

SH referral policy needs change

Over the summer, the Jackson Prep Senior High changed its referral practice, alerting students that they have received a referral via email. A teacher or administrator emails Coach Bradford about an infraction that any student has committed. As a staff, we like the idea of receiving an email because it is more efficient and tells the student exactly what he or she did to receive the referral.

With that being said, we strongly dislike that the email does not identify who gave the referral. Whenever you misbehave in class, you know which teacher gave you the referral. However, the student does not know who gave the referral.

Many staff members felt that teachers

can become more “snake-like” by giving referrals behind a closed door. According to Coach Bradford, 60% of the referrals are for dress code, and 40% of the referrals are for conduct.

The staff members hate the dress code referral because they are not given a second chance to redeem themselves. A student can be rambunctious in class and have the teacher to tell them, “Be quiet!” a few times before they are given a referral. This is not the case for dress code, and we want to have a second chance.

We began to notice that there are students roaming the hallways completely out of uniform. It always seems that they find the kid without a belt or the girl with a short skirt.

But, it feels the student with a non-Prep attire get to walk away unscathed.

It almost seems like the office administrators have “given up” on some students since they feel that it is a waste of their time to try to correct the same rule breaking students. If you are going to punish one person, punish everyone that breaks the rules.

Once you receive your fourth referral, you have detention that same day. This is very inconvenient for sophomores that cannot drive because their ride has to wait for them. It confuses as to why the student can't come the next day to serve his or her detention. They could easily just reschedule.

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