



SOMOS SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK: CLASS BEHAVIOR AND RULES

AT SOMOS, OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE A POSITIVE,
RESPECTFUL, AND PRODUCTIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE. TO ACHIEVE THIS, ALL
STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THESE RULES:

1. Learning Environment

Students come to school to learn. They must arrive prepared for class with all necessary materials.

Always show respect to your teacher and classmates.

Wait patiently for your turn to speak; do not interrupt, shout, or disturb the class.

Students who disrupt the class and prevent the teacher from teaching will be asked to step outside, out of respect for their classmates who wish to learn and for the teacher's efforts.

If this behavior becomes a recurring issue, the student will face a 2-day suspension. Continued disruptions may result in the student being asked to leave the school permanently.

2. Managing Emotions

If you feel angry, sad, or unable to manage your emotions, it's important to step outside to a quiet area.

Take time to calm down and regain control of your emotions.

Once you're ready to rejoin the class calmly, you may return.



3. Respect for School Materials

Treat all school materials with care and respect.

If you break something, inform a teacher immediately and take responsibility to fix or replace it.

Remember: Materials are difficult to replace on the island, so it's important to use them carefully.

4. Swearing and Inappropriate Language

Swearing is strictly prohibited.

First offense: suspension at home.

Repeated offenses: You may be asked to leave the school.

5. Physical Aggression

Physical aggression (hitting, kicking, or violent behavior) is not tolerated.

First offense: 3-day suspension.

Repeated offenses: You will be expelled from the school.

6. Stealing

Taking anything that doesn't belong to you is considered stealing.

Stealing is unacceptable and will result in serious consequences.

7. Library and Books

Somos has a large library that took great time, energy, and money to build. Treat all books with care.

If you lose a book, you will be charged a \$20 replacement fee.

8. Peer Interaction

During school hours, play nicely and respectfully with others.

Bullying, teasing, or making fun of classmates is not allowed.

First offense: Warning and discussion with the teacher about the behavior.

Parent/guardian will be informed, and the student will have a one-day suspension.

Repeated offense: The student will face expulsion from the school.



Tuition Policy for Disciplinary Expulsion

Students who are expelled from SOMOS due to misconduct, poor attitude, or violation of school rules will not be eligible for any refund of tuition fees (monthly, termly, or yearly). Expulsion is the result of the student's behavior, and tuition payments made prior to expulsion are non-refundable.

What Is Considered Bullying at SOMOS:

At SOMOS, bullying is any behavior: physical, verbal, emotional, or social, that intentionally harms, intimidates, or isolates another student. This includes actions that make someone feel unwelcome, unsafe, or excluded.

Bullying can take many forms, such as:

- Physical: hitting, pushing, or damaging someone's belongings.
- Verbal: name-calling, teasing, or spreading rumors.
- Social or relational: leaving someone out on purpose, excluding them from group activities, ignoring them, or encouraging others not to include or talk to them.
- Digital: using messages or social media to embarrass, threaten, or isolate others.

At SOMOS, we believe every student has the right to feel respected and included. Any form of exclusion, rejection, or manipulation that isolates a student is considered bullying and will not be tolerated.

9. Arriving Late to Class

If you are late to class, wait outside until the current session ends.

Enter the classroom only when the next session begins to avoid disrupting the lesson.

10. Digital Devices

Students are NOT allowed to bring phones, tablets, or other devices outside the specific classes in which they are used for educational purposes.



12. Accountability for Work

Students are expected to do their work on time and doing one's best work.

13. Encouragement for Peer Support

We encourage students to support classmates, work collaboratively, and practice kindness.

14. Rewards for Positive Behavior

To balance the rules and consequences, good behavior is recognized (e.g., praise, star of the week certificates, special privileges).