

# NPA Code of Conduct

NPA is a school of choice. Understanding and embracing the school's mission is essential to student success. NPA seeks to nurture highly motivated individuals who are willing to take initiative and assume responsibility for their own learning.

Specifically, NPA's mission is

- 1) to provide a rigorous international college preparatory and arts program
- 2) to foster and uphold the highest standards in regard to personal integrity and conduct
- 3) to promote a desire for excellence in one's chosen pursuits
- 4) to encourage responsibility for choices made
- 5) to create an atmosphere conducive to emotional, intellectual, and creative discovery
- 6) to provide opportunities for community involvement and leadership
- 7) create a caring, responsible community
- 8) initiate a journey toward lifelong learning, creativity, and individual and social awareness

NPA's code of conduct is based on the principle of learning while living respectfully in regard to oneself, to others, and to the environment. These areas--oneself, others, and the environment--are intimately interrelated and actions in one area have repercussions for the other two. Sections A through C clarify in more specific detail what respectful living entails in our particular context.

A. Respect for oneself entails:

1. taking care of one's mind, body, and spirit
  - a. being truthful
  - b. allowing time for reflection and creativity
  - c. following the laws of California
2. being prepared for class and arriving on time
  - a. allowing adequate time to complete assignments
  - b. asking for help when it is needed
  - c. caring about the quality of one's work
3. learning from rather than punishing oneself for one's mistakes

B. Respect for others entails:

1. listening and being present when another is talking in class or performing
2. finding ways to understand, appreciate, and acknowledge the unique talents of each person in the school
3. increasing one's awareness of how one's particular behavior is affecting others and their activities
4. using language and physical actions which are not intrusive or offensive
5. being sensitive to the needs of others

6. being curious rather than defensive when one's ideas or views are challenged
7. sharing in set up and cleanup activities
8. helping others maintain the school's mission

C. Respect for the environment entails:

1. taking care of the physical environment
  - a. keeping the school room and grounds clean
  - b. thinking of ways to enhance the beauty and usefulness of our space
2. initiating projects related to the mission of the school
3. maintaining behavior that reflects positively on the school's mission and vision
  - a. respecting the regulations of other schools when attending events at other schools
  - b. behaving in a manner that is a credit to NPA when traveling to HSU or other destinations

If the Code of Conduct outlined above is followed there should never be a need for disciplinary action. In the event of a breach of the Code of Conduct, however, the disciplinary process will be initiated as detailed in our progressive disciplinary policy.