

# ROCKS HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY

## Student Policies

In our efforts to respect the members of this facility, the operation of The Rock Church of Sahuarita, and to implement proper stewardship, we find it necessary to clarify student behavioral rules.

In the absence of self-control there is every evil work. In order to have a positive lasting educational experience and possibly make memories worth telling about, we require that every student uphold the rules of the academy. **Parents, please go over these rules with your students.**

### *Penalties*

1. If a student violates a rule, a staff member will notify his/her parents.
2. If a student violates the dress code, the student will be asked to change or add clothing. If neither is possible or if student refuses to adhere to the request, he/she must leave the activity for that day.
3. If a student repeats the violation to the dress code, he/she will be required to remain home the next time the academy meets. A third violation will result in permanent termination from the academy. Fees and tuition will not be refunded.
4. Violations such as possession of a weapon, drugs, or obnoxious behavior will result in immediate suspension from all classes of the academy. (**weapon**: any tool used to threaten harm)

### *Coming and Going*

1. All students must check in and out of the academy. They will be required to sign in manually or electronically upon arrival. Attendance will also be taken in each class the student is signed up to take.
2. All students must come prepared for their classes, having supplies needed and assignments completed.
3. All students are to be seated in their classroom at the time the class begins. They must remain inside the classroom, unless permission to leave the classroom has been granted by the person in charge.
4. Every student will be expected to be in all classes that he/she is enrolled in. If they are not present in their class, they are considered to be absent; they should not be found elsewhere on the grounds of the academy during their class time.
5. High school students may leave the campus at lunch if and only if a signed permission slip has been turned in granting them the right to leave during the lunch hour. They must sign in and out with our lunch monitor. **THEY MUST NOT LEAVE WITH ANY STUDENT, AS A PASSENGER, NOT LISTED ON THE PERMISSION SLIP—UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!! PARENTS, PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOUR CHILD PERMISSION TO DO ANYTHING THAT OPPOSES ROCKS HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY'S POLICY DURING THE TIME OF OUR POSSESSION OF YOUR CHILD.**

6. When class is over, students should remain inside the building until their parents arrive. High school students driving, must sign out before leaving the facility. **AGAIN, THEY MUST NOT LEAVE THE FACILITY WITH ANY STUDENT, AS A PASSENGER, NOT LISTED ON THE PERMISSION SLIP!**

### *General Behavior*

1. Every student must demonstrate respect for adults and their authority as well as for the other students.
2. Students must respect their teacher by: not talking without permission, not performing loud outbursts or erupting laughter which steer the class away from the class objective, not showing a bad attitude toward the teacher for their teaching style, choice of curriculum, personality, or requests that are fitting for the academy and the class that he/she is teaching.
3. Students must show respect to their fellow students by: not exhibiting behavior that takes away class time from the other students, not behaving unseemly toward them in a way which would cause discomfort, not calling them names or cracking jokes directed toward them for the sake of causing shame, and not using coarse, vulgar, or sexually descriptive language.
4. The property of The Rock of Sahuarita (decorations, supplies, materials in the rooms, as well as the building) must be respected and remain EXACTLY as the church members left them. This includes the nursery toys!
5. If your class is in the sanctuary, please DO NOT touch band instruments or settings on anything that does not pertain to your class, specific.
6. IF IT'S NOT A TOY, DON'T PLAY WITH IT!
7. No horseplay inside the building, unless designated by teacher and restricted to areas where things cannot be destroyed with assigned activity.
8. Please keep voices down inside the building, no yelling or screaming.
9. Students are not allowed to access the internet on their phones, laptops, or any electronic devices unless required for class. THIS IS A RULE THAT WILL BE ADHERED TO!
10. No weapons AT ALL, including pocket knives!
11. No illegal or prescription drugs allowed in possession of the student. Prescription drugs needed for survival must be cleared by turning in a medical form and making this need known to all your student's teachers. No surprises!! Parents, please have no attitudes with staff if you failed to read all policies and adhere to them.
12. No type, rendition, slang, or jester of disrespectful language or conduct is allowed.
13. No eating during class unless it is a part of the class activity.
14. ALL students are welcomed to bring lunches to eat on campus, in designated areas; but, must pick up behind themselves.
15. No electronic game devices, of any sort, or music devices are allowed unless brought by the teacher.

## *Dress Code*

The Rocks Homeschool Academy promotes modest dress. The vision is to bring families together to strengthen one another in our homeschool experience as well as our pursuit to be received by Christ when He returns. Because we will be composed of many Christian families varying in values, we should not want to offend one another. Therefore, these guidelines have been put in place.

## *General Guidelines*

1. All clothing must be modest.
2. Clothing that is too short, too tight, too loose, too low, too high, worn-out in inappropriate places, or sloppy is not considered appropriate attire for a Christian school environment.

## *Specific Guidelines*

1. No T-shirts with logos that may be offensive in nature (magic, witchcraft, zodiac signs, Gothic, nudity or suggestive nudity, secular music artists {due to varied opinions}, etc.)
2. No spaghetti strap shirts
3. No strapless shirts
4. Girl's shirts' necklines should completely cover her personal chest area.
5. Shorts and skirts should cover at least 2/3 of the thigh.
6. No tummies showing; neither should be seen when the arms are raised
7. Undergarments are to be worn as undergarments ONLY! And are to remain unseen to others.
8. No exposed body piercings
9. Boys having ear or nose piercing must wear clear earrings or completely remove them. (RHA is not responsible for any infections resulting in removing piercings to comply with guidelines.)

Guidelines have been composed with all families in mind. Guidelines may be added in the future if problems arise that were not considered in the making of these current guidelines. These guidelines are to help you decide if this is an organization that is suitable for your student, help the student know how to fit the atmosphere comfortably, and create harmony among our homeschool families. Please respect the needs and convictions of the other homeschool families.

## *Appealing a Decision*

In the event of questionable behavior or activity, a student must comply with the direction of the highest authority present. The decision to appeal may be presented to the Executive Board on a later date. The Executive Board consists of the Director, Pastor, Treasurer, and one other homeschooling parent.

1. Compliance with the initial ruling must be given, until the appeal can be heard and decided upon.
2. Appeals directed to the Director or Pastor shall be heard at the earliest time available.
3. All appeals shall be in writing, and will be heard at the next scheduled Board Meeting (please note that the Board only meets once per year).
4. Appeals that force an earlier meeting must be URGENT!