



STATEMENT of COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS 2011-2012 School Year

Each member of the Lakeside community—students, parents, faculty, and staff—is expected to act in ways that show consideration and respect for other people and that enhance an open atmosphere of trust. We deliberately keep rules to a minimum, expecting that action will spring from general principles of consideration, integrity, and inclusion. Learning, we believe, requires a willingness to be open and to contribute to an atmosphere of comfort and encouragement for all community members. Therefore, an atmosphere of support and trust is essential in order to affirm “the meaning and value of community” prescribed in our mission. Such an atmosphere must be created and recreated through individual acts each day. Just as even small acts of academic dishonesty or personal discourtesy erode the conditions that promote learning, so every action that affirms consideration, integrity, and inclusion builds the “ethical spirits” that contribute to the kind of community we seek.

Specific behavioral expectations to support and clarify the principles of consideration, integrity, and inclusion and to ensure the personal health and safety of each individual follow. In addition, students and adults (parents and employees) are expected to understand and to respect the policies contained in the family handbook and the employee policy manual.

- All members of the Lakeside community are **expected to be honest** in all communications. Most important, individuals are expected to be honest and forthcoming about their own actions. We also encourage members of the community to be responsive to specific inquiries about incidents or events about which they may have knowledge.
- Students in grades 5-11 are **expected to be on campus** at all times during the school day unless they have written permission from their parents and have signed out in the divisional office. Seniors have the privilege of leaving the school grounds when they have no academic obligations or appointments to meet. Seniors are expected to be on campus enough to take a reasonable part in the life of the school. Students in all grades are expected to attend all their scheduled classes and meet all appointments.
- Students are **not permitted to possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs** on the campus or while participating in or attending off-campus school activities or trips. Students are also not to consume alcohol or other illegal drugs before attending or while traveling to and from school activities on or off campus. The consequence for violation of this rule, no matter how minor, will include at least suspension from school immediately after the Judicial Committee process and attendance in a program about drug use and/or community responsibilities, and may lead to expulsion.
- **Tobacco use is not permitted** on either campus, in any vehicle owned by Lakeside, or at any off-campus Lakeside activity.
- The school views **cheating in all its forms as unacceptable behavior**. Using the intellectual property (e.g., words, images, or ideas, or any other similar creation of someone else’s mind and hands) of another in one’s own work without giving credit to the source is plagiarism, and a violation of academic integrity equivalent, in significance, to the violation of personal integrity that results from dishonesty in any form.
- **Personal harassment** based on race, sex, gender, age, grade, religious affiliation, disability, or sexual orientation is considered a violation of personal respect, and **will not be tolerated**.
- **No action is to be taken, and no behavior exhibited**, that threatens or compromises the health and safety of any individual, or that causes damage to school or personal property, whether by use without permission, theft, destruction, or defacement.
- Each member of the community must endeavor to maintain a **clean, orderly, and healthy environment** at Lakeside. A good learning environment, and the Lakeside community’s pride in its campus, depend upon each individual’s doing his or her best to respect the spaces, property, and buildings the school provides.

Lakeside School will consider violations of these expectations on a case-by-case basis, and will respond to such violations based on two fundamental principles:

- Lakeside School is an educational institution in which a high level of personal responsibility is expected of all students and adults. Every member of the community should be able to assume that he/she teaches and learns in and contributes to a community in which members share a personal commitment to abiding by this Statement of Community Expectations.
- Membership in the Lakeside community is a privilege, not a right. Unwillingness or incapacity to live by these expectations is reason to question the appropriateness of one's membership in the community.

_____ Grade in 2011-2012 _____

Please print student's name on the line above, and sign in the appropriate space(s) below.

(Student) _____ Date _____

(Parent/guardian) _____ Date _____

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All parents/guardians with responsibility in the life of the student are asked to sign this statement of understanding. A signed Statement of Community Expectations is required for matriculation at Lakeside School. Please return this signed original with your enrollment materials.