Behavior Guidelines

Dixie PREP is dedicated to providing an excellent summer program for high-achieving 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. To accomplish this goal, students are expected to follow the Dixie PREP Student Code of Conduct and the Student Code of Conduct from their school district at all times to promote a safe, fun, healthy and respectful environment for all participants. Unacceptable behavior will result in corrective measures and may include a report to the student’s school district and/or removal of the student from the Dixie PREP program.

At Dixie PREP student will:

General
- Wear appropriate clothing to Dixie PREP each day (see Dress Code)
- Participate in all activities, including class work, projects, and homework assignments
- Be on time each day and ready to participate
- Be a positive influence on those around them

Respect
- Be respectful and cooperative and contribute positively to the experience of fellow students
- Be careful that my actions, behavior, and language do not hurt other students’ feelings or hurt them physically in any way, intentionally or accidentally
- Show respect to all Dixie PREP staff and cooperate fully with their instructions and directions.
- Respect the values and beliefs of others
- Never discriminate or harass anyone based on race, national origin, color, religion, disability, sex/gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other protected class

Personal Space and Property
- Be respectful of all Dixie campus and Dixie PREP property, equipment, and supplies
- Never mark, deface, or destroy Dixie PREP materials or the personal property of others

Safety
- Be aware of my surroundings at all times
- Pay attention to instructions and directions given by my leaders
- Stay with my assigned group and PA at all times
- Immediately notify the PA of any safety risk observed
- Immediately report violations of the Student Code of Conduct to the PA

Dress Code
- Students should always be clean and neat in appearance
- Close-toed shoes must be worn at all times
- Clothing that is distracting in appearance must be avoided. Clothes that reveal shoulders, midriffs, undergarments, or have low neck lines are not allowed. It is unacceptable for undergarments to show at any time.
• Clothing that contains vulgar words, profane or obscene slogans and pictures, gang affiliations, or advertisements for alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are not permitted
• Students who violate the dress code may be asked to call their parents to pick them up early. Repeated violations may result in dismissal from Dixie PREP.

Unacceptable Behavior
Disciplinary action may be taken as a result of any behavior that violates the Student Code of Conduct, is disruptive, or violates the rights of others. The following are examples of unacceptable behavior (not an exhaustive list) and are subject to disciplinary action at Dixie PREP. The listed behaviors may result in immediate dismissal from the program and may not necessarily result in the corrective measures outlined in the next section.

Name calling  Bullying  Stealing
Criminal Activity  Threatening  Fighting
Taunting/ridiculing  Hitting/kicking  Damaging property
Inappropriate gesturing  Shoving/pushing  Inappropriate touching
Demeaning comments/gossiping  Inappropriate language  Discrimination/Harassment
Accessing inappropriate electronic content  Sexual Harassment based on protected class  Failure to stay with assigned group during the program

Be aware that defiant and/or disrespectful behavior toward any Dixie PREP staff member or authority figure will not be tolerated and may result in corrective measures.

I understand the corrective measures and discipline process listed on pages 8-9 and know that I can be dismissed from the program should I violate the standards of conduct and Dixie PREP requirements.

Corrective Measures and Discipline
Discipline should not be confused with punishment. The goal of discipline is a self-regulated individual with mature attitudes and socially acceptable standards of conduct.

Corrective measures used will depend upon the nature of the behavior, the frequency, and the degree to which the student is willing to correct undesirable behavior.

Disciplinary actions will normally begin at a minimal level and then proceed to more serious levels with the exception of serious violations of the Student Code of Conduct (see examples of unacceptable behavior above).

Unacceptable behavior will result in corrective measures and may include a report to the student’s school district.
Corrective measures may include:
1. A verbal warning upon the first offense.
2. A second verbal warning will result in a written warning and parents will receive notification.
3. After two written warnings, a student and parent meeting with the Project Coordinator and/or the Program Director will be scheduled.
4. A written warning that happens after a parent meeting may result in the student’s dismissal from Dixie PREP.

Dixie PREP reserves the right to dismiss students from the program as needed, without following the above corrective action steps, to ensure a safe and respectful educational environment.

**Dismissal Appeal Process**

The following is the process for appeal of dismissals:

- Because daily attendance is necessary for academic success, student appeals must submit written appeal within 24-48 hours from the notice of dismissal from the program.
- The student must send an email to Dr. Jesse Hicks, Dixie PREP Appeals Chair, jesse.hicks@dixie.edu
- In this email the student must clearly explain
  - Why he/she is appealing his/her dismissal
  - Why he/she believes he/she should be readmitted
  - Address what he/she intends to do to change the behavior that merited dismissal

The information provided in this email will be considered by Dr. Hicks, who will make a decision and notify the student and parent/guardian of their decision within 48 hours of receipt of the appeal email. One of the natural consequences for the student will be missing study-groups, classes, and any other important events during the time for which he/she is expelled and during the appeal process. If the appeal is denied and discipline sustained, no special consideration will be given for make-up work during this time.