

## **Nonviolence Policy**

Students who enroll at Young Scholars must accept that violence will never be an option for resolving problems at school. It is unacceptable and will result in the most severe consequences as it leads to a space that is unsafe for all students and staff in the building.

All students and parents will adopt and sign the following pledge:

*I pledge not to use violence for any reason whatsoever on the Young Scholars Charter School premises, while representing Young Scholars outside or away or from the school, or with any other member of the Young Scholars community at any time or place, including on the school bus. I will not provoke a fight by work or action; I will not respond with violence if provoked, and if assaulted I will use minimal force in self-defense.*

*If I do engage in a fight, I understand that I will be required to attend a nonviolence hearing, which could lead to a recommendation of my expulsion from Young Scholars Charter School. (Young Scholars will comply with all the procedures leading to expulsion as outlined in the Due Process section of this handbook, if that is the outcome of the nonviolence hearing.)*

## **Nonviolence Policy Violation Hearings**

If a student is involved in a violent incident they will be removed from school immediately until a nonviolence hearing is held to determine if the student has violated the nonviolence contract. The nonviolence hearing committee is a 3-person committee made up of the Co-Principal of Culture or Dean of Culture, along with two additional staff members. Possible outcomes of this meeting are:

1. The student is found to not have violated the nonviolence contract and will be permitted back to school without consequence.
2. The student is found in violation of the nonviolence contract and will be reinstated with strict probationary terms, including a period of review.
3. The student is found in violation of the nonviolence contract and will be recommended for an Expulsion Hearing.