

# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

#### Introduction

Dasman Bilingual School (DBS) is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment. The Student Code of Conduct is designed to ensure students understand their responsibilities and the expectations of their behavior within the school community. Students must conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the values of respect, integrity, and responsibility.

#### **Student Expectations**

Students are expected to:

- Respect themselves, their peers, teachers, and school staff.
- Attend class punctually and be prepared with all necessary materials.
- Always wear the appropriate school uniform.
- Remain in the classroom unless granted permission to leave.
- Communicate appropriately, following classroom rules.
- Refrain from speaking Arabic in English-language classrooms.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves.
- Follow all school policies and classroom rules set by teachers.

#### **School-Wide Standards**

Students must uphold behavior that aligns with DBS's values in all school activities and events, both on and off-campus. This includes:

- Respecting school policies, regulations, and Kuwaiti law.
- Acting with honesty, integrity, and fairness.
- Treating all individuals with dignity, regardless of race, religion, gender, or background.
- Adhering to appropriate behavior in classrooms, hallways, and extracurricular activities.
- Not possessing or using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
- Respecting authority figures and cooperating with school staff.
- Taking responsibility for their actions and making amends where necessary.

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## **Prohibited Behaviors (Zero-Tolerance Policy)**

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disciplinary action:

- Possession, use, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
- Possession of weapons or using objects as weapons.
- Physical assault or fighting.
- Habitual defiance or willful disobedience.
- Threats, intimidation, or violence against staff or students.
- Use of offensive or inappropriate language.
- Cyberbullying, including the use of social media to harm others.

## **Disciplinary Behaviors**

The following behaviors will result in disciplinary consequences:

- Tardiness or truancy.
- Theft or dishonesty.
- Racist remarks or discrimination.
- Repeated classroom disruptions.
- Inappropriate use of the internet.
- Violating the uniform policy.
- Vandalism or destruction of school property.
- Forgery or plagiarism.
- Harassment or bullying (verbal, physical, or electronic).
- Defiance of authority.
- Use of obscene language or gestures toward staff.

#### **Consequences and Disciplinary Actions**

There are three categories of behavior infractions: General Misconduct, Serious Misconduct, and Illegal Misconduct. Consequences may include:

- Peer mediation.
- Loss of classroom privileges.
- Confiscation of mobile phones or electronic devices.
- Additional assignments.
- Temporary removal from class.
- Parental notification and conference.
- Detention or loss of break time.
- Restitution for damages.

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- Counseling or reflection sessions.
- Written apologies.
- Official warnings from school administration.
- Suspension or, in extreme cases, expulsion.

### 7. Classroom Management and Office Referrals

- Each teacher will have a **Classroom Management Plan** outlining behavior expectations and consequences.
- Teachers will address minor infractions within the classroom before referring students to administration.
- If a student is sent to the office for misconduct, disciplinary action will be taken immediately, which may include behavior contracts, suspension, or expulsion.
- Parents will be notified and involved in disciplinary decisions.

#### 8. Recognition and Rewards for Positive Behavior

DBS encourages students to demonstrate good behavior by:

- Promoting a culture of respect and responsibility.
- Recognizing students who show integrity, honesty, and fairness.
- Encouraging self-discipline and accountability.
- Providing positive reinforcement through praise, awards, and privileges.

### Acknowledgment

All students and parents must read, understand, and acknowledge the Student Code of Conduct. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action as outlined above.

#### **DOCUMENT CONTROL**

COMPLIANCE	
Compliant with	Local legislation, CIS and NEASC

AUDIENCE	
Internal	All students and parents in DBS

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