

Student Etiquette

There are numerous ways that students are encouraged and expected to show kindness to one another, and to their teachers, during their hours at Paideia Christian Academy. Periodically, students will receive teaching and reminders about these expectations. It is our hope that these actions will become part of the daily fabric at Paideia.

We train our young men to show consideration and respect for the ladies in the school. We want to train our young ladies to accept the sacrifice of the young men with humility and thankfulness. As some applications of this truth, we want the young men to do the following:

1. Open doors for all ladies - whether parents, teachers, or students. Always allow the ladies to exit first.
2. In the hallways, men are courteous and defer to the ladies by giving them space.
3. In all events where food is served, the women are to be served and seated first.

We want to train our students to show proper respect to their teachers and administrators.

1. Students should address their teachers by Mr., Miss, or Mrs.
2. Students should respond by saying "yes" or "no", not "yeah". "Sir" and "Ma'am" are always welcome.
3. Students should stand when a teacher or administrator enters the room.

We would like Paideia to be a place where visitors sense the aroma of Christ's love. "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death, to the other, the fragrance of life" (II Corinthians 2:14-15).

Basic School Rules

1. Students are expected to cooperate with basic Christian standards of behavior and conversation.
2. There should be no talking back or arguing with teachers or staff. Prompt and cheerful obedience is expected.
3. Chewing gum, electronic music devices, guns, knives, or other distracting toys/tools are not allowed on the school grounds or buses. Smoking is prohibited. Cell phones (smart watches, etc.) may be used only when not in class or school events. If a student brings one of these devices to class, he will lose it for two days and receive an office visit.
4. Paideia Academy is not the place in which romantic relationships between students should be initiated or cultivated. Public displays of romantic affection are unacceptable.
5. Non-Paideia students are not allowed on campus without written permission from the Administration (lunch, balls, special events, etc.). Athletic competitions and drama/music productions are the only exceptions to this.

6. Cheating is widespread today. We believe that teaching students to do their own work and keep their eyes on their own papers should begin in the elementary years. Cheating is unacceptable at Paideia and is defined as the following:
- plagiarism or copying an answer
 - working together on an assignment that was intended to be completed individually
 - looking on another student's paper during a test

Discipline Policy

The method and amount of discipline will be determined by the teachers, and when necessary, the Administration. All discipline will be based on biblical principles (e.g. restitution, apologies both public and private, swift meaningful punishment, restoration of fellowship, no lingering attitudes, etc). The vast majority of discipline will be handled at the classroom level. Love and forgiveness will be an integral part of the discipline of a student.

1. *Office Visits*: There are five basic behaviors that will automatically necessitate discipline from the Administration.
- Disrespect shown to an adult (staff member, parent, etc.)
 - Dishonesty in any situation, including lying, cheating, and stealing
 - Rebellion, i.e. outright disobedience in response to instructions
 - Fighting, i.e. striking or kicking in anger or with the intention to harm
 - Obscene, vulgar, or profane language, including using the Lord's name in vain

The Administration will determine the nature of the discipline. If a student receives an office visit, the following accounting will be observed within the school year:

- The first two times a student has an office visit the student's parents will be contacted afterward and given the details. Their assistance and support in averting further problems will be sought.
 - The third office visit will be followed by a meeting with the parents and Administration.
 - Should the student require a fourth office visit, he will be suspended for two days.
 - If a fifth office visit is required, the student will be expelled from the school.
2. *Serious Misconduct*: If the Administration deems it necessary, the office-visit process may be by-passed and suspension imposed immediately.

Examples of such misconduct include, but are not limited to: acts endangering the lives of others, gross violence, theft, vandalism, violations of civil law, or drug abuse, whether it happens on campus or off, during school hours or outside of the school day. If the Administration desires to pursue expulsion, he will meet with the Board to make the final decision.

3. *School Culture*: If a student has a significant negative influence on other students, the Administration has the right to seek to expel the student, apart from the process of office visits.

Examples of such behavior would include, but not be limited to: student romances, disobedience to parents, love of worldliness, a surly attitude, and any other ongoing attitudes reflecting a clear disregard of scriptural standards. If the Administration exercises this option, he will meet with the parents and the Board. The Board will make the final decision. The parents will then have the option to withdraw their student to prevent expulsion.

4. *Re-enrollment*: At the discretion of the Administration, in consultation with the Board, a student may be refused re-enrollment. Such refusal to re-enroll is not considered a direct disciplinary act, requiring accumulated office visits in order to be taken. Refusal to re-enroll is not the equivalent of suspension or expulsion.
5. *Re-admittance*: Should a student who was expelled, or who withdrew to prevent expulsion, desire to be readmitted to Paideia School at a later date, the Board, in consultation with the Administration, will make a decision based on the student's attitude and circumstances.