

## DISTRICT SAFETY GUIDELINES

Faculty, staff, families and the community entrust the school on a daily basis to provide a safe and orderly environment in which students can learn and achieve. Therefore, Advantage Academy has adopted a comprehensive approach to school safety focusing on prevention and intervention which shall provide the school with the foundation needed to maintain a safe environment. The school also believes that a broad-based effort by all related members is important and essential for safe operations to occur.

Safety Guidelines highlighted below have been put in place at all Advantage Academy campuses to proactively and effectively address unsafe, improper, disruptive and offensive behavior/actions. The guidelines do not create any stipulations beyond those that currently exist in local policy and applicable law. Advantage Academy issues these guidelines as established requirements and as providing the standards for a safe and orderly school environment.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Visitor(s) must:

- Cooperate with school officials and administrators in the school's effort to provide their child with a quality education in a positive, safe, and orderly environment.
- Follow all instructions as communicated, directed and/or outlined by school officials, campus administrators or other school personnel.
- Abide by all school policies, procedures and regulations while visiting campuses, classrooms or other locations where school sponsored activities are being held on or off school property. **All visitors are required to sign-in prior to proceeding into any area of an Advantage Academy campus.**
- Cooperate with school officials and administrators in the school's effort to discipline their child according to the standards outlined in the Texas Education Code and the Advantage Academy "Student Code of Conduct".
- Follow all campus area traffic flow patterns and rules; including all staff directions and instructions while picking up or dropping off students. **Exercise extreme caution while in the school's Pick-up/Drop-off Zone (also called the No Phone Zone).**
- Refrain from exhibiting unsafe, improper, disruptive or offensive behavior either verbally or by actions while on campus, in attendance at school sponsored activities, athletic events or other school functions on or off school property.
- Never threaten a campus principal, school administrator, school faculty or staff member; verbally, in writing or by any other means of communication or action.
- Never threaten a student or other visitor verbally, in writing or by any other means of communication or action.
- Keep from making false accusations against a school employee, school campus or the school district itself.

**List is non-inclusive; acts of unsafe, improper or offensive behavior not specifically listed above will be reviewed and evaluated on a case by case basis.**

Parents/Guardians/Visitors that are cited for unsafe, improper, disruptive and offensive behavior/actions or who obstruct the school's basic operations or primary function(s) shall lose their school visitation/participation privileges. Violation occurrence may be increased to a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> violation dependent on the severity of the behavior in question as determined by the school district.

**1<sup>st</sup> Violation:** Suspension from all school facilities and activities; 30 school days

**2<sup>nd</sup> Violation:** Suspension from all school facilities and activities; 60 school days

**3<sup>rd</sup> Violation:** Suspension from all school facilities and activities; 90 school days

- *Suspensions do not negate lawful rights to related student services; parent-teacher, academic or discipline conferences; and pick-up/drop-off of student(s)*
- *All "District Safety Guidelines" violations are at the discretion of School Administrators. Parent/Guardian/Visitor may not always be notified of a violation in person or at the time of the incident*
- *Official violation notification will be forwarded via certified mail from the school's Central Office*