

Jacobsen Middle School Merit Chart

How to Earn Merits:

How to Lose Merits:

Voluntarily serve a Detention	+4	3 unexcused tardies	-10
		Lack of participation-Homeroom	-10
Voluntary Campus Beautification	+5	Unserved Detention	-10
Merit Contract (see below)	+8	bus tickets	-10
Attend THS Saturday Detention	+8	dress code / cell phone 2 nd time	-10
Attend THS Saturday School	+15	dress code / cell phone 3 rd time	-20
		dress code / cell phone 4 th time	-30
		Behavior & Ed. Code violations	-10-35

FYI

- You may attend a Lunch Detention to earn merits without asking (Just show up!) Late arrivals will not be admitted; **you must serve the entire time.**
 - Please eat lunch at the detention table in the back of the cafeteria, (you get 15 minutes to eat)
 - You will be escorted to the classroom at the following times: 6th grade 12:05, 7/8th grades 1:00
 - You only lose merits **if you don't serve** your detention
- You will receive **one** warning on dress code and cell phone violations with no loss of merits.
- THS Saturday Detention is from 7:30-9:30 at THS (see office for info.) This is voluntary for merit retrieval.
- THS Saturday School is from 8:00-12:00 at THS (see office for info.) You may voluntarily attend to make up **uncleared unexcused absences** or if you are behind in merits.

Merit contracts

- Students perform work for a parent/guardian, teacher, or community member, that is something you don't normally do but what the "supervisor" needs done. Examples of this could be organizing a bookcase for a teacher, reading to children with Marley's Mutts at the Tehachapi Library etc. (NOT a task that you are normally required to perform such as homework or chores.)
 - Merit contracts **must be preapproved** by an administrator. Please see Mrs. Heitman, Mrs. Tufts or Mr. Loe with your idea first so we can approve it, initial, and date
 - You will get 4 merits per hour of work performed (with a max. of 8 merits per contract)
 - You may have 1 parent, 1 teacher, and 1 community service contract per semester.
- It is **your** responsibility to complete the work, have the "supervisor" (parent, teacher, community member) sign the contract once completed, and return it to an administrator in the office.