



CODE OF CONDUCT

Saint Michael Episcopal School believes that everyone is created in the image of God. Students, parents, faculty and staff are expected to conduct themselves as Christians with honor, respect, and integrity. Collectively, we take pride in our commitment to these higher ideals and hold each other accountable when we fall short.

The following statement is intended to assist the members of the Saint Michael Episcopal School (SMES) community in understanding the expectations set forth for Conduct, Responsibility, Expectations, Attitude, and Leadership. Aware of the importance of maintaining the respect and confidence of students, parents, SMES staff and other members of the community, we expect parents to strive to achieve and sustain the highest degree of ethical conduct.

One of the most important lessons in education is discipline, as it is the foundation of the whole educational structure. It is the training that fosters self-control, orderliness, and efficiency. It develops individuals of integrity and high moral character and is the key to maximum academic achievement, good conduct, and proper consideration for others.

Good discipline and high moral values originate in the home. The parent is the first teacher of his or her child, and should foster the development of good behavior habits and proper attitudes toward school. Children grow and learn best through cooperative efforts of home and school. Parental support is imperative in the school's handling of student misconduct and/or poor attitude. Additionally, parents are expected to model acceptable behavior and proper attitudes in support of the school and the SMES community.

A PARENT WILL:

1. Recognize that the teacher must make decisions regarding the safety, behavior, and responsibility of students during the school day.
2. Teach the child respect for authority, the rights of others and public and private property.
3. Support and reinforce school recommendations which are always made in the best interest of the child's social, emotional and academic development.
4. Be responsible for prompt arrival and regular school attendance, and comply with attendance rules and procedures.
5. Be respectful and courteous in verbal and written communications and will seek to resolve problems or concerns through the appropriate school channels.
6. Understand that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and dignity.
7. Support the school's efforts to prevent bullying and harassment, will set a good example in their own speech and behavior, and will not tolerate bullying or violent or aggressive speech or behavior, in person or through social media.
8. Talk with the child about school activities; show an active interest in his or her daily school work.

A STUDENT WILL:

1. Be honest, respectful, and polite to all members of the SMES community.
2. Control himself or herself from speaking words and doing things that will hurt others.
3. Control himself or herself from damaging public and private property.
4. Obey all classroom and school rules.

Parents who do not abide by this Code of Conduct may be restricted from entering the campus or attending school-related events and may jeopardize their own child's enrollment with the school.