

A. Expectations

In order to maintain a peaceful learning environment it is necessary to have and enforce rules for the guidance of the community. Without such rules, disorder would result and the common good of the academic community would suffer. In light of these facts, Academy students are expected to:

- Give cheerful and immediate obedience to authority
- Show charity in speech and action
- Know and abide by the rules of the Academy
- Exercise self-control and restraint
- Maintain a modest, neat, and well-groomed appearance in accordance with the dress code
- Maintain a standard of personal excellence, putting forth their very best efforts in all they do
- Show respect for others
- Address all adults respectfully, using appropriate social, academic, or ecclesiastical titles, or, in the event the name is not known, Sir, Ma'am, Father, etc.
- Raise their hands to speak, not interrupting others
- Use proper English, not slang, when speaking in school
- Give assistance to other students when needed and appropriate
- Be punctual in attendance and in completing assignments
- Care for their own possessions and those of others, keeping the building neat and clean
- Apologize for inappropriate behavior, quietly and respectfully accepting the consequences of their actions

Upper School students are required to sign a Code of Conduct agreement that expresses their willingness to abide by the Academy's rules.

B. Unacceptable Behavior

The following types of behavior are unacceptable and may be subject to disciplinary action:

- bullying, hostile teasing, or name-calling
- blaspheming, profane, obscene, or vulgar speech
- disrespect or disobedience toward an adult in authority
- running in the school building
- rough-housing, pranks, antics, and unnecessary noise
- entering areas of the building prohibited to students

- unexcused absence from class

The following types of behavior are strictly forbidden on campus or during school events:

- possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs
- possession or use of tobacco products of any sort
- possession or use of firearms, knives or other weapons
- deliberate damage to or destruction of school property
- fighting
- any activities prohibited by law

C. Disciplinary Policy

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The normal course of disciplinary action will assume the following sequence: (1) verbal corrections and warnings on the part of the instructor (2) after two violations, removal from class and referral to the office for consultation with the director; (3) conferences with parents, administrators, and/or teachers on a formal or informal basis that may include the student; (4) appropriate measures for reparation and discipline that may include community service, written assignments, detention, or suspension. Disciplinary measures will be determined by the Director.

Behaviors that violate the ideal of good manners include disrupting class, talking out of turn, ignoring homework assignments, disrespecting teachers or fellow students, disobeying authority, and failing to observe the dress code. These faults need constant attention and immediate correction to provide the dignified, respectful atmosphere essential for serious learning.

Behaviors that violate the norm of good morals include cheating, plagiarism, lying, stealing, using profane language, physically harming other students, and destroying others' property. These infractions violate the virtue of justice, and the practice of charity, and are therefore matters of grave concern.

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New England Classical Academy prohibits corporal punishment by faculty, staff, or administration. If a student's conduct cannot be controlled without force then the Academy is not capable of providing for his education.