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POLICY SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

American Leadership Academy recognizes their responsibility to provide a safe environment where students and employees are free from unlawful and violent acts. The school will not tolerate acts of violence, threatened acts of violence, use or possession of a weapon, hazing, assaulting, demeaning behavior, criminal conduct, or gang activity in or about the schools, school grounds, or school activities and events, including transportation.

DEFINITIONS

1. **"Arson"** means the willful and malicious burning of any part of a building or its contents.

2. **"Assault"** means an attempt, with unlawful force or violence, to do bodily injury to another; a treat, accompanied by a show of immediate force or violence, to do bodily injury to another or creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to another

3. **"Battery/Fighting"** means the unlawful and intentional touching or striking of an employee, volunteer, or student with the intention of causing bodily harm to that individual. The encouragement of others to do so would also constitute battery.

4. **"Burglary"** means breaking, entering, or remaining in a structure without justification during the hours when premises are closed to the public.

5. **Criminal Mischief"** means vandalism, graffiti, or destruction of school property or the property of others.

6. **"Gang Activity"** means gang signing, wearing of bandannas, headgear, chains, or any article of clothing or jewelry bearing any gang symbols, names, initials, insignia, tattoos, or anything else which signals gang affiliation and/or is worn for the purpose of signifying gang membership.

7. **"Intimidation"** means engaging in behavior that prevents or discourages another student from exercising his/her right to education through threats, coercion or force.

8. **"Stealing/Larceny"** means the intentional unlawful taking and/or carrying away of property belonging to or in the lawful possession or custody of another.

9. **"Terroristic Threats"** means a student threatens to commit any offense involving bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage, and threatens to use a weapon of mass destruction, or hoax weapon of mass destruction.

10. **"Weapon"** means "dangerous weapon" which includes any item that is used for or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury. "Weapon" includes any firearm, which means a pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, or any device that could be used as a dangerous weapon from which is expelled a projectile by action of an explosive. The following factors should be used in determining whether a knife or any other item, object, or thing not commonly known as a dangerous weapon is a dangerous weapon.
    a. The character of the instrument, object or thing;

    b. The character of the wound produce;

    c. The manner in which the instrument, object or thing was used.

    Possession of a weapon shall not violate this policy if possession is approved in writing by the responsible school administrator or if the item or material is present or to be used in connection with a lawful activity approved in writing by the responsible school administrator before the material in question is brought on school premises.

VIOLATION OF STUDENT SAFETY

A student may be suspended, expelled, or subject to other appropriate disciplinary action when the school administration has determined that he/she represents a threat to the health and/or safety of other students and/or employees by:

1. Causing, attempting, or threatening to cause personal harm, damage to personal or school property, and/or disrupting school activities or transportation. Such actions include, but are not limited to, arson, burglary, stealing/larceny, battery/fighting, criminal mischief, intimidation, assault, gang activity, verbal abuse and terroristic threats.

2. Selling, giving, using, delivering, transferring, possessing, controlling, or distributing an alcoholic beverage on or in proximity to school property or at or in proximity of any school sponsored event.

3. Selling, giving, using, delivering, transferring, possessing, controlling, or distributing tobacco products on or in proximity to school property or at or in proximity to any school sponsored event.

4. Selling, giving, using, delivering, transferring, possessing, controlling, or distributing illegal drugs on or in proximity to school property or at or in proximity to any school sponsored event.

5. Involvement in illegal activities, disrupting normal school proceedings, or inciting other students to disrupt school proceedings.

NOTIFICATION OF WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Whenever a student is found on school property during school hours or a school sponsored activity in possession of a dangerous weapon and that information is reported to or known by the principal, the principal shall notify appropriate law enforcement personnel.

PUBLICATION OF SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY

A copy of this policy shall be given to each student and parent/guardian upon enrollment in the school. A copy of this policy shall also be posted on the website.

References:

Utah Code Ann. 76-10-501
Utah Code Ann. 76-10-505
Utah Code Ann. 76-5-102
Utah Code Ann. 76-10-101
Utah Code Ann. 76-5-107
Utah Code Ann. 53A-11-1101
Utah Code Ann. 76-9-801
Utah Code Ann. 76-9-901