



CONEY ISLAND PREP

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Coney Island Preparatory Public Charter School

Student and Family Handbook-Code of Conduct

List of Certain Actionable Offenses

The following list of actionable offenses is not exhaustive but provides examples of violations of the Code that may result in additional disciplinary action, in addition to the loss of PRIDE dollars, detention, and in-school suspension as defined above. The list may be modified from time to time and/or supplemented by Coney Island Prep staff with notice to students.

1. DISRUPTING THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

1.1 Arriving Late to School or Class: Student tardiness disrupts class, inconveniences others, and often results in academic difficulties. Students may not be late to school or class.

1.2 Cutting School, Class, Detention, or Mandatory School Events: Students are required to attend all classes, assigned detention, and mandatory school events. Students are not permitted to have unexcused absences or to leave the school building without permission. In addition to other disciplinary consequences, these offenses may result in long-term suspension and/or expulsion. In addition to other disciplinary consequences, students may not be promoted to the next grade if too much class time is missed.

1.3 Misbehaving on School-Provided Transportation: Students may not misbehave while walking to or from, waiting for, or riding on school-provided transportation, including the school bus. Please note that students are subject to temporary or permanent denial of school-provided transportation (in which case students and parents are responsible for travel to and from school) suspension and/or other consequences, depending on the circumstances. Misbehavior includes, but is not limited to, using inappropriate language, making excessive noise, touching other students inappropriately, being disrespectful of

others, or failing to follow the bus driver's instructions.

- 1.4 Blocking Access to Any Part of the School Building: Students are not permitted to block access to any room or part of the school building. In addition to other disciplinary consequences, this offense may result in suspension and/or other consequences, depending on the circumstances.
- 1.5 Violating the Dress Code: Parents must pick up children who are not properly dressed for school or bring the missing Dress Code items to the school, as students may be suspended or not be permitted to attend class. Violations of the dress code also may result in additional disciplinary consequences.
- 1.6 Gum, Food, and Beverages: Students may not chew gum or eat or drink at unauthorized times or places.
- 1.7 Talking in the Hallway: Students are not permitted to talk in the hallway during period changes without permission from a teacher.
- 1.8 Disrupting Class and Preventing Teaching: Coney Island Prep can fulfill its mission only if classrooms are safe and teaching is uninterrupted. Students may not disrupt class. In addition to other disciplinary consequences, this offense may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.
- 1.9 Arriving to Class Unprepared: When class begins, students must be prepared and have all necessary materials (books, paper, pen, pencil, etc.).
- 1.10 Failing to Complete Homework: Completing homework is essential to the success of individual students and the classroom community. Students are expected to complete all assignments on time.
- 1.11 Cheating, Plagiarism, and Copying Other's Work: Cheating or copying the work of others (or allowing other students to copy work) is unacceptable. This offense may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.
- 1.12 Forgery: Students may not forge a signature. This offense may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.
- 1.13 Lying to a Staff Member: Honesty is an essential element of personal character and is needed to build a community based on trust and respect. Students are not permitted to lie or attempt to conceal the truth. This offense may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.
- 1.14 Being Disrespectful toward a Staff Member: A school cannot function properly if students are permitted to be disrespectful toward adults. For that reason, students may not be disrespectful toward a staff member or any other adult associated with the school. This offense may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

1.15 Being Disrespectful toward a Student: If students do not feel physically and emotionally safe in school, teaching and learning are made more difficult. Therefore, students may not be disrespectful toward other students. This offense may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

1.16 Possession of Inappropriate Property: Students cannot possess iPods, or other electronic equipment or games, printed text or lyrics that are vulgar, profane, or sexually explicit, or any other items inappropriate for school. Such items will be confiscated. See also Student Supply Section. This offense may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

1.17 Misbehaving Inside or Outside of Class: Misbehavior that violates this Code inside or outside of class (at School and/or on School grounds; participating in a School-sponsored activity; walking to or from School or a School-sponsored event; walking to or from, waiting for, or riding on school-provided transportation; or walking to or from, waiting for, or riding on public transportation to and from School or a School-sponsored activity) is not permitted. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

2. ASSAULT, BATTERY, BODILY HARM, INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING, AND/OR THREATS

2.1 Causing Bodily Harm: Students may not cause physical injury to a student, school employee, or another person. Students are not permitted to harm or attempt to harm a student, school employee, or another person including with a weapon or dangerous object. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

2.2 Committing Assault or Assault and Battery: Students may not commit assault and battery on a student, school employee, or another person. Assault is an attempt or threat to physically harm another person; assault does not require physical contact. Battery is any unlawful touching of another person. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

2.3 Fighting or Unwanted Physical Contact: Coney Island Prep students may not fight with other students—from Coney Island Prep or any other school, or any other individuals. Harassing, pushing, touching, or any form of unwanted physical contact is not tolerated. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

2.4 Play Fighting and Threatening: Play fighting and/or the use of threats threatens the safety of the community. Students may not play fight

and/or threaten others. This offense may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

2.5 Setting off a False Alarm or Making a Threat: Students may not intentionally set off a false alarm or make a destructive threat. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

2.6 Engaging in Intimidating, or Bullying Behavior, Including Cyber-Bullying: Bullying is defined as a series of acts or a single negative act (depending on severity) that involve(s) a real or perceived imbalance of power, i.e., where a more powerful (whether real or perceived) group of students, or an individual student engages in harassment of another student or students who is/are less powerful or perceived to be less powerful. Bullying can take many forms, including but not necessarily limited to the following three forms: 1. Physical (including, but not limited to, hitting, kicking, spitting, pushing, and taking personal belongings); 2. Verbal (including, but not limited to, taunting, malicious teasing, name calling, making threats); and 3. Psychological (including, but not limited to, spreading rumors; manipulating social relationships; or engaging in social exclusion, extortion, or intimidation).

Cyber-bullying takes many forms, and is defined as online social cruelty or electronic bullying that involves the use of information technology, including e-mail, instant messaging, blogs, chat rooms, pagers, cell phones, and gaming systems, to deliberately harass, threaten or intimidate students. This includes but is not necessarily limited to sending mean, vulgar, or threatening messages or images; posting sensitive, private information about another person pretending to be someone else in order to make that person look bad. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

3. POSSESSION OR USE OF FIREARMS, WEAPONS, AND/OR DANGEROUS OBJECTS

3.1 Using or Possessing a Weapon or Dangerous Object: Students are not allowed to bring a weapon of any sort to school, use any object in a dangerous or threatening manner, or have a weapon on him/her or in his/her property. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

4. HARASSMENT AND VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS

4.1 Violating the Civil Rights of Others: Students may not violate the civil rights of others. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

- 4.2 Engaging in Harassing Behavior:** Students may not engage in any form of harassing behavior. Harassment is defined as the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety; such conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse includes but is not limited to bullying, cyber bullying, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex. In addition, students may not make unwanted sexual advances toward or commit sexual harassment of any members of the school community. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.
- 4.3 Abusive or Profane Language or Treatment:** Students may not use abusive, threatening, vulgar, coarse, or degrading language (including racial epithets or sexist or homophobic remarks). This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.
- 4.4 Engaging in Inappropriate use of Social Media:** Students may not engage in conduct or communication that may harass or intimidate any members of the school community, or reasonably lead to a disruption of the educational environment. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.

5. THEFT OR VANDALISM

- 5.1 Theft, Loss, or Destruction of Personal or School Property:** Students may not steal, lose, or damage someone else's property or school property. In addition to facing other consequences for violation of this rule, students are expected to return property to its rightful owner in its original condition or to reimburse the owner and/or the school for lost, damaged, or stolen property. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.
- 5.2 Mistreatment or Inappropriate Use of Technology or School Property:** Students must treat computers, printers, and other technology with care. Coney Island Prep does not tolerate attempts to access the school's files or other inappropriate uses of technology or the Internet. Students do not have the right to use school computers to access chat rooms or email

or to access web sites or files that contain profanity, sexually explicit language or pictures, excessively violent themes, and/or other material inappropriate for minors. Students must not mistreat other school property. This offense may result in suspension and/or expulsion or other disciplinary consequences, depending on the circumstances.