class (See Handbook, page 8).	2
16. Failure to bring proper books to class.	2
17. Failure to follow along in Bibles during class and chapel services.	2
18. Cell phone ringing or use during class or chapel time. This includes checking incoming text messages, “Tweets”, etc. Cell phones are to be considered “off limits” during these times (See Handbook, page 8)	2
19. Sleeping in chapel, class, lectureship, or other school activity (See Handbook, pages 7 & 13).	2
20. Improper dress, ties not properly tied (ties should be cinched completely up), failure to wear proper attire as specified in Student Handbook at specific activities (See Handbook, page 9).	2
21. Bringing food or drink into classroom without permission (See Handbook Page 7)	2
22. Failure to record location of worship attendance as required	2
23. Failure to park in rear of the parking lot during Lectureships, Funerals, Ladies Class, or any other unspecified occasions.	2

Rules are necessary in order to maintain a system of order. Once students graduate from school they will often be required to follow the directives of the overseers of the congregations they labor with. Failure to do so may result in termination from that work, and a black mark on one’s career. Part of our work here is to help students become familiar with following directions. **Some have not done so as asked, thus this new system is being put in place to help with this.**

Administration reserves the right to modify this list at any time.