

PETCHS CODE OF CONDUCT

The objective of our school's Code of Conduct is to develop, encourage, and maintain an environment and atmosphere that promotes respect and consideration for others and a desire to learn. PE & T's Code of Conduct is designed to allow our students to be pro-active; to assume responsibility in all situations and be accountable for their actions and behavior.

The authority to exercise the disciplinary process extends to all staff. In cases of serious misconduct, repetitive misconduct, or conduct that is grossly unbecoming of any student, that student will be referred to the Disciplinarian and the Discipline Committee for appropriate intervention. Any student who knowingly and willingly continues to ignore and/or violate our school's Code of Conduct after intervention by the Discipline Committee, will be referred to the Discipline Review Board (a panel of parents and teachers). Upon review and examination, the Discipline Review Board will render their determination as to what action(s) should be taken. This could include a disciplinary hearing before the Board of Trustees.

EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ABUSIVE CONDUCT

Abusive acts of any kind directed at Staff or any student are strictly prohibited. This includes, but not limited to, verbal abuse, physical abuse, racial or ethnic harassment, extortion, words or acts that threaten another student or staff person or incite others to do so, coercion, blackmail, and preventing students from entering, leaving, or moving about the school or engaging in school activities by threats or harassment.

ARREST

Any student apprehended and/or arrested by law enforcement authorities while at school or at any school related function will be suspended immediately and referred to the Discipline office. Parents/Guardians will be notified immediately and the suspension will remain in effect until the outcome has been determined by the authorities.

ASSAULT

Any student who assaults, or threatens to assault a Staff person, a Student, or any school employee will be issued an out-of-school suspension immediately, and the incident will be referred to the Discipline office. Pending an investigation and review, the Disciplinarian will determine what action should be taken. This could include, but not limited to, reviews by the Discipline Committee and Discipline Review Board, and possible referral to the Board of Trustees for a disciplinary hearing.

PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

The Philadelphia Electrical and Technology Charter High School is totally committed to maintaining a safe learning environment for every student. Violence will not be tolerated; and any student who chooses to use violence of any sort as an option to solve issues, problems, or differences with anyone will be dealt with immediately. Any student who chooses to engage in violence or participate in a physical altercation will be referred immediately to the Disciplinarian. The student(s) will be suspended pending the outcome of an investigation, and once the information, facts, and documentation are secured the Disciplinarian will schedule a meeting with the Discipline Committee to determine what action should be taken. This may include, but not be limited to, referral to the Discipline Review Board for a determination.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Unwanted or unwelcome contact of a sexual nature directed toward another individual is prohibited, irregardless of whether the contact is by word, gesture, or other sexual conduct. Students are expected to treat other students and staff with courtesy and respect, and avoid any behavior, action, or activity that is offensive and disrespectful.

SUSPENSION

Suspensions will not be imposed until the issue in question is brought to the attention of the Disciplinarian for investigation and review. Depending on the nature and severity of the infraction, the Disciplinarian may impose a suspension immediately or place the issue before the Discipline Committee for a determination.

Suspension will be an option for repeated rule violations, repeated infractions, repeated disruptive behaviors, etc. that seriously hinder the educational process and/or operation of the school. In the most serious cases, such as weapons violations, theft, vandalism, substance abuse or possession, physical violence, etc., suspension will be automatic and the Discipline Committee will meet immediately.

In order to be reinstated, a suspended student and the parent/guardian must schedule a reinstatement conference with the Disciplinarian. At this conference the Disciplinarian may impose additional sanctions as part of the reinstatement process.

TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks are the property of the school, and as such are to be cared for by the students in an appropriate manner. Defacing or damaging a textbook is no different than defacing or damaging any other school property or piece of

equipment. All books are to be returned to the teacher at the close of the semester. Final report cards will not be distributed until all textbooks and related materials belonging to the school are returned. In the event that a textbook is lost or destroyed, the student will be responsible for its replacement.

VALUABLES

Valuables such as money, purses, handbags, wallets, etc. are the responsibility of the student and not the school. Large sums of money and items of extreme value should not be carried about the school. Items of this nature should be in the student's locker or turned into the office for safe keeping until the student is ready to leave for the day. If a student has verifiable proof that something has been taken or stolen, they should report that loss immediately to the teacher as well as the Director of Security. Communication Devices are prohibited and therefore, the school will not get involved with the theft of these devices.

VANDALISM

Any student guilty of vandalism, i.e., deliberately and intentionally defacing, damaging, or destroying school property, facilities, equipment, materials, etc. will be immediately referred to the Disciplinarian. Depending on the severity of the incident or the infraction, the Disciplinarian may refer the matter to the Discipline Committee for review. In addition, the student and the responsible parent/guardian can be held responsible for repairs, reimbursement and/or replacement of any damaged property or equipment.

WEAPONS

Students are strictly forbidden to have on their person or in their possession or in any area or space provided by the school any tool, instrument, implement, or weapon capable of causing serious injury or worse. Such items would include, but not be limited to firearms, knives, razors, stun guns, starter pistols, BB guns, harmful or toxic substances, explosives, fireworks, etc. The possession, use or attempted use of any item that may cause injury to another will result in immediate referral to the Disciplinarian as well as the Discipline Committee. In addition, should the possession and/or use of any item of this nature have legal ramifications, the school will cooperate fully with all legal authorities.