

Disciplinary Policies and Procedures

The administration and staff of Saint Lawrence Academy believe that a clear and concise written statement of disciplinary policy and procedure, understood by parents, students, teachers, and administration is necessary for the effective and orderly pursuit of their educational and organizational responsibilities.

Students are expected to behave with respect for the rights, dignity and property of others. To help students learn that inappropriate behaviors result in negative consequences, disciplinary action will be taken by school authorities in response to student misconduct. Since individual differences exist among students, school situations, and the specific nature of the prohibited behavior, there are choices for appropriate disciplinary action. The Administration will make decisions on appropriate behavior for a Catholic school setting.

It is important to stress that open parent-teacher communication is essential in an effort to remedy student's appropriate behavior at the onset.

Standard of Respect

As a Catholic school, Saint Lawrence Academy should be a place where Jesus' principle that we must love one another is followed by all, teachers and students alike. Respect for teachers, administrators, staff and fellow students is expected and required by all. Students are called upon to respect the worth and dignity of all people, and to live their lives in the image of Christ.

1. Respect means that we esteem others as people created and loved by God and treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves. We do our best to help and support others.
2. Respect also means that we never say or do anything that offends especially in regard to another's race, religion, gender, sexuality, economic status, personal difficulties or disabilities or differences. This includes overt displays of affection.
3. Respect for others should be given at all times and in all places, not just during school time and on school grounds.
4. Respect extends to all people, not just to members of the Saint Lawrence Academy community.

Reserved Rights

The disciplinary regulations, procedures and penalties outlined in the Student-Parent handbook are to be considered guidelines only. The school reserves the exclusive right to modify or otherwise depart from these guidelines when necessary to further or protect the underlying philosophy or mission of the school. The school reserves the right to investigate and discipline any student conduct that the school believes, in its sole discretion, to be contrary to the mission and philosophy of the school.