



DSD CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is aimed at ensuring an environment which focuses on the quality of the learning process for all members of the DSD. No one is exempt from the obligation to comply with the Code of Conduct.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PUPILS

Each pupil has the right to be educated in an orderly, well structured environment and to enjoy the support of the school. The pupil has the responsibility to be co-operative, attentive and not disrupt the rights of others to learn in any way.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEACHERS WITH REGARD TO PUPILS

There is an obligation to be professional at all times: to abide by the rules, regulations and procedures as set out by the School, and the Code of Conduct as set out by the South African Council of Educators (SACE). It is imperative to develop and maintain sound interpersonal relationships with all members of the DSD community.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS WITH REGARD TO PUPILS

It is important that the parents support all the rules and regulations of the school and ensure that their child abides by them. They should provide their child with the resources, basic equipment and learning materials needed to complete schoolwork.

Parents should bring any personal circumstances or changes which affect the child in the school to the attention of the school and always ensure that they provide all documentation required or requested by the school.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Pupils are accountable for their actions. Should they breach of the Code of Conduct, it will lead to consequences. These procedures are designed to educate and guide them to make better choices in the future and to give them strategies for self-discipline.

All punitive measures will focus on teaching more appropriate behaviour. Warnings, informal and formal counselling and guidance by teachers will be a feature of all consequences.

Consequences will be at the discretion of the teachers involved and may include time-out / detentions, a verbal written apology, "community" service (e.g. help tidy classroom, picking up of litter) or essay writing on how to improve behaviour.

All serious offences will be brought to the attention of the parents of the child involved.

DSD SCHOOL RULES

Be considerate and respectful towards others:

- listen and be aware of those around you
- treat others and their belongings as your own
- greet people you meet
- speak softly; screaming and shouting is unnecessary
- foul language and dishonesty is not acceptable at the school or at any of its functions

Start of the school day:

- be punctual
- school bags must be taken to the hall in the mornings
- no running around school buildings

General:

- under no circumstances may dangerous objects such as knives or other weapons be brought to school
- electronic devices (eg. cell phones / electronic toys) may not be taken into the classroom but must be handed in at the school office
- jewellery
 - watches and Medic Alert bracelets may be worn
 - silver/gold sleepers or studs may be worn (only one earring in each ear)
 - necklaces must be kept out of sight
 - the school accepts no responsibility for lost jewellery
- school uniform:
 - correct uniform must be worn on all school days and should be clean and neat
 - hair must be kept short and neat

Bus rules:

- you must wear seat belts at all times
- you may read, talk, and drink when thirsty
- you may not play with marbles, balls or run around, scream and be noisy

Sport:

- you must have a written apology if you are unable to participate because you are sick
- ensure that rules of sportsmanship are abided by

Environment:

- Respect and treat the environment with care at all times