

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All students who attend **Erskine Academy** are entitled to the maximum benefit of the quality educational and co-curricular programs available at the school. Students and teachers can expect to participate in these programs free from danger, harassment, and mistreatment. Any interruption or disturbance by an individual or group that negatively effects the educational process or violates law or school policy will be cause for disciplinary action.

Students are expected to demonstrate obedience and respect to teachers, substitute teachers, bus drivers, secretaries, and other employees of the school. Misconduct, smoking, possession of mood modifiers, dangerous instruments, or any type of weapon will be construed as interfering with the peacefulness and usefulness of the school and its activities. Erskine Academy supports a **“No Use”** philosophy regarding smoking and the use of substances, and a **“Zero Tolerance”** position concerning violence, harassment of any kind, and aggressive confrontation including threatening, ridicule, and intimidation. Any misuse or damage of property, either personal or school, littering of campus and/or buildings, use of profane, obscene or abusive language, rude gestures, lewd action, or violation of the dress code constitutes unacceptable behavior. Consequences for choosing to behave in an unacceptable manner are detailed in the “Assertive Discipline” section of the student guidebook.

Academic integrity is of great value to Erskine Academy, as is the academic morality of its students. Attempts to gain an unfair advantage in grades through dishonest actions such as cheating on homework, tests and assignments, as well as plagiarism will be considered serious and disciplined for accordingly.

Students are to be on time to all classes, must eat in the assigned dining areas, and properly clean up their area afterwards. Pushing, shoving, and fighting are hazardous and are not tolerated. The use of personal items such as iPods and cell phones is prohibited during the hours that school is in session; student technologies such as a laptop device may be approved for school use.

Erskine Academy is a closed campus, and as such, students are required to have a pass when out of the classroom during class time. Once a student reports to the school grounds, (s)he does not leave until dismissal at the close of the school day, unless parental or administrative permission is processed through the attendance office. Students are under the authority of the school from the time they arrive at the school in the morning until they are dismissed in the afternoon. **STUDENTS WHO FURNISH THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION MUST NOT BE TARDY TO SCHOOL.** Violation of this expectation could result in the suspension or loss of the driving privilege.

Violations of this code of conduct, state law, or the policies of Erskine Academy will result in corrective action ranging from verbal warnings, parental conferences, detentions, Saturday detentions, in-house and out of school suspensions, and possible dismissal, depending on the severity of the offense and previous conduct record.