

THE VANGUARD SCHOOL

POLICY: JICDA

POLICY: CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE CODE

Proper behavior of students occurs as a result of a partnership between home and school. Students, parents, teachers and the principal all play a vital role in assuring the school fosters a sound educational environment that encourages productive learning. This environment must be safe and free from unnecessary disruption. It must also foster a positive attitude toward self-discipline and socially acceptable behavior.

SPECIFIC RULES OF CONDUCT

Students of The Vanguard School are expected to obey the following rules of conduct. The Board of Directors has adopted these rules and the consequences concerning those rules.

1. Attendance and truancy.

Students shall be in their assigned classrooms promptly at the beginning of each school day and/or at the beginning of each class period. Failure to attend school without a legal excuse is prohibited.

Consequences: Progressive from Groups 1 through 5

2. Conduct while at school.

Students shall not disrupt or interfere with the educational process. They shall move in an orderly manner while in the hallways and not loiter, congregate or roam. While in an orderly manner, maintain appropriate behavior during the assemblies, and remain at the assemblies until they are dismissed. Students shall maintain appropriate behavior at all times and follow all rules of conduct as established by the Academy authorities.

Consequences: Progressive from Groups 1 through 5.

3. Academic Integrity.

Students are expected to be honest. Students shall refrain from cheating, including without limitation, such actions as using crib notes on test, submitting another's work as their own, or copying word for word from published material without crediting the author.

Consequences: Progressive from Groups 2 through 5.

4. Respect for Property

Students shall respect the real and personal property of others and shall refrain from intentionally causing or threatening damage or unnecessary wear and tear to books, facilities, school equipment and furnishings. Students shall also refrain from the stealing of any property of others.

Consequences: Progressive from Groups 1 through 5.

5. Respect for Persons

Students shall respect others. Students shall refrain from causing or threatening harm or personal injury on or off school property. Students shall further refrain from creating disturbances, creating unreasonable risks or harm to others, harassing others, or instigating mistreatment of others.

Consequences: Progressive from Groups 1 through 5.

6. Language

Students shall refrain from using profane or abusive language at school or school sponsored activities or events. Students shall refrain from harassing comments to other students or school personnel.

Consequences: Progressive from Groups 1 through 5.

7. Dress and Personal Appearance

Students shall maintain an acceptable standard of appearance and dress at all times. Student appearance and dress shall not adversely affect the welfare or safety of another or the right of another to work or study without interference. Further, student appearance and dress shall not create or promote disorder in the classroom.

Consequences: Progressive from Groups 1 through 5.

8. Unlawful Behavior

Students shall not engage in criminal behavior, including without limitation robbery, assault, extortion (demanding something of value, with threat of physical force or intimidation), and gambling.

Consequences: Progressive from Groups 3 through 5.

9. Public Displays of Affection

Students shall maintain discretion in display of affection. Excessive physical display of affection distracts from the educational atmosphere and is prohibited on school premises.

Consequences: Progressive from Group 1 through 5.

10. Cooperation with Persons in Authority

Students are expected to cooperate with persons in authority. Disobedience of a person in authority, or the use of abusive or disrespectful language or action toward any person in authority, including any administrator, staff member, or volunteer, shall constitute defiance and will not be tolerated.

Consequences: Progressive from Group 1 through 5.

11. Welfare and Safety

Students shall not carry, bring, use or possess deadly weapons in the school building, at school-sponsored activities or events, or in or on district vehicles, where the actual or intended use of the object may be detrimental to the welfare or safety of students or school personnel.

Consequences: Progressive from Group 4 through 5.

12. Health

Students shall not possess, use buy, sell or trade alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or other controlled substances on school property, at school sponsored activities or events, or in or on district vehicles. Students shall not come on school property, come to school sponsored activities or events, or be in or on district vehicles after having consumed alcohol or illegal drugs.

Consequences: Progressive from Group 4 through 5.

13. Gang Related Behaviors and Dress

Students who engage in behavior or adopt dress style or personal appearance suggestive of gang membership may not only endanger the welfare and safety of other students or school personnel and disrupt the educational process, but may themselves become victims of delinquent, criminal or anti-social conduct.

Consequences: Progressive from Group 2 through 5.

14. Student Sexual Harassment

A learning environment that is free from sexual harassment will be maintained. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to: sex-oriented "kidding," abuse, or harassment; pressure for sexual activity; repeated remarks to a person with sexual or demeaning implications; unwelcome touching, such as patting, pinching, or constant brushing against another's body; suggesting or demanding sexual involvement.

Consequences: Progressive from Group 2 through 5.

CONSEQUENCE GROUPS

These groups provide a flexible sequence of consequences for unacceptable student behavior. Repeated misbehavior will result in progressively more serious consequences based on the seriousness of the offense. The Administration is provided latitude in assigning consequences. The Administration need not employ all the consequences in a given group before selecting one from another group in disciplining any given student.

A parent/guardian will receive notice of student discipline problems and the consequences administered for any infraction in a consequence from Groups 2-5. Records shall be maintained at the school for any infraction resulting in a consequence from Groups 2-5.

Group 1

- Staff warning
- Teacher or administrator warning
- Verbal reprimand (teacher or administrator)
- Confiscation

Group 2

- Notification of parent or guardian
- Administrator/student conference
- Detention: before school, after school, or at lunch
- Assignment of work detail at the school
- Billing of parent for damages to property
- In-school alternatives

Group 3

- Conference with parent or guardian
- In-school suspension
- Development of an expectations contract

Group 4

- Out of school suspension
- Alternative to suspension (parental attendance at school)
- Remedial discipline plan
- Letter of restraint
- Charges filed or report made to law enforcement officials

Group 5

- Option to withdraw
- Recommendation for expulsion