

## Classes-only

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Many schools use suspension or in-school suspension when students choose to hurt others. To help our students learn, we often use classes-only instead. Classes-only status means that the student attends all classes and stays in the office or another designated location during all recesses (before school, snack, after-lunch, and after school). The student will also eat lunch in the office or in another designated location. Students on classes-only status may read or do schoolwork quietly while in the office

Students will earn classes-only if they hit, knock down, choke, or otherwise physically hurt others more than five times in a year, unless an alternative plan is arranged with parents, counselor, teacher, and administrator. Classes-only status may be earned for fewer incidents of severe aggressive behavior or severe harassment, at the administrator's discretion.

The first time a student earns classes-only status, it will last one day. Severe behavior may lead to a longer time.

The second time a student earns classes-only status, it will last for 3 days.

The third time a student earns classes-only status, it will last for five days.

Every incident of aggressive behavior after that will lead to **indefinite classes-only status**, defined in this way:

- The student will begin with classes-only status for one week.
- At the end of that week, the student will earn back **one** of the recess blocks or lunch for the next week if he or she has not hit or otherwise hurt peers during that week. For week 2, the student will be in the office or in a designated location for all but one of the recess and lunch blocks. The administrator will decide which recess or lunch block is earned.
- At the end of **each week** after that, the student may earn back one more recess block if he or she does not hurt others. If the student hits others during a week, he or she will stay at the same level. Persistent or serious aggression during any week will lead to the student returning to full classes-only status and starting again from the beginning.

Your child, \_\_\_\_\_, is on classes-only status for \_\_\_\_ days.

Your child, \_\_\_\_\_, is on indefinite classes-only status, starting \_\_\_\_\_