

Talon Points Program

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MSSD Community Building

Caring

Respect

Fairness

Trustworthiness

Responsibility

Integrity

Empowerment

MSSD Environment

Unique

Diverse students

24/7 program

Ongoing

Challenging

MSSD Jargon

Group of 3: A student can go off campus with two of his or her peers

Weekend Activities (WEA): Students can go off campus with staff supervision

Personal Shopping: Students can go off campus with staff supervision to a certain store to buy personal hygiene items

Eagle Zone: Student Activities Center

Talon Points Program

Clear set of expectations as part of
MSSD community building within the student life

Rewards and Privileges

Keep the Students Safe

Talon Points

Abide by the seven expectations:

1. Morning curfew
2. Room inspection
3. Sign in and out
4. ID and key
5. Study hour on time
6. In your wing at 10:30 p.m.
7. In bed, lights out at 11 p.m.

TALON POINTS

GOLD

0 – 3 TP to maintain
on GOLD



SILVER

4th TP = status drop
immediately



BRONZE

6th TP = status drop
immediately

TALON POINTS

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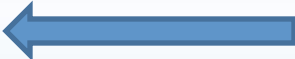
BRONZE

4th TP = status drop immediately



4 & plus TP = Maintain on BRONZE

GOLD



0 – 3 TP = GOLD status next Monday

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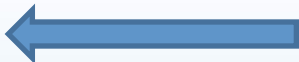
Return to GOLD



0 TP all week

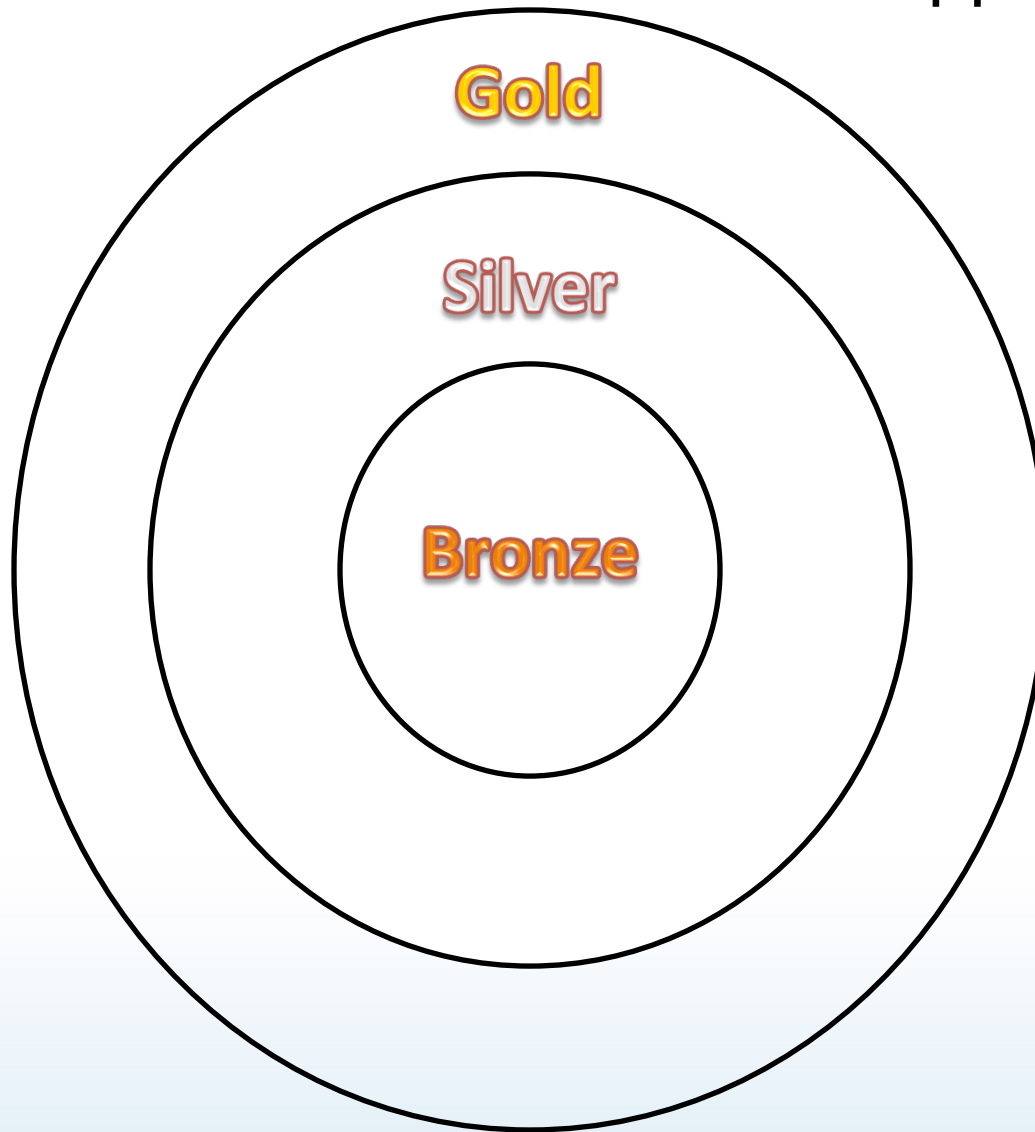
4 & plus TP =
Maintain on BRONZE

SILVER



1 – 3 TP = SILVER
status next Monday

Ripple Effect



Talon Point Privileges

GOLD

- Off campus in group of 3 and weekend activities (Thursday - Sunday)
 - Students on Academic Probation: Friday - Sunday
- Gym / Eagle Zone

SILVER

- Off campus in group of 3 (Sunday)
- Weekend activities (Friday – Sunday)
- Gym / Eagle Zone

BRONZE

- Weekend activities (Sunday)
- Personal shopping (Sunday only from 8:30–9:30 a.m.)
- Gym / Eagle Zone (Friday – Saturday)

Remain Positive

Use the word “expectations” instead of “rules.”

Avoid using the words “strike” and “check.”

Avoid using the word “no” and “can’t.”

Only mention the privileges that are noted on the guidelines;
If something’s not mentioned, then it is not permitted.

Incentives

Intramurals
Evening Programs
Open Gym
Eagle Zone

Athletic events
Monthly prizes
Weekend Activities
Off Campus

Gold Rewards

Achieving GOLD status 4 times in a month

- \$5 Eagle Zone Voucher

Students who reach GOLD status during the month:

- Student receive a ticket with their name on it.
 - 1 gold status = 1 ticket
 - 2 gold status = 2 tickets
 - 3 gold status = 3 tickets
 - 4 gold status = 4 tickets

Increased chance of winning:

- 4 male and 4 female students' names will be drawn from the raffle bowl.

Students Get to Spin the Wheel!



Spin the Wheel Prizes

Haunted House tickets
Get off the Bronze card
Get to choose the movie on Movie Night
Prom ticket
Allowed to order food past the cutoff time
Allowed to go off campus on a Monday
\$5 Eagle Zone Voucher
Get to choose specific mall for WEA
1 hour past curfew
Move up 1 level on Talon Points Program
\$10 Laundry card
Snowball ticket
MSSD Eagle shirt

Another spin
H & Pizza
3 cookies from the Eagle Zone
King Dominion Ticket
6 Flags – Halloween Haunted House Ticket
5 Guys coupon
Subway coupon
\$5 to Dunkin Donut
Chipotle coupon
Dibs on WEA (move to first sign up line)
Ride on a GEM – 1 day

Documentation

Documentation is being kept in the Google drive.

Live feed and all staff have access to the document via their phones.

Students can ask how many points they have and the reasons why.

Every time a student receive a point, a staff member notifies him or her in person or via e-mail.

Week of March 4-10

	Status	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Name								
Adam		AM 3/4 CR	WC 3/5 JS	PM 3/5 JS	SH 3/7 JS	AM 3/8 CR		
Bob		PM 3/5 CR	PM 3/7 JS					
Charles								
David		RI- 3/9 AO						
Edward								
Frank		SI 3/6 DB	SI 3/7 BC	SI 3/8 BC				
George								
Howard		AM 3/8 CR						
Ian								
John								
Kevin		AM 3/4 CS	RI 3/5 CS	RI 3/7 TM	KID 3/7 DB	AM 3/8 CR	IR 3/8 BC	
Michael								
Noel		KID 3/4 TM	RI 3/5 CS	RI 3/7 CC				

LEGEND

RI - Room Inspection
 SH - Study Hour
 AM - morning curfew
 WC- Wing curfew

PM - night curfew
 KID - Key/ID
 SI - Sign in/out
 IR - Incident Report



Strategies

It doesn't work if you interfere
(e.g., telling your student to be at the dorm on time)

No favoritism

Post the Talon Points expectations in several common areas

Showcase the raffle winners

Guidelines for giving a point

Give the point immediately following the unacceptable behavior.

Be clear. Point out the expectation not being followed.

Be consistent

It must be repeated consistently over a long period of time to have a lasting effect.

Guidelines for giving a point (continued)

Do not threaten or use your position to overpower the student.

It is not personal.

It will be a learning experience for the student.

It helps maintain a positive relationship between you and the student.

Previous Talon Points Program

- Weekly status
- Weekend privileges based
- Hard to track with points being given out to students abiding the expectations
- Students were becoming accustomed to the points and could play with the system.
- Expectations were subjective and not clear.

Current Talon Points Program

- Daily and immediate status
- Weekdays and weekend privileges based
- Expectations are objective and clear.
- Increased awareness of present status
- Students are doing more what are expected from them.
- Large increase in motivation and accountability.
- Less incident reports.
- More focus on building relationships with students.

The Talon Points Program Supports MSSD Community Building



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