

**PINELLAS MYCROSCHOOL OF INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

It is the goal of Pinellas MYcroSchool of Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc. (MYcroSchool Pinellas) that every student will be free of drugs and violence, be offered an orderly environment conducive to learning and develop competence in those areas of life which are essential to individual and group living.

- Student Expectations:
 - Each student **shall obey** all rules and regulations of MYcroSchool Pinellas, including but not limited to:
 - Respect all requests, and directives from the employees of MYcroSchool Pinellas;
 - Exercise self-discipline and self-control;
 - Attend all classes and be on time;
 - Respect the rights of individuals and their property, as well as the school's equipment and property;
 - Adhere to the dress policy and identification requirements;
 - Demonstrate acceptable student behavior.
- Criminal Sanctions:

It is the policy of MYcroSchool Pinellas to report criminal incidents to the proper authorities. The intentional use of force or violence on another person, with or without a weapon, and/or the intentional placing of another person in reasonable apprehension of receiving a battery are crimes under the laws of the State of Florida.

Verbal Threats

MYcroSchool Pinellas is committed to providing a safe and orderly learning environment and considers verbal threats a serious matter.

Students shall **not engage** in statements that might be considered threatening, such as the following:

- Stating that one has a weapon or bomb in his/her possession at the Site and/or in the classroom
- Stating that one plans to bring a weapon or bomb to the Site and/or classroom
- Stating that one plans to cause physical harm to another student and/or staff member
- Making a false statement that there is a bomb or other destructive device at the Site and/or in the classroom

Any behavior related to verbal threats such as the above, may result in consequences that range from suspension and/or expulsion from MYcroSchool Pinellas, to possible arrest and prosecution.

In addition to student and staff having a right to feel safe, everyone also has a responsibility to contribute to keeping the facilities safe. These responsibilities include:

- Reporting any knowledge of possession of weapons or a person's plans to engage in actions that would cause physical injury or death
- Never fabricating a report as a joke or to cause problems with another person
- Avoiding promising others that a secret will be kept with regards to anything related to physical safety

Disciplinary Procedures

MYcroSchool Pinellas shall maintain a record of disciplinary action for each student subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to: expulsions, suspensions, probation, detentions and/or student conferences.

▪ Approved Disciplinary Measures

Progressive discipline shall be employed unless otherwise provided for in this policy or under criminal sanctions. For example, when appropriate, a disciplinary report and/or detention might be used prior to suspension or expulsion of a student for nonviolent offenses. Where a student chooses to violate the code of conduct, the following consequences may be imposed:

- an oral or written reprimand to the student;
- student referral to a counseling session that may include, but not be limited to, conflict resolution, social responsibility, family responsibility, peer mediation, and stress management;
- written notification in the form of a discipline report documenting the student's disruptive or unacceptable behavior;
- conference with the student;
- completion of a reasonable amount of extra work or written assignments of educational significance appropriate to the student's level of achievement;
- temporary removal from the classroom;
- suspension of privileges;
- out-of-school suspension;
- recommendation for expulsion.

▪ Discipline Report

The discipline report shall be used by staff to document the student's behavior.

▪ Suspension and Expulsion

Level One Offenses are Zero Tolerance Policy violations and shall result in immediate expulsion from MYcroSchool Pinellas per expulsion procedures outlined in this document. They include:

- Possession of a gun or illegal weapon on Center
- Physical assault that causes bodily harm to students or staff
- Sexual Assault
- Robbery, extortion, arson
- Possession or sale of drugs on campus
- Conviction for drug use, possession or sale off-campus
- Use of drugs as evidenced by a positive second drug test conducted

Level Two Offenses are very serious offenses that may result in expulsion from MYcroSchool Pinellas, and include:

- Physical assault with intent to cause bodily harm
- Theft
- Gang activity
- A pattern of inappropriate behaviors
- Threats
- Intimidation
- Insubordination
- Any possession or sale of alcohol on campus
- Disruptive behavior
- Obscene or abusive language

A recommendation to expel a student may be appropriate when other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct; or when due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others.

▪ **Suspension and Expulsion Procedures**

Upon occurrence of the offense, a student may be suspended or expelled according to the following procedures:

- Prior to imposition of a disciplinary action, the student shall be informed of the particular misconduct of which he/she is accused and shall be given an opportunity at that time to explain his/her version of the facts.
- The student is notified of the offense resulting in the suspension, as well as the length of the suspension.
- Should a recommendation for expulsion be made, the school shall notify in writing the student and parents (or guardian or custodian) of the specific acts or acts alleged and the date(s) of thereof, which notice shall state the date, time and place of the administrative hearing.

- The student and, if a minor, the student's parent(s) (or guardian or custodian) shall be permitted to be present at the hearing and, if desired, the student shall be permitted to have counsel present.
- The hearing shall be conducted in a manner to ensure the student receives due process.
- The board shall notify the student and the student's parent(s) (or guardian or custodian) of its decision whether to expel or not to expel.
- If the student has an active IEP, under federal and state regulations, a meeting will be scheduled to review the IEP, develop a behavior plan, and/or determine whether a Manifestation Determination is needed. If the student has a 504 Plan, a meeting may be scheduled to review the plan, if appropriate.
- A decision to suspend or expel a student from school may be appealed to the governing board.

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