

Student Code of Conduct for the 2010-2011 School Year

The staff at AYW wants to ensure that students can work and grow in a safe environment. Negative behaviors impact the entire AYW community; therefore, the students and staff created consequences for negative behavior to help ensure a safe environment at AYW. Students at AYW are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and to help maintain an environment in which their classmates may learn as well.

All programs will be consistent when applying the following consequences. Staff and students created these policies in August 1999 and revised them in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2009 and 2010.

Students who receive Special Education services or modifications are subject to the student code of conduct and will be disciplined in accordance with applicable federal laws.

Parents will be notified of all violations that result in suspension or expulsion unless the student is 18 years of age or older and specifically requests that parents are not notified. For each violation, any listed consequence may be chosen as they are not in order of severity. Staff may choose to issue a verbal warning prior to enforcing any consequences for Level I and Level II offenses.

American YouthWorks Charter School follows all State and Federal laws. As a result, the police will be called to campus when students are found in possession of any type of drug or alcohol.

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American YouthWorks is a Drug-Free, Flag-Free, and Tag-Free Zone

Student Expectations	Student Offenses	Possible Consequences
<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect our school’s drug and tobacco-free zone 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about drugs/alcohol that is not part of a teacher-led educational conversation (L1) • Smoking/ possession of tobacco on school property (L2) • Possess drug/alcohol paraphernalia (L2) • Under the influence of alcohol/drugs (L3) • Sell, purchase, possess any amount of marijuana, controlled substance, dangerous drug (Chapter 483 of 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confiscation of substance/tobacco • Notify parents/guardians immediately • Notify police • Request parent/guardian to pick up student from school OR student will be placed in an alternative on-site setting • Conference with administrator • School Service • Behavior Contract • Meet with academic coach upon return to school • Mandatory

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	<p>the Texas Health and Safety Code), alcoholic beverage, or an abusable volatile chemical within 300 feet of the school's real property boundary or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property (L3)</p>	<p>parent/guardian conference upon return to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to counseling/substance abuse program • Suspension • Expulsion • Call police AND Expulsion
<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect our school's flag-free zone and maintain a professional school environment • What's in at the <u>Charter School Campus</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green, black, white and grey shirt. • Shirt with American YouthWorks/YouthBuild/AmeriCorps logo • What's out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any sort of towel, flags, do-rags hanging from the body ○ Muscle tank top ○ Neighborhood or zip code ○ Arm bands of any color ○ Solid red, brown, or blue shorts or pants ○ Solid red, brown, or blue hat, do-rag, or bandana ○ Hat tilted to one side or other ○ Red, brown or blue shoe strings ○ Any pants or shorts that are worn below the hips, which expose one's undergarments ○ Any top that exposes a female's breasts or undergarments ○ Any shorts or skirts that expose one's buttocks ○ Any written or pictorial expression that promotes violence, drugs/alcohol, profanity, gang affiliation 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing drug, alcohol, violence related, inappropriately fitted, and/or sexually provocative clothing or jewelry (L2) • Wearing, possessing, or displaying any clothing, jewelry, emblem, symbol, signs, or graffiti that is gang-related (note: this includes colored bandanas, flags, and do-rags.) (L2) 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked to remove the item • Asked to change clothes • Parent/Guardian conference • Meet with administrator • Behavior Contract • Suspension
<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect our school's tag-free zone • Behave honorably 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism (L2) • Create graffiti (L1) • Theft (L2) 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Guardian conference • Meet with administrator • School Service • Behavior Contract

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean surface • Reparation (repayment for loss) • Suspension • Expulsion • Notify police
<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prominently display our student identification card in an effort to promote school safety • Stay in class • Follow procedures when leaving class • Stay on campus during class hours • Stay away from emergency exits unless directed by staff • Enter assigned classroom on time • Take academic success seriously • Be honest in our course and assignment completion 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to present proper school identification (L1) • Leaving class prior to dismissal time without written permission (L1) • Leaving campus during school hours without written permission (L1) • Exiting through fire doors, including those in the classrooms (L2) • Failure to complete coursework as directed (L2) • Failure to maintain passing grades in the majority of one's classes for more than one consecutive grading period (L3) • Violating Compulsory School Attendance Law (Texas Education Code, 25.085) (L3) • Cheating on an assignment or examination (L2). 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted to return to campus for the rest of the day • Parent/Guardian conference • Meet with administrator • Behavior Contract • School Service • Student will receive a zero for the assignment or examination • Expulsion
<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power off cell phones/music players/gaming devices/laptops/etc. during school hours. 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possessing an active (turned on) paging device, cell phone or other electronic devices (including, but not limited to: laser pointers, CD players, MP3 player, laptop computers, and handheld gaming devices). 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn device off during class time • Confiscate/hold until end of day • Confiscate/hold until administrative fees paid • Not allowed to bring the device back to school • Parent/Guardian conference • Parent/Guardian must come to school to pick up device

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with administrator • Behavior contract • Suspension
<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behave in a way that promotes a positive learning environment for everyone • Not speak negatively of others (either directly or indirectly) • Not fight • Not make threats • Not bring weapons • Do no harm to others • Not view any inappropriate material on the computer (including pornography, violence, drug/alcohol use, etc.) 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act in a threatening manner (verbally or physically) toward staff or students (L3) • Fighting (L3) • Deadly conduct (L3) • False alarm, false report, or terroristic threat (L3) • Assault or retaliation against a school employee or volunteer (L3) • Repeated direct or indirect harassment of staff or student (L3) • Throwing objects (L1) • Bring weapon (any object which may be used to harm another) to school (L3) • Cyber bullying (L2) 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confiscate weapon • Parent/Guardian conference • Meet with administrator • Suspension • Expulsion (mandatory for possession, use, or exhibition of a firearm or an illegal knife) • Call police
<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show respect for yourself and others and the mission of AYW 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cursing or swearing (L1) • Telling lies (L1) • Gambling (L1) • Obscene or gang-related gestures, hand signs (L2) 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confiscate gambling materials (dice, cards, etc) • Conference with staff • Parent/Guardian conference • Meet with administrator • Behavior contract • Suspension
<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not behave in sexually threatening or offensive ways towards students, staff, volunteers, or visitors 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewd behavior (L2) • Sexual Harassment (L3) 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Guardian conference • Meet with administrator • Behavior Contract • Suspension • Expulsion

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<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect your school rules, your peers, and the staff at your school 	<p>Offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeated Level 1 (L1) or Level 2 (L2) violations are a removable offense (L3) 	<p>If you choose to break the rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Guardian conference Meet with administrator Suspension Expulsion

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Possession—has on one’s person, in one’s belongings, or in one’s vehicle.

Under the Influence—Student demonstrates signs of drug/alcohol usage (i.e., smells of marijuana or alcohol, red or glassy eyes, dilated pupils, slurred speech, staggering/stumbling, excessively active, irregular breathing, uncontrollable laughter, excessive trembling, loss of muscle control, extreme difficulty concentrating, or any other unusual behaviors that are not typically exhibited by the student).

Sexually provocative clothing—clothing that reveals breasts, buttocks, genitals, undergarments, pubic hair; or, clothing that depicts sexual acts and/or contains sexual language.

Lewd—conduct that is considered offensive, obscene, and/or indecent.

Cyber Bullying- involves the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others

Sexual harassment—unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Behavior Contract—written agreement between a student and AYW staff which outlines behavior expectations based on previous violations of student code of conduct. Violating this contract may result in, but is not limited to: parent/guardian meeting, school service, in-school suspension, due process hearing.

Suspension—period of time during which a student may not attend school for disciplinary reasons. This time may not exceed three days and is considered an unexcused absence.

Expulsion—students are withdrawn from school for up to one calendar year for disciplinary reasons. No other Texas public school is required to enroll a student during the expulsion period.