

## **DISCIPLINE CATEGORIES OF CONDUCT AND DEFINITIONS OF VIOLATIONS**

### **1. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS OR DRUG PARAPHENALIA:**

A student shall not possess, sell offer to sell, use, transfer, distribute or be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication (use of medication is allowed if it is prescribed by a physician and used in accordance with the prescription and Academy policies). For the purpose of this policy, drugs include any narcotic or dangerous drug, vapor-releasing toxic substance, marijuana or other substance enumerated in A.R.S. 13—3451 and any other controlled substance, or over the counter drug, or prescription-only drug. “Drug” also means anabolic steroid. The term medication means patent or proprietary medicines as defined in A.R.S. 32-1901. Medication also means substances that are available legally by prescription only. A student shall not possess, sell or offer to sell, transfer or use drug paraphernalia as defined by A.R.S. 13-3415.

2. **ARSON:** A student shall not start, attempt to start, or promote the continuation of any fire or explosion. This does not preclude teacher-approved activities such as a supervised experiment in class (A.R.S. 13-1702/03/04).
3. **ASSAULT, BATTERY, FIGHTING:** A student shall not verbally or physically threaten, abuse or engage in a fight with any student, school employee or any other person. (A.R.S. 13-1201/02/03/04)
4. **BULLYING:** Bullying is repeated acts over time that involves a real or perceived imbalance of power with the more powerful child or group attacking those who are less powerful. Bullying can be verbal or non-verbal and physical (harm to another’s body or property), emotional (harm to another’s self-esteem) or social (harm to another’s group acceptance) in form.
5. **CIGARETTES, TOBACCO, LIGHTERS AND MATCHES:** A student is not permitted to possess or use cigarettes, or other tobacco-related products, including but not limited to, lighters, matches, nicotine patches and tablets (unless prescribed by a physician) A.R.S. 13-3622 and 36-601.01.
6. **DEFAMATION:** A student shall not use defamatory words or phrases or distribute defamatory materials. Defamatory, racial and / or prejudicial slurs, words or materials are those that are false and expose a person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, disgust or an equivalent reaction; or are false and have a tendency to attack a person’s occupation, business or office (A.R.S. 12-651).
7. **DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY:** A student shall obey the reasonable requests of teachers, administrators and other Academy employees and shall respond to requests for information from these persons in a truthful manner. A student shall not speak to or refer to teachers, administrators or other Academy employees in a vulgar or profane manner (A.R.S. 13-2402 and 15-841).
8. **DISRESPECT:** A student shall not show disrespect toward others. It is also a student’s obligation to be truthful and honest (A.R.S. 13-2704).
9. **DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT:** A student shall not engage, attempt to engage or encourage any conduct that is reasonably likely to disrupt, or that does disrupt, any school function, process or activity (A.R.S. 13-2402, 13-2902, 13-2903, 13-2911, and 15-841).
10. **DRESS AND APPEARANCE:** A student’s dress and appearance shall not present health or safety problems or cause disruption of educational activities.
11. **EMERGENCY ALARMS AND FIRE CONTROL DEVICES:** A student shall not call in, activate or use any fire alarm or emergency control device unless the student reasonably believes that an emergency exists warranting use of the device, nor shall a student falsely report a fire, presence of an explosive device or emergency to district officials or other agencies charged with responding to this type of emergency (A.R.S. 1702/03/04).

12. **ENDANGERING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS:** A student shall not engage, or assist or encourage another student to engage, in conduct that endangers or reasonably appears to endanger, the health or safety of other students, school employees or other persons (A.R.S. 13-1201).
13. **FORGERY OR CHEATING:** A student shall not use, or attempt to use, the identity, signature, academic work or research of another person and represent that it is his or her own. A student shall not share his or her knowledge or work with another student during an examination, unless approved by the teacher. A student shall not bring into any examination any materials or notes unless approved by the teacher. A student shall not use information from any unauthorized source in completing an examination (A.R.S. 13-2002, 13-2005 and 13-2407).
14. **GAMBLING:** A student shall not engage in any game or activity that involves the element of risk or chance with the intention that property, favor or service will be exchanged based on the outcome of the game or activity (A.R.S. 13-3301).
15. **GANG ACTIVITY:** The behaviors that have been associated with gang activity or membership, especially violence, threats, intimidation, bullying, fighting and disrespect will not be tolerated on or near school property or in activities associated with school. In accordance with this zero tolerance policy, any students engaging in gang activities will be disciplined and prosecuted, if applicable, to the fullest extent of the Academy policies, local ordinances and state and federal laws. Gang behavior is described as but not limited to, bandannas, shoelaces of specific colors, jewelry, tattoos, jargon, hand gestures and graffiti, intended to demonstrate or imitate gang affiliation.
16. **HARASSMENT:** A student shall not verbally or physically harass any student, school employee or other person. This includes making statements of a sexual nature when the maker of the statement knows, or has reason to know, that the statement is unwelcome or unappreciated and where it may reasonably be perceived to be insulting, demeaning, intimidating and /or threatening to the recipient of the statement.
17. **INTERFERENCE WITH THE PEACEFUL CONDUCT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:** A person commits interference with the peaceful conduct of educational institutions by knowingly going upon or remaining upon school property in violation of any rule of such institution or for the purpose of interfering with the lawful use of such property by others; or by refusing to obey a lawful order given to them by the governing board, Director, authorized staff or officer of the law. (A.R.S. 13-2911).
18. **INTIMIDATION AND/OR THREATS:** The use of threats, written, spoken, or physical, to express an intent to inflict fear or physical injury to another person (whether or not associated or affiliated with the Academy) and /or damage to property of the Academy, constitutes interference with or disruption of an educational institution (pursuant to A.R.S. 13—2911) and is prohibited and shall result in student or employee discipline, including suspension and /or expulsion, in accordance with the Academy’s Disciplinary Policy or its Personnel Policy, as applicable. Additionally, the Academy shall report to the appropriate local law enforcement agency all suspected crimes against persons or property which are believed to be serious offenses (as defined at A.R.S. 13-604) or that involve a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument or serious physical injury, and any conduct that poses a threat of death or serious physical injury to employees, students or anyone on the property of the Academy. The Academy may report any other suspected crimes at its reasonable discretion. The Academy’s Director, or an officer or employee designated by the Academy’s Director to maintain order, may order a person to leave the Academy’s property if the officer or employee has reasonable grounds to believe either that:
  1. Any person or persons are committing any act that interferes with or disrupts the lawful use of the property by others at the Academy; or
  2. Any person has entered on the property of the Academy for the purpose of committing any act that interferes with or disrupts the lawful use of the Academy’s property by others at the educational institution.

**Failure to comply with such an order constitutes a violation of A.R.S. 13-2911**

19. **LOITERING:** A student, or any unauthorized person, shall not remain in or about school buildings, parking lots or restricted areas at unauthorized times.
20. **MINOR AGGRESSIVE ACT:** Student engages in non-serious but inappropriate physical contact, e.g. hitting, poking, pulling or pushing another person. Other behaviors that may be considered under this violation are running indoors, pulling a chair out from underneath another person, throwing objects at another person, or other behaviors that demonstrate low level hostile intent.
21. **MISREPRESENTATION, EXTORTION, THEFT:** A student shall not take, use or borrow any property by misrepresentation or deception or by express or implied threat. A student shall not take, use or borrow property belonging to another person without the owner's permission to use or take the property (A.R.S. 13-1802, 13-1804 and 13-1902).
22. **OBSCENITY:** A student shall not use obscene words or phrases or distribute obscene materials. Obscene materials are those that an average person, applying standards of the school community, would find, taken as a whole, appeal to prurient interests and lack serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value. The standard to be used is that of the Academy (A.R.S. 13-2917, 13-3501, and 13-3506).
23. **PERSONAL ENTERTAINMENT/COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** A student shall not possess, use or attempt to possess or use, any personal entertainment or communication device; including but not limited to, lasers, CD Players, Game boys, MP3, headsets, cell phones, etc.
24. **PROFANITY:** A student shall not use profane words or phrases or distribute profane materials. Profanity is defined as treating someone or something with abuse, irreverence or contempt (A.R.S. 13-3501).
25. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** Sexual harassment is a violation of the Title IX of the Education Act Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and pertinent Arizona Education Code Sections. Therefore, the Academy strongly condemns, opposes and prohibits sexual harassment of students whether verbal, physical, or environmental, by anyone in or from the Academy. Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, made by any one in or from the district.
26. **SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, SCOOTERS:** A student shall not possess, use or attempt to possess or use, any skateboard, roller blades, or other similar devices on school property during school hours.
27. **TARDINESS:** A student shall not be tardy to class or to any required school activity. Tardiness is defined as arriving late to class or a required school function. Students shall be in their assigned place at the required time.
28. **TRUANCY:** Truancy is defined as unauthorized absences, as determined by the administration, from any class, study hall or activity during the school day in which the student is scheduled (i.e. individual and group student ditching). It also includes any after-school special help session or detention that the student has been directed to attend.
29. **UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY:** A student shall not gain, or attempt to gain, forceful or unauthorized entry to, or occupation of, school buildings, grounds or places. This includes areas where confidential materials are kept or stored. (A.R.S. 13-3715, 13-1502, 13-1503, and 13-1506)
30. **VANDALISM, LITTERING, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY:** A student shall not damage destroy or deface any school property belonging to any other person, and shall not litter on school property or at a school event (A.R.S. 13-1602, 13-1604, and 15-842)
31. **VIOLATION OF FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW:** A student shall not violate, or attempt to violate any federal, state, or local law.

32. **VIOLATION OF SCHOOL POLICIES AND RULES:** A student shall not violate, or attempt to violate, any Governing Board Policy, administrative regulation or school rule.
33. **WEAPONS, DANGEROUS ITEMS:** A student shall not possess, display or use firearms, weapons, explosives, fireworks or any other instrument capable of harming any person or property, or creating the perception or threat of harm (A.R.S. 13-3101, 13-3102, 13-3110, 13-3111 and 15-841).