



SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Building strong character in our children is essential to the mission of University Heights Charter School. The foundation of this character education rests on our five REACH core virtues: Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Caring, and Honesty. We teach these core virtues through presentations, activities, saying and chants, and the rewards and consequences of our discipline system.

Therefore the school strives to create a safe environment for scholars. The school acknowledges that scholars are entrusted to us with the expectation that their educational experience will take place in such an environment. With this in mind, the school will not tolerate activities on its premises, or on school-sponsored trips and activities, which endanger the safety, morals, health, or welfare of its scholars.

Disciplinary and/or legal actions will take place for individuals who are members of the school community or visitors who engage in the following:

1. Physical violence, or threats of physical violence, including “play-fighting” and “roughhousing.”
2. Obscene, vulgar or other objectionable language whether in anger, casual conversation, or as a joke.
3. Possession, using or selling alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia, including beepers or pagers.
4. Smoking.
5. Vandalism.
6. Theft or robbery.
7. The possession, use or sale of weapons, fireworks, or other dangerous instruments, or contraband, including instruments that may have the appearance of a weapon, or may be reasonably mistaken for a weapon. No scholar shall have on his or her person any firearm, knives, dangerous chemicals, explosives, or any other object which could be used as a weapon.

All persons violating this policy shall be considered "disorderly persons" and subject to appropriate action.

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