

**Stanley G. Falk
School**

2017-18

CODE OF CONDUCT



**Summary Guide
For
Students and Parents**

SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOL

The Stanley G. Falk School is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students receive and school personnel deliver first-rate educational services without disruption or interference. Proper conduct and responsible behavior is expected from students, teachers, school personnel, parents, and all other visitors while in the building at all times.

Pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act), the Falk School has provided this plain language summary of the Code of Conduct. This summary will be distributed to students and parents in accordance with the Project SAVE legislation. The terms of this summary are provided for reference. The specific terms of the Code of Conduct itself will govern in all cases. A copy of the full version of the Code of Conduct can be found on the Falk School website at www.falkschool.com.

PARENTS AS ESSENTIAL PARTNERS

Students, parents/guardians, and school staff all have a role in making school safe, productive, and must work together to achieve this goal. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's behavior with school representatives and work with the school in supporting strategies that will help their child be successful in school and in society.

The Falk School is committed to fostering positive relationships with our students and their parents to promote a positive school culture designed to provide students with a supportive environment in which to grow both academically and socially.

DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

The Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act) ensures that no student is subject to discrimination or harassment, based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity or sex by school employees or students on school property, on a school bus, at a school function or that is initiated off school grounds and continued at school.

Harassment may include, among other things, the use, both on and off school property, of information technology, including, but not limited to email, instant messaging, blogs, chat rooms, cell phone, gaming systems, and social media websites, to deliberately harass or threaten others. This type of harassment is generally referred to as "cyber-bullying." The school is committed to safeguarding the rights given to all students under state and federal law.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Falk School does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, sex (including sexual harassment and sexual violence), gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, weight, domestic violence victim status, arrest or conviction record, genetic information, or any other basis, prohibited by New York State and/or Federal non-discrimination laws in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students who attend the Falk School are expected to report to school in uniform each day. The dress code creates a sense of belonging and fulfillment that comes from being a member of a positive organization, and enhances safety and security on site as well as off-grounds by quick identification of our students.

Khaki (tan) or Navy blue pants or shorts may be worn with white or Navy blue polo shirts, Navy blue sweaters or Navy blue hoodless sweatshirts. White dress shirts/blouses may also be worn. Polo shirts and sweatshirts featuring the Falk School crest can be ordered through the school store. Sneakers or shoes may be worn. Boots, sandals/flip-flops may not be worn in the building. Hats may not be worn in the building.

Students who are not in compliance with the dress code will be required to modify their appearance by replacing it with an acceptable item. Repeated violations of the dress code policy will result in disciplinary actions in accordance with the standards outlined in the Conduct of Conduct.

STANDARDS FOR PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Upon entering the school all cell phones must be turned in to the homeroom teacher. The cell phone must be stored "OFF" or in non-operational mode. Students may not carry about or operate cell phones during the instructional day in the building.

Any student carrying or operating a cell phone in the school building during the instructional day will be subject to having the item confiscated by school personnel. When a cell phone is confiscated from a student, staff will immediately notify the parents/guardians of the student so other arrangements (means of communication) can be made with their child.

The decision to bring an electronic communication device or other electronic devices is a decision of the student and/or the student's parents/guardians. Students, parents/guardians are on notice that the school assumes no liability for the damage, destruction, theft or loss of such devices on school property. When making the decision to bring such devices to school, the student and parents/guardians assume the risk of potential damage, destruction, theft or loss.

The taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer (wireless communication devices) or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing, etc.), may constitute a crime under State and/or Federal law.

RANDOM METAL-DETECTOR WAND SCREENING

Students may not bring contraband or weapons to school. Metal-detector screenings are a necessary means of detecting and deterring the possession of contraband/weapons and preventing its consequences. The Superintendent or designee or other school officials may authorize metal-detector and/or wand screenings, screening the contents of backpacks, on randomly chosen days during a specified period of the day, using trained personnel. The Superintendent or designee or other school officials may also authorize metal-detector and/or wand screenings on days chosen to address particular concerns as needed to maintain safety.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students have the right

- To attend the Falk School and receive a first-rate education
- To expect orderly classes in which all students can gain the knowledge needed
- To be treated with respect by all members of the school community
- To feel safe in the school environment
- To express himself or herself in a socially acceptable manner
- To be provided appropriate materials to create an environment of success
- To be free from discriminatory practices
- To know the school rules and their consequences
- To a clean, well-maintained educational learning environment
- To enjoy extracurricular sports and other school-sponsored activities

Students have the responsibility

- To attend school every day, on time, and ready to learn
- To conduct himself or herself in a civil manner that permits the class to learn
- To respect the rules by reporting to school each day wearing the school uniform
- To seek help in solving problems that might lead to a dangerous outcome
- To follow directions given by school personnel in a respectful and positive manner
- To respect all property, despite ownership
- To refrain from discriminatory practices against all others
- To abide by all school rules and regulations dealing with student conduct
- To show respect toward other people and property
- To hold himself or herself to the highest standards of conduct and sportsmanship

DISCIPLINE CODE FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a civil manner in accordance with school policy, within the legal limits of the law, and with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, school personnel and other members of the school community, and for the care of school facilities and equipment. Students may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school, when they engage in or promote:

- Conduct that is disorderly
- Conduct that is insubordinate
- Conduct that is disruptive and destructive
- Conduct that is violent and physically aggressive
- Conduct that involves the sexual/harassment, bullying or cyber-bullying of others

SUSPENSION OF EDUCATION PRIVILEGES

Suspension from school is a significant penalty which may be imposed upon students who engage in conduct that negatively impacts the daily operations of the school and substantially or materially disrupts instruction, or endangers the health, safety or morals of students, or possesses a threat of harm to him or herself, to others, or to school property. Students who are found to have violated the School's Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school. Falk students have certain procedural protections when school authorities intend to impose disciplinary measures. The procedures are consistent with the procedural safeguards required by applicable laws and regulations.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend school each day that school is in session. Consistent attendance at school is required and vital to a student's academic progress and success. In cases of truancy, school personnel must meet with the student and parent/guardian in order to determine needed supports and an appropriate course of action to resolve the problem. Cases of suspected educational neglect must be called into the New York State Central Register in compliance with Chancellor's Regulation A-750

MAKE WISE DECISIONS

Students must make the most of their school experience by staying away from trouble. To avoid conflict and to have a successful day, students must:

- Report to school each day when school is in session
- Be well prepared for class
- Report to school in uniform
- Take an active role in learning
- Complete assignments neatly, accurately and on time
- Prove your intellect by contributing to class discussions
- Treat your teachers, counselors, aides, and all school personnel well
- Practice the 6 Pillars of Character Education
- Be kind and courteous to all
- Treat others as you wish to be treated

Your teachers are wise and have the knowledge that you need to graduate. They are willing to give you this knowledge. Accept it. Treat your teachers well.

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR SCHOOL

The Falk School offers elective courses, clubs, and extracurricular activities to enhance the school experience. Students are encouraged to explore these opportunities.

- Fine Arts courses
- Technology courses
- Industrial Arts courses
- Career Readiness courses
- Internships
- Friends of Rachel (FOR) Club
- Student Government
- Intramural Volleyball
- Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Modified Basketball
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Erie Community College (ECC) Advanced Studies coursework

A MESSAGE FROM MAYA ANGELOU

All knowledge is spendable currency depending on the market. Learn Everything!

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

The Falk School encourages parents/guardians and other home school district professionals to visit the school and maintain a strong alliance with teachers, counselors, and other support staff. Since schools are a place of work and learning, meetings must be pre-arranged prior to the visit. All visitors to the school are subject to the same rules as students and other school personnel. All visitors must report to the Main Office upon arrival, must sign in, and must wear a visitor's identification badge. This rule may not apply if the function is open to the public, such as, an athletic competition, an Open House gathering, or another school-wide event.

STANLEY G. FALK SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Roosevelt
283 Washington Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14217
716-882-0090

Rossler
31 Rossler Avenue
Cheektowaga, NY 14206
716-882-0090

Cambridge
One Cambridge Street
Buffalo, NY 14223
716-882-0090

SATELLITE LOCATIONS

PS # 99: Stanley Makowski Early Childhood Center
1095 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14208

PS #53: Community School
329 Roehrer Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14208

PS #27: Hillery Park Elementary
73 Pawnee Parkway
Buffalo, NY 14210

PS #97: Harvey Austin School
1405 Sycamore Street
Buffalo, NY 14211



