

LPA Student Safety, Dress and Behavior Policies

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Liahona is a private academy, with specific standards which must be adhered to if students desire to be enrolled. Students are expected to abide by Liahona's behavior policies, dress code and the guidelines of the LDS church. Rules may be deleted, added to, or modified by the administration at their discretion. Notice of any such changes will be emailed to the address on file. Please review these policies with your student.

Disciplinary action is at the discretion of Liahona's administration, but situations will be examined on a per student basis. Discipline may include but is not limited to: service hours, extra homework, probation, a transfer to the distance learning program, suspension or expulsion. Enrollment status will be determined after consultation with parents but the final decision is at the discretion of the Academy's administration.

In keeping with the 13th Article of Faith: "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things," we have established the following student policies:

GENERAL

1. Abide by the standards of the LDS Church both on and off campus.
2. Teachers and fellow students are to be treated with respect, kindness and compassion.
3. Teachers and staff will be addressed as "Brother" or "Sister" (name).
4. Students will come to class ready to invite the Spirit to help them learn and prepared with their textbooks, scriptures, homework and supplies.
5. Students are expected to maintain the highest academic standards. Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated.
6. Most classes are filmed and live, and as such, student conduct must be exemplary. If self-control becomes a problem in the classroom, the student will be moved to a non-filmed class if available, disciplined, or moved to the Distance Education program.

7. Pokémon cards, playing cards, iPods, head phones, mp3 players, electronic games, and CD/DVD players are NOT allowed in the building. Games, toys, magazines, novels, and crafts are not allowed in class. Cell phones may only be used in the hallway, cafeteria or outside and MUST be in the student's locker during class. If a student is caught with a cell phone in class, they will receive a one week suspension- no exceptions. Laptops and tablets may be used, with prior approval, in class for note-taking, The Scoop or Telenect access only.

8. No gum is allowed on the premises.

9. If a student damages or breaks school or neighborhood property, the student will be responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement.

10. Any items left on the premises and not claimed in the Lost and Found after an extended period of time will be taken to Deseret Industries.

11. Students may not initiate or participate in any activity that is disruptive to the school or the neighborhood.

12. No "Public Displays of Affection".

13. No gossiping, emotional, social or physical bullying.

14. No sharing of prescription or non-prescription drugs.

15. No personal note-writing or note-passing is allowed in class. Personal notes will be confiscated.

16. Please return any books borrowed from the History room shelves.

17. Students are to clean up their own trash, food, and messes in the kitchen and cafeteria. Leftover containers will be thrown out at the end of each day.

SAFETY POLICIES

1. All visitors MUST first check in at the front desk and get a lanyard to identify them to school staff.

2. Liahona is a Closed Campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus during school hours without a written note from a parent in advance of the student leaving campus. (Due to insurance reasons, we can no longer accept a phone call.) ALL students must sign out in the office before they leave. A one-time violation will result in an automatic suspension and move to the distance education program for a period

of time with extra work assigned. A second violation will result in dismissal from the academy.

3. If a student is excused for the day, but returns to the building, they must check in with the office before going to their class.

4. Excused students may not take un-excused students with them.

5. Students have committed to immediately report to Sister DeGraff, Bro. Long or Sister Jones any behavior by other student's which is inappropriate, unkind, or breaks the standards of the LDS church or Liahona. This is a promise we take very seriously.

6. No student may act in such a way as to be considered: aggressive, harassing, intimidating, or any behavior which belittles another student or teacher.

7. No "hanging out" in cars during breaks, before or after school, or during school activities.

8. The conduct of students while on and off campus is expected to be in accordance with school and LDS standards and in compliance with local, state and federal law. We expect your behavior to be consistent whether at church, at school or a social gathering.

9. All students, lockers, vehicles and belongings are subject to search and seizure. Any item deemed inappropriate or illegal found in the possession of a student may be confiscated and held until parents and the proper authorities have been notified.

10. In case of a natural or man-made disaster, students will be confined to the building or grounds until picked up by parents. If the building should become uninhabitable, we will be on our field to the north or at the LDS Church across the street.

11. School computers may only be used for schoolwork. Liahona's computer lab utilizes extensive filters. Computers are not for personal use.

12. Teacher, Staff and editing computers are off-limits for students.

13. Students may not post inappropriate pictures or material on personal profile sites, such as, Facebook or Twitter.

14. No student may possess or use substances such as tobacco, alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia.

15. No student may possess or use clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols or signs which are evidence of membership or affiliation of any gang, secret society or hate group.

16. No student may possess or use anything deemed a danger to themselves or another student. This includes but is not limited to: lighters, firecrackers, knives, weapons, steel knuckles.

17. No student may possess literature, pictures, and/or use language which tends to be obscene, foul, disgusting, indecent or pornographic.

18. Tardy policy: if late, students need to get a tardy slip from the office before proceeding to class. Parents will receive an email notifying them of student tardies in periods 2 - 5. After three tardies, parents will be called to discuss the issue and discipline will be assigned.

19. Absence policy: Please notify the office when your student will be absent so they can be marked excused. If a student will be gone for a significant length of time, please contact the office and your student's teachers.

20. Diploma-seeking students: Private school students must complete 24 credits in specific areas for a diploma. Public school students are required to complete 28 credits. If you plan on transferring to public school you will have additional credits to complete. Please make an appointment with Sister Dedrickson to complete your diploma educational plan. Except in special circumstances, Liahona students must have more credits from Liahona than from other institutions to graduate. Liahona is accredited by AdvancEd, the largest accrediting agency in the United States. Liahona credits transfer to all accredited institutions and Liahona will accept credits from all accredited institutions.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE POLICY

School authorities are charged with protecting the health and safety of all students and promoting the effective operation of the school. The following Search and Seizure guidelines shall be observed to assure the privacy of individuals and the safety and welfare of all students.

Students shall be free from searches unless there is reasonable cause to believe that something is concealed that may be illegal or pose immediate danger to the student or to other students or the staff. School officials may request a student to remove all items from pockets or other personal property.

Lockers remain the property of the school and are provided to students for their convenience. Students should be aware their assigned locker will be jointly accessible to the student and school officials and may be subject to search at the discretion of school officials.

Vehicles: School officials have the right and the duty to inspect any vehicle parked on the parking lot of their school. If an official has reasonable cause to believe that the contents threaten the safety, health, or welfare of students, or if they reasonably suspect drugs, weapons, illegal or prohibited matter, or stolen goods, a car may be searched.

DRESS CODE COMPLIANCE

Students will be held accountable for the following policies. The first time a student is out of dress code parents will be called and asked to bring appropriate clothing. If parents cannot be reached or are unavailable, students will be sent back to class with a pass. Repeat offenses may result in additional discipline including suspension and expulsion.

Liahona accepts students who are willing to demonstrate President Harold B Lee's admonition:

“Do not underestimate the important symbolic and actual effect of appearance. Persons who are well groomed and modestly dressed invite the companionship of the Spirit of our Father in Heaven and are able to exercise a wholesome influence upon those around them. Persons who are unkempt and careless about their appearance, or adopt the visual symbols of those who often oppose our ideals, expose themselves and persons around them to influences that are degrading and dissonant. Outward appearance is often a reflection of inward tendencies.”

DRESS CODE POLICY

1. Cleanliness in clothing and personal grooming.
2. Clothing must be modest, free of holes and frays.
3. No crude sayings, crude pictures or vulgar brand names on any piece of clothing.
4. No inappropriate revealed skin.
5. Anytime a student is on campus, they are to be in dress code.

ACCESSORIES

5. No body piercing or body jewelry, such as; ears (young men), nose, belly, tongue, etc. Young women - one pair of pierced earrings is allowed in accordance with the prophet's counsel.
6. No fake or real tattoos.
7. No extreme colored hair or hairstyles, which are distracting in appearance or needing constant attention.
8. No distracting ornamental jewelry, necklaces, rings, belts, gloves, etc. No leather studded bracelets, necklaces, rings or belts. No ghoulish/gothic adornments or jewelry.
9. No bandanas.
10. No mesh, lace, or knit decorative gloves or hand coverings, etc.
11. No hats-boys or girls, beanies or sunglasses in the building.

PANTS:

1. No blue jeans of any kind. Students may wear colored jeans.
2. Young Men may wear shorts; Young Women may not wear shorts, but may wear capri's.
3. No nylon-type athletic warm-up suits, no fleece, thick cotton sweat pants or jogging pants. No parachute, leather, flannel, or pajama material.
5. Pants must be a material similar to khaki, twill, corduroy, colored jeans or knit.
6. No military uniforms or camouflage material.

SHOES:

No slippers, flip-flops, or extreme soles.

YOUNG MEN

1. Clean Shaven. No beards, mustaches, goatees, soul patches, long side burns, etc. Hair may not be longer than the bottom of the earlobe. Exceptions will be given for special circumstances.
2. Pants should not be too baggy, too low on the hips or too tight.
3. Shirts must have a collar. Except for the top two buttons, shirts must remain buttoned. They are to remain buttoned and worn while on school premises. Shirts do not need to be tucked in.
4. Cargo or golf shorts of modest length may be worn. No basketball shorts and no shorts made of jean material.
5. Sweatshirts and hoodies are to be worn over a collared shirt.
6. No crude sayings, crude pictures or vulgar brand names on clothing.
7. Sweaters and turtlenecks may be worn. Sweaters do not need a collar.
8. Professionally imprinted Liahona Logo T-Shirts may be worn without a collared shirt.

YOUNG WOMEN

1. Shirts without a collar may be worn as long as they are not a regular type t-shirt and are modest. Shirts do not need to be tucked in.
2. Shirts must have sleeves at least 3 inches below the shoulder line. No tank tops, t-tops, or halter tops.
3. No belly shirts. Your midriff and back are not to be visible (bending over the drinking fountain, doing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" etc.). If you have concerns about this, a body suit, long tank top, shade shirt, or modesty tee may be worn under your shirt to ensure modesty.
4. No revealing necklines.
5. No hip hugger pants, which reveal midriffs.
6. No shorts of any length. Young women may wear Capri-length pants.

7. Dresses/skirts must be a modest length (top of the knee), even if worn with tights, jeggings or leggings. Any slit must be of modest height. Jean skirts are allowed. No shorts allowed under dresses.

8. No fishnet stockings of any color.

9. No "costume" type outfits.

10. The current style for young women is very tight. Be careful how much and what you are showing through your clothes.

11. No Jeggings or Leggings as a substitute for pants.

12. Professionally imprinted Liahona Logo T-shirts may be worn.

CONCLUSION

"When obedience ceases to be an irritant and becomes our quest, in that moment God will endow us with power." ----Ezra Taft Benson

Liahona is a wonderful place to be educated, edified and empowered. We hope you and your student feel comfortable with the above policies and are ready to embrace a Restoration Education.

Thank You

Liahona Administration