

Civility Policy

BP 1313 (a)

1. Members of the Da Vinci School staff will treat parents and other members of the public with respect and expect the same in return. The Da Vinci Schools are committed to maintaining orderly educational and administrative processes in keeping schools and administrative offices free from disruptions and preventing unauthorized persons from entering school/charter office grounds.

This policy promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among District employees, parents and the public. This policy is not intended to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression, but only to maintain, to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free workplace for our students and staff. In the interest of presenting District employees as positive role models to the children of this Charter Schools, as well as the community, Da Vinci Charter Schools encourages positive communication and discourages volatile, hostile or aggressive actions. The Da Vinci Charter Schools seeks public cooperation with this endeavor.

Disruptions

1. Any individual who disrupts or threatens to disrupt school/office operations, threatens the health and safety of students or staff, willfully causes property damage; uses loud and/or offensive language which could provoke a violent reaction; or who has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on District property, will be directed to leave the school or Charter property promptly by the Chief Executive Officer, Director or designee.
2. If any member of the public uses obscenities or communicates in verbal or written language in a demanding, loud, insulting and/or demeaning manner, the administrator or employee to whom the remarks are directed will calmly and politely admonish the speaker to communicate civilly. If corrective action is not taken by the abusing party, the Charter employee will verbally notify the abusing party that his/her participation in the meeting, conference or telephone conversation is terminated and, if the meeting or conference is on District premises, the offending person will be directed to leave promptly.
3. When an individual is directed to leave under circumstances outlined in paragraphs 1 or 2, the Executive Director, Director or designee shall inform the person that he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor in accordance with California Education Code 44811 and Penal Codes 415.5 and 626.7 if he/she reenters any Charter facility within 30 days after being directed to leave, or within seven days if the person is a parent/guardian of a student attending that school. If an individual refuses to leave upon request or returns before the applicable period of time, the Chief Executive Officer, Director or designee may notify law enforcement officials (CF 5131.4 Campus disturbance) (CF. 9323 Meeting Conduct).

Safety and Security

1. The Chief Executive Officer or designee will ensure that a safety and/or crisis intervention techniques program is provided in order to raise awareness on how to deal with these situations if and when they occur.
2. When violence is directed against an employee, or theft against property, employees shall promptly report the occurrence to their principal or supervisor and complete an Incident Report.
3. An employee whose person or property is injured or damaged by willful misconduct of a student may ask the District to pursue legal action against the student or the student's parent/guardian.

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Documentation

1. When it is determined by staff that a member of the public is in the process of violating the provisions of this policy, an effort should be made by staff to provide a written copy of this policy, including applicable code provisions, at the time of occurrence.
2. Following any violation of the provisions of this policy, the employee will immediately notify his/her supervisor and provide a report of the incident on the form provided by the Charter.

Legal Reference

Education Code

32210 - Disturbing School

44014 - Assault on Personnel

44810 - Person on School Grounds

44811 - Insults and Abuses

Penal Code

243.5 B Arrest on School Grounds

413.5 B Fighting on School Grounds

626.8 B Entry of School by Person Not on Lawful Business

627.7 B Refusal to leave School Grounds

Policy
Adopted:

Da Vinci Charter Schools
Hawthorne, California