GWA Parent/Guardian Agreements and Code ofConduct 2026-2027

Purpose

The purpose oft he Parent/Guardian Agreements and Code of Conduct is to provide a mutual understanding to all parents/guardians at our school about practices and conduct expectations while on George Washington Academy (GWA) property, at school events and when interacting with school employees and/or students. A Parent/Guardian Agreements and Code of Conduct helps ensure student, staff and family emotional and physical safety and overall well-being. The Parent/Guardian Agreements and Code of Conduct also helps ensure that there are established agreements for the home and school partnership.

Values

We expect parents/guardians and visitors to have a fundamental understanding and commitment to the following values:

- Teachers, administrators and parents/guardians want all children to learn in a safe environment
- Teachers, administrators and parents/guardians must work together positively for the benefit of all students
- All parents/guardians and visitors, as well as all members of the school community, deserve to be treated with respect and regard
- The school should be provided an opportunity to resolve issues of concern before public criticism.

As an independent American international school, we encourage parent participation in all facets of school life. This agreement aims to help families understand the importance of parent involvement in the GWA experience.

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School Commitments

GWA offers a not-for-profit college-preparatory,American-based curriculum and school experience. We promote excellence in academics and athletics and character, as well as a strong commitment to service and experiential learning.

We are committed to providing a safe and secure place of learning, that is aligned with our vision,for all our students,staff and community members.

We are informed through research about child development as we provide instruction and learning experiences for our students.GWA considers the growth of the whole child, which includes social-emotional and character growth and learning. We make every effort to provide support for all students, including remediation and extension when necessary.We do not place students beyond their age-appropriate grade level.

Our focus is on development and growth.

In the spirit of true partnership, all staff members of the school share responsibility with you for your child' ssuccess. By subscribing to the ideas outlined in this partnership agreement, you will help your child succeed at GWA.Positive parent partnership cannot be understated, and your cooperation with the agreement is essential, and enrollment and re-enrollment of your child is dependent on this parent partnership.

Parent Agreements

- To talk to mychild often about school life, demonstrating my interest in helping the school equip my child with the ability to inquire, interact, and accept constructive criticism.
- To help mychild learn from mistakes and to profit from suggestions for improvement.
- To ensure that my child has ample scheduled time and quiet surroundings for home study and to reinforce my child's use of homework, especially as my child progresses into higher grades that require more homework.
- To ensure that my child has proper rest, nutrition and recreation.
- To understand our school curriculum and to realize what is offered and what is not offered.GWA is limited in its ability to offer special needs and/or gifted instruction.Most differentiation happens within the ability of the classroom teacher.

- To attend orientations, back to school nights, parent conferences, and be an active participant in school functions.

- To be informed with regards to school communication - to read emails and newsletters, to view the school's website and calendar, to update contact and health information, to communicate when something is unclear, and to provide feedback and participate in surveys, etc.

- To help my child accept and comply with the student dress code, and as parents, to dress appropriately on campus.

- To practice and model effective conflict resolution by handling concerns appropriately, directly and honestly, only with those involved.

- To ensure that my child arrives on time and remains for the full length of the school day.

- To comply with the school calendar for vacations.

- To make tuition payments and other fees on time so that GWA can continue to be a financially stable organization.

- To permit and encourage my child to attend grade level and experiential field trips, acknowledging that they are an integral part of the curriculum.

- Balance activities outside of school and school responsibilities.

- GWA benefits from the many active parents who enrich the GWA community through their participation in the life of the school. There are countless ways of doing so, and parents are urged to find out about opportunities to participate that are suited to their own interests, priorities and their schedules. We appreciate your involvement, and your child will be especially thankful for your active interest in his or her school.

Code of Conduct/Prohibited Behaviors

In order to provide a peaceful and safe school environment, GWA prohibits the following behaviors by parents/guardians and visitors:

- Abusive, threatening, profane or harassing communication, either in person, by e-mail or text/voicemail/phone or other written or verbal communication

- Disruptive behavior that interferes or threatens to interfere with GWA operations, including the effective operation of a classroom, an employee's office or duty station, a campus lobby, or school grounds, including sporting events, parking lots and car-pickup

- Threatening to do bodily harm to a school employee, visitor, fellow parent/guardian or student

- Threatening to damage the property of a school employee, visitor, fellow parent/guardian or student

- Damaging or destruction of GWA property

- Excessive unscheduled campus visits, e-mails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written or oral
    - School staff and administration may not always be immediately available to speak with you. The only way to *ensure* that you are able to speak with a staff member or administrator is to schedule an appointment. Staff and administrators have a practice of attempting to return all phone calls/emails within 24 hours with great success. Your calls and visits will be responded to consistent with this practice. In the event of an emergency, school staff will find someone to respond immediately.

- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or school staff made publicly to others
    - Any concerns that you may have regarding GWA matters must be made through the appropriate channels so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately, ethically and effectively for all.

Your signature below indicates that you support and will adhere to the values and agreements above designed to ensure GWA is a safe, vibrant and happy environment for all of our students, staff and families. Failure to comply with the Parent/Guardian Agreements and Code of Conduct could result in exclusion from campus, and in serious or repeated cases, revocation of enrollment.

Please Print

PARENT SIGNATURE:

DATE: