

Employees shall not accept students as friends on any personal social networking sites and are to decline any student-initiated friend requests. Teachers are not to initiate “friendships” with students or parents. Employees must delete any students already on their “friends” list immediately.

With regard to social networking content, employees should not use commentary deemed to be defamatory, obscene, proprietary, or libelous with regard to any School-related business or policy, employee, student, or parent. Additionally, employees should exercise caution with regards to exaggeration, obscenity, copyrighted materials, legal conclusions, and derogatory remarks or characterizations. Employees should weigh whether a particular posting puts his/her effectiveness as a School employee at risk. The School encourages employees to post only what they want the world to see. Imagine that students, their parents, or administrators will visit your site as most information is available to the general public even after it is removed from the site. Employees may not discuss students nor post images that include students.

Due to security risks, employees must be cautious when installing the external applications that work with the social networking site. At a minimum, it is recommended that all employees should have all privacy settings set to “Only Friends”. The settings “Friends of Friends” and “Networks and Friends” open your content to a large group of unknown people, including students.

#### Personal or Professional Blogs

If you are developing a website or writing a blog that will mention the School, you must identify that you are an employee of the organization and that the views expressed on the blog or web site are yours alone and do not represent the views of the School. Unless given permission by your Executive Director, you are not authorized to speak on behalf of the School or to represent that you do so. If you are developing a site or writing a blog that will mention the School, as a courtesy to the organization, please let your Executive Director know in advance of publication. Your Executive Director may choose to visit your blog or social networking site from time to time.

You may not share information that is confidential and proprietary with regard to the School. This includes, but is not limited to, information about curriculum, School dynamics, School programs, future goals, or current challenges within the organization. These are given as examples only and do not cover the range of what the School considers confidential and proprietary. If you have any questions about whether information has been released publicly or doubts of any kind, speak with your Executive Director and Human Resources.

When writing a blog or participating in any other social networking site, employees should speak respectfully about the School and our current and potential employees, students, parents, and competitors. Name-calling or behavior that will reflect negatively on the organization’s reputation is discouraged. Note that the use of copyrighted materials, unfounded, harassing, libelous, or derogatory statements, or misrepresentation is not viewed favorably by the School and can result in disciplinary action, up to, and including termination.

All employees who engage in social networking may be legally liable for anything he/she writes or presents online. Employees can be disciplined, if appropriate, by the School for commentary, content, or images that are defamatory, pornographic, proprietary, harassing, libelous, or that can create a hostile work environment.

This policy should not be construed, and will not be applied, in a manner that violates employee rights under the National Labor Relations Act. Employees may not comment on a student’s blog or a student’s other social networking commentaries. Employees may not use trade names, or logos belonging to the School without express written permission of the Executive Director. Failure to comply with the School’s social media policy will result in disciplinary action, up to, and including, immediate termination.

#### EQUIPMENT POLICY

The School attempts to provide all staff members with the equipment and supplies needed to do their job. Providing equipment is a great expense to the School. It is expected that everyone will protect and care for all equipment and supplies issued to them. Staff members are responsible for the cost of lost, stolen, or broken items issued to them including: keys, textbooks, teacher guides, laptops, and any other equipment that may be assigned to them if the loss is due to willful misconduct or gross negligence.

#### Laptop Computers

Each staff member assigned a laptop for professional use shall ~~be required to sign a laptop Agreement Form and will~~ be charged for any damages, loss or theft to the laptop caused by willful misconduct or gross negligence.

Although issued to an individual employee, all computing devices are considered the personal property of the primary organizational unit to which the receiving employee belongs and shall be returned upon termination of employment with the School, after reassignment of job duties or immediately upon request at any time by an official of the School. Employees are expected to take all appropriate measures and precautions to prevent the loss, theft, damage and/or unauthorized use of such equipment. Such precautions shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Keep the computing device in a locked and secured environment when not being used;
- Do not leave the computing device for prolonged periods of time in a vehicle, especially in extreme temperatures;
- Keep food and drinks away from all computing devices and work areas;
- Do not leave the computing device unattended at any time in an unsecured location (e.g., an unlocked empty office); and
- Keep the computing device in sight at all times while in public places, such as public transportation, airports, restaurants, etc. Should an employee’s computing device be lost or stolen, the employee must:
  - Immediately report the incident to his/her immediate supervisor and IT.
  - Obtain an official police report documenting the theft or loss; and
  - Provide a copy of the police report to his/her immediate supervisor, or Executive Director and IT.

If the employee fails to adhere to these procedures, the employee may be held legally and financially responsible to the School for the replacement of such equipment. The School is under no legal, financial or other obligation to provide for a replacement computing device to any employee whose device is lost, stolen or damaged.

There is no expectation of privacy in School equipment. The School may add security and other tracking technology to any and all computing devices issued by it and any and all such usage is subject to management review, monitoring, and auditing by the School. Other audits may be performed on the usage and internal controls as deemed necessary. Non-compliance with any policies or procedures regarding Employee Computers and Portable Computing Devices issued by the School will result in appropriate disciplinary action and/or reimbursement of any and all costs to the School.

#### CELL PHONE POLICY

Personal cell phones should not be used while you are working if assigned to a location. Cell phones should be turned off and stored with your other personal belongings while you are working. If you are required to perform business on a cell phone for the School while driving, you must utilize the hands-free option on the cell phone or a headset/earpiece device. Sending, writing, or reading text based communications on your cell phone while driving a School vehicle or your own vehicle to conduct School business is prohibited. Text based communications include, but are not limited to, text messages, instant messages, and email. If you are assigned a School cell phone to conduct School business, please notify your supervisor if the cell phone is misplaced, stolen, or damaged. Personal calls, received or placed, are not allowed on School cell phones.

#### Telephone Calls and Texting

While at work and during staff meetings, the employee’s undivided attention is expected. Cell phones, texting, and pagers are not allowed so that the activities or discussion are not disturbed. Employees should wait to make personal phone calls during breaks.

#### NO SOLICITATION/DISTRIBUTION POLICY

In order to minimize non-work-related activities that could interfere with providing quality education, teamwork, and safety, the School has established the following policy concerning solicitation and the distribution of written materials other than those directly related to the School’s business.

Non-employees may not solicit or distribute written materials of any kind at any time on premises that are owned, leased, operated, managed, or controlled by the School.

Employees may not solicit other employees during the workday when either the person doing the solicitation or the person being solicited is engaged in or required to be performing work tasks. Employees may not distribute written materials of any kind during the workday when either the distributing employee or the employee receiving the materials is engaged in or required to be performing work tasks.

Additionally, distribution of written materials of any kind by the School employees is prohibited at all times in all working areas on School premises.

Employees may solicit other employees when both parties are on non-work time. Employees may distribute written materials in non-work areas during non-work time.

The sole exceptions to this policy are charitable and community activities supported and approved by the School. School bulletin boards are the only areas where any merchandise or notices may be placed. Such items must meet the guidelines established by the School. The School must approve any postings prior to posting.

The School reserves the right to discontinue any solicitation or distribution if the activities become disruptive to employees or the efficient operation of the School’s business.

Employees are required to leave School premises and other work areas at the completion of their workday. Employees are not permitted to enter or remain on School premises or work areas unless the employee is on duty, scheduled for work, coming to or departing from scheduled work, or otherwise has specific authorization from their supervisor.

#### Definitions

School “premises”: property owned, leased, operated, managed, or controlled by the School, including buildings, parking lots, and play areas that the School has the right to use exclusively or in common with others, vehicles owned or operated by the School.

Work time: any time when employees are engaged in or required to be performing work tasks. Work time does not include break periods, meal times, or other periods during the workday when employees are properly not engaged in performing their work tasks.

Work areas: all areas controlled by the School where employees are performing work, except cafeterias, employee break areas, and parking lots (non-work areas).

## EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the School Employee Handbook, on the date indicated below and agree to my at-will employment as described below. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to read and review the Employee Handbook carefully. I also acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ask for clarification if I do not understand any of the policies included in the Employee Handbook.

I understand that the Employee Handbook contains important information regarding the School's expectations, policies and guidelines and that I am expected to comply with these expectations, policies and guidelines at all times. I understand that the Employee Handbook does not provide a binding contract, but provides guidelines for personnel concerning some of the School's policies.

In particular, I have read and understand the School's **Equipment/Laptop Computer Policy**, Anti-Nepotism Policy, Policy Regarding Inconsistent, Incompatible or Conflicting Employment, Activity or Enterprise by School Personnel, Policy Confirming Restrictions on the Provision of Funds or Other Things of Value to Students, Parents or Guardians, and restrictions and procedures to avoid Conflicts of Interest.

Just as I am free to terminate the employment relationship with the School at any time, the School, in its sole discretion, also reserves the right to modify or terminate the employment relationship with me at any time for any or no reason and with or without notice. Further, there is no agreement, express or implied, written or verbal, between the employee and the School for any specific period of employment, for continuing or long-term employment, or for guaranteed terms and conditions of employment. No one other than the Executive Director of the School, with the approval of the Board of Directors, has the authority to alter your employment at-will status, to enter into an agreement for employment for a specified period of time, or to make any agreement contrary to this policy. Further, any such agreement must be in writing and must be signed by the Executive Director. This is the entire agreement between the School and me regarding this subject. All prior or contemporaneous inconsistent agreements are superseded. If I have an individually negotiated written employment agreement with the School, then the terms and conditions of that agreement will prevail to the extent it differs from the policies in this Handbook.

The School reserves the right to modify, alter, add to or delete any of the policies, guidelines or benefits contained in this handbook at any time with or without notice. Other than the School Board of Directors, no other entity or person has the authority to modify this employee handbook.

Employee Name (print):

Employee Signature:

Date: