

University Schools			
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The following rules apply to students, parents, and their guests. These rules apply to any forms of media, including but not limited to photographs, videos, captions, texts, social media programs, third-party websites, or other online forums.

- At school sponsored events, do not take any media of other children as the main subject without expressing the content of the other children's parents. Respect and honor requests from other parents or children to remove or censor media that include other people's children and have been made publically available.
- It is forbidden to digitally share or post any media that include the images of other students without the express consent of the other children's parents. Consensual media should only be for personal use, such as recording important events and sharing privately among family and close friends. Media used outside of the context to which the depicted individual originally consented, is considered non-consensual and a prohibited use.
- All media must be in compliance with the school's harassment policy. Any media made, used, or shared with the intent to or has the effect to harass, sexually harass, or embarrass another individual is also considered non-consensual and a prohibited use, regardless of whether that media was created on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event.
- No media should be made in any facilities considered "private," where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy such as a bathroom, or depicting any area on an individual's body considered private. If it is reported that a student has media of a private nature on his or her electronic device, the police will be contacted and the phone will be surrendered to the police for further investigations. School administrators are not permitted to look at media of this nature on students' devices.
- Media on private social media accounts that depict the school, faculty, or other students in a defamatory manner are prohibited.
- Any media shared on social media or otherwise that have the tendency to disrupt regular school activities are prohibited, regardless of whether that media was created on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event.

- Students should at no time be involved in texting during the course of the school day. Students involved in texting at school face a consequence according to the code of conduct.
- Any prohibited use of media will be subject to the student disciplinary policy, up to and including expulsion and/or legal action.
- All school community members are advised in general to use good judgment when making photos or videos outside of school hours and off school property. As a general reminder, anything put on the internet may be permanent.
- Be aware that some children are vulnerable, and by making media of them available to the general public, the children may be put inadvertently at risk.
- Parents should inform family members and guests invited to school events of these guidelines. The school also encourages all parents and families to exercise good judgment when making photographs, images, or videos outside of school hours and away from school property. All parties are strongly encouraged to monitor the privacy settings on their own social media and to apply the settings that provide the most privacy possible to their accounts.

Please note that student photos, etc, used in official school publications are covered by separate guidelines.