

ST. PETER ACADEMY

CODE OF CONDUCT

ST. PETER ACADEMY IS A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN WHICH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST-LIKE CHARITY, RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY AND MUTUAL COOPERATION ARE ESSENTIAL. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO MANIFEST SELF DISCIPLINE AND ACT WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT TOWARD THEIR TEACHERS AND ONE ANOTHER. IN ORDER FOR THE ACADEMY TO FUNCTION AS A PLACE OF LEARNING AND MUTUAL RESPECT, THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT HAS BEEN ADOPTED. THIS CODE SHOULD BE VIEWED AS A POSITIVE APPROACH TO DEVELOPING ATTITUDES AND LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR A MORE REWARDING LIFE.

Students are required to: Actively participate in the learning process; address staff properly; be prepared for class; be in seats prior to the AM bell; respect school staff, and students' property; use appropriate language, be appropriately dressed; attend school regularly; refrain from fighting and rough-housing; and treat others with respect.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

One of the main purposes of the Academy is to provide each student with the best educational opportunity available. In order to do this and to accomplish the goals of our philosophy, discipline must be maintained in the school, and self-discipline must be developed by each student. No student will be allowed to disrupt the educational process of others. All school rules apply to student conduct on the way to and from school.

In order to promote fairness and consistency to all students, Conduct Code infractions and consequences are listed below. These examples of unacceptable behavior will serve as guides for those administering the rules of discipline. They are not binding to the extent that they rule out common sense and good judgment but are cited in an effort to achieve fairness and consistency. Each incidence is considered independently of others with respect to severity, exact nature, setting and past performances.

SELF DISCIPLINE

Self-discipline is the most desirable form of personal behavior. The responsibility for creating and maintaining a pleasant, learning atmosphere belongs to each student and adult who works at the Academy.

TO THE STUDENT

Your actions must always take into consideration the people, property and situations that are around you. To assist you to guide yourself, you should follow the rules established by the Academy. Our rules pertain to bus stops, buses, field trips, special school events, and any place or situation where the image of the Academy is threatened or degraded.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED AT THE ACADEMY:

1. The use of loud boisterous, profane, vulgar language (written or spoken)
2. Disruption of any school or organized activity.
 - a. Calling/talking out of turn
 - b. Getting out of seat w/o permission
 - c. Gum chewing
 - d. Running halls, cafeteria, or classrooms
 - e. Cheating
 - f. Passing notes
3. Open disrespect of an adult employee or volunteer of the Academy
 - a. A. Disrespectful tone of voice or body language
 - b. Display of temper
 - c. Answering of back
4. Damaging, defacing or stealing school or personal property.
 - a. Books, desks, tables, bathroom facility etc.
 - b. Littering
5. The use of violence, force, coercion, threat or intimidation
 - a. Bullying, picking on, taunting, pushing, piling on others in school or on the playground/school grounds.
6. Throwing stones or snowballs on school property to and from school
7. Unauthorized absence or unexcused tardiness from class/school
8. Deviation from dress code
 - a. Fad hair styles, ungroomed hair, hair coloring, regulation hair cut for boys
 - b. Dangling earrings (girls); no earrings (boys)
 - c. Make-up or polished nails
 - d. Jewelry (gym days)
 - e. Black safety shoe is required
 - f. No gym clothes except on gym days

9. Lack of necessary materials for classroom participation
a. Borrowing supplies (pens, pencils, etc.)

10. Brining cell phones or I Pods to school

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

In matters of disciplinary action involving the violation of the Code of Conduct, one or more of the following interventions will be considered according to the discretion of the teacher/principal.

- Verbal reprimand
- Time-out; i.e. removal from group or activity
- Written assignment
- Parent contacted by phone or in person
- Discipline notice to parents
- Behavior Contracts in consultation with parents
- Detention (After school hours)
- In-school and Out-of school suspension (Extreme Cases)

Should a student be detained after school, it is the parent's responsibility to pick up the child.

***PLEASE, RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9/30.
THIS PORTION WILL BE PLACED IN THE STUDENT FILE.***

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I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND POLICIES IT CONTAINS. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES, FOR THE GOOD OF MYSELF AND OTHERS, AND REALIZE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES.

STUDENT _____ DATE _____

I UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND REALIZE THE RULES AND POLICIES IT CONTAINS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ALL STUDENTS WITH THE MOST POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
DATE _____