

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School 2015-16

Virtues Based Expectations for Behavior			
VIRTUE	MEANING	WAYS TO CULTIVATE	OPPOSING TRAITS
Kindness	Genuine concern about others	Speak, act, and think kindly	Cruel looks, words, or actions
Courtesy/Mercy	Treating others with respect	Be polite and well mannered; aware of others' feelings	Not treating others with dignity/kindness
Respect/Mercy	Speaking and acting according to one's own and others' rights, status and circumstances	Respectful in words and actions; allow others to go first	Resisting the directives of rightful authority
Responsibility	Fulfilling one's just duties; accepting the consequences for one's words and actions	Be accountable for words, actions and decisions	Unreliable; failing to accept responsibility for words/actions
Honesty	Sincerity, openness, and truthfulness in words / actions - including academic integrity	God sees the heart - choose to do and say what is right	Dishonest in words and actions; telling lies
Good Judgment/Prudence	Thinking rightly about a decision; acting rightly	Carefully consider all options before speaking or acting	Act or speak without thinking
Obedience	Listen and follow directions without complaint	Listen, follow directions and give a prompt response	Refusing to listen and follow rightful directives
Prayerfulness	Being still; listening; willing to talk to God as a friend	Use proper respect and posture – kneel, sitting still, etc.	Being distracted during prayer and/or Mass
Docility	Willingness to be taught	Listen and follow directions Thank for rightful corrections	Being stubborn; inflexible
Foresight	Failing to consider later consequences	Pray, think, act; gather information to plan	Failing to consider consequences
Meekness	Calm in spirit, while focusing on others' needs	stay calm; let others go first; less complaining	Losing your temper
Self-Control/Temperance	Control thoughts, feelings and actions	Practice restraint; control feelings	Acting impulsively Being excessive in words or actions
Modesty	Follow the dress code	Follow the dress code	Not following dress code
Perseverance	Doing what is needed even if it is difficult	Complete tasks/work even if hard or boring	Giving up on task/work
Gratitude	Thankful in mind and heart	Be aware of others' feelings Be polite and well mannered	Not being appreciative; taking others for granted
Humility	Awareness all comes from God. Appreciation for yours and others' gifts	Acknowledge gifts of others; look at own gifts honestly	Failure to recognize gifts; too proud

*Adapted from Disciple of Christ – Education in Virtue / The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

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UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS

Less Severe

Disrespectful, rude or inappropriate behavior
 Inappropriate disruption of class/lunchroom
 Violation of class/school rules
 Vulgar language
 Throwing objects (not directed at an individual)
 Eating/Drinking/Gum
 Lying
 Forgery (K-3)
 Spitting - not directed at an individual

More Severe

Stealing
 Forgery (4-8)
 Hitting, pushing, grabbing, spitting, throwing objects towards or at another person, punching, kicking or other similar action
 Vandalism
 Leaving school property/out of bounds
 Promoting gang membership/using gang signs
 Disrespect of a teacher/staff member
 Bullying behaviors: mean teasing (any mean look, gesture, word or action, repeated over time and behaviors that hurt a person's body, feelings, friendships or property; planned exclusion
 Racial, ethnic, sexual, religious, or other forms of severe harassment
 Causing injury to another by failing to adhere to the school or classroom disciplinary code

Infractions Governed By Handbook Policies

Tardiness
 Dress Code
 Electronic Equipment – use of unauthorized personal device / inappropriate use in school
 Academic Integrity
 Intimidating / threatening actions or language directed to staff or other students
 Fighting
 Weapons
 Substance abuse
 Cyber bullying/obscene or inappropriate social media use

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

Less Severe

Warning
 Parent Notification
 Time to Think page
 Silent Lunch/Recess
 Detention
 Reflection/Reading/Writing/Research
 Restitution
 Community Service
 Extra-curricular ineligibility

More Severe

Parent Notification
 Time to Think page
 Silent Lunch/Recess
 Detention
 Reflection/Reading/Writing/Research on Virtues/Saints/Manners/Other
 Restitution
 Community Service
 Extra-curricular ineligibility
 Self-Improvement Behavior Contract
 In School Suspension
 Out of School Suspension
 Expulsion

* All Consequences may be one or a combination of listed options