

# **DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR POLICY**

- Dasman Bilingual School prioritizes a healthy, safe, and respectful environment.
- Students' rights are protected to enhance learning and teach responsibility and interpersonal skills.
- No student is allowed to disrupt the education of others or hinder teachers' ability to deliver quality instruction.
- Disciplinary processes aim to reduce disruptions and support responsible behavior in the school community.

# Student Expectations

Students are expected to abide by the following principles:

- No student will endanger themselves or others
- There is a series of clear expectations that will be acknowledged and followed in the classroom
- All students will report to class on time and be ready to learn
- No student will be allowed to attend class without an appropriate school uniform
- All students will arrive in class with the appropriate materials
- Students will not leave the classroom without permission
- Students will not be allowed to leave class frequently for personal issues
- Students will manage their verbal communication strictly around the prescribed rules of the teacher
- Students will not be allowed to speak Arabic in an English language Classroom
- Students will keep hands, feet and other objects to themselves

#### School-Wide Standards

# The standards of behavior that are expected in all school, classroom and off campus related activities are as follows. All school members will:

- Respect the rules, policies and regulations of DMBS and our host nation, Kuwait
- Show respect and demonstrate honesty and integrity
- Respect the differences between individuals including their ideas and opinions
- Treat one another with dignity and respect at all times, especially when there is a disagreement

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- Treat others fairly, regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, citizenship, religion, gender, age or disability
- Respect the rights of others
- Respect persons who are in a position of authority
- Respect the needs of others to work in an environment of learning and teaching
- Take appropriate measures to help and care for those in need
- Not be in possession of tobacco

# No Tolerance Behavior

- Possession of or the use of drugs or alcohol
- Possession of weapons or the use of any object as a weapon
- Physical assault or fighting
- Habitual defiance and wilful disobedience
- Intimidation or threat of violence towards staff or students
- Use of inappropriate language at any time directed towards staff or students
- Use of any application on the internet such as "Face Book", "My Space" or email to demean a student or staff member in or out of school

# **Disciplinary Behavior**

- The following includes behaviors that take place in the classroom or school related activities and interfere with a student's right to learn, the teacher's right to teach or steals the dignity of another person. There will be immediate disciplinary consequences for these behaviors:
- Tardiness
- Truancy
- Theft
- Cheating and dishonesty
- Racist remarks
- Violation of the classroom rules
- Chronic disruption of class
- Inappropriate use of the internet
- Violation of the Uniform Policy
- Vandalism
- Forgery
- Plagiarism
- Harassment
- Bullying verbal, physical, written or electronic
- Defiance and wilful disobedience
- Disrespect/ Offensive conduct
- Profanity, obscene language or gestures to staff

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# Consequences

There are three categories of behavior outlined in the Code of Behavior. They are General Misconduct, Serious Misconduct and Illegal Misconduct.

### Following these behaviors, in-school actions will include:

- Peer mediation
- Loss of classroom privileges/incentives
- Confiscation of mobile phones/ electronic devices
- Extra assignments where applicable
- Classroom removal
- Parental notification
- A conference with parents
- Detention/ Partial loss of break
- Restitution
- Counselling/ Reflection
- A written apology
- Official verbal or written reprimand from Principal/ Vice Principal
- Other sanctions following discussion between parents, class teacher and Principal/ Vice Principal
- For serious episodes, withdrawal from class, suspension from school and ultimately, if necessary, exclusion from school.

#### The Classroom

Each teacher will have a written set of rules and a Classroom Management Plan as part of the syllabus forwarded home to parents. Parents are required to provide accurate contact information that includes a mobile and home phone number or fax and an email address.

The teacher's Classroom Management Plan will include:

- Consequences used by the teacher to manage class behaviour
- The steps and procedures the teacher will follow
- The negative consequences that will be used
- A time frame whereby the teacher will contact the parents

#### **Office Referral**

When a student is referred to the appropriate office for negative behavior the following procedures will be followed:

- The teacher will request a time out where a student is removed from the classroom
- Discipline will include parent administered consequences, a behavior contract, inhouse suspension, out of school suspension, exclusion or expulsion

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- Parent contact is made, and the student will not be allowed to return to class until the parent or guardian is reached
- Discipline will be administered immediately

#### Rewards

- Promotes good behavior aligned with the school's ethos.
- Focuses on personal responsibility, self-discipline, and motivation.
- Encourages students to act with integrity, honesty, fairness, and justice.
- Emphasizes respect for individuals, groups, and communities.
- Students are taught to take responsibility for their actions and their consequences.

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Compliant with	Local legislation, CIS and NEASC

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