



# The University of Texas at Tyler **UNIVERSITY ACADEMY™**

## **UT Tyler University Academy Visitor and Parent Code of Conduct**

### **Purpose and Scope**

The purpose of the Parent Code of Conduct (PCOC) is to provide a mutual understanding to all parents/guardians and visitors to our school about conduct expectations while on school property, at school district events, and when interacting with District employees, board members, and/or students. These expectations apply during scheduled meetings, such as parent-teacher conferences and 504/ARD meetings, as well as attendance at school programs and extracurricular activities. Importantly, the PCOC applies equally to telephone, email, and other forms of electronic communication.

### **General Propositions**

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

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

### **Prohibited Behaviors**

In order to provide a peaceful and safe school environment, the District 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 devices.
- Disruptive behavior that interferes or threatens to interfere with District 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 lines.
- Threatening to do bodily harm to a District employee, visitor, fellow parent/guardian, or student.

- Threatening to damage the property of a District employee, visitor, fellow parent/guardian, or student.
- Damaging or destruction of school property.
- Excessive unscheduled campus visits, e-mails, text/voicemail/phone messages, or other written or oral communication.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or school staff made publicly to others. This includes the use of any social media medium, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and YouTube.

### **Consequences**

Depending upon the severity of the violation, parents/guardians or visitors may be ejected from meetings and events or otherwise banned from campus and participation in school-sponsored events under the criminal trespass laws or prohibited from the use of telephone and electronic communication. In situations involving lesser infractions or where remediation is viable, a warning will be provided, either verbal or in writing, prior to the filing of trespass and issuance of a formal ban. Should a parent/guardian or visitor fail to heed the direction issued in the warning, a ban or other restrictions designed to deter the conduct will follow.

Specific procedures for campus warning and ban decisions can be found in policy PG-1.401, as well as the UT Tyler University Academy Student Handbook under the section Visitors to the School (All Grade Levels).