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# Code of Ethics for Students



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## **Preamble**

LTD "European School" (hereinafter referred to as "European School" or "School") provides an exceptional education in a nurturing and academically challenging environment, inspiring each student to achieve their personal best and become socially responsible global citizen.

The purpose of the Code of Ethics for Students is to establish principles and standards that are essential in maintaining an excellent learning environment at the “European School”. Learning at the “European School” rests upon respect for individual rights, freedom of expression, dignity and security. The Code of Ethics for students serves as a guide of behavior for students at the “European School” to ensure that rights of students and the other members of the “European School” community are upheld properly, the “European School” property and common resources are secured while an excellent learning environment is created and maintained.

### **Article 1. General Principles of the Code of Ethics**

1. Every student of the “European School” is equally entitled to rights granted by the legislation of Georgia, the charter of the “European School” and other regulatory acts.
2. A student fully complies with the “European school's” internal regulations, exam rules, and provisions, values and principles enshrined within the Code of Ethics for Students and strictly adheres to them.
3. In case of breach of the Code of Ethics, a student acknowledges the right of the “European School” to determine an imposition of a disciplinary action and takes responsibility to follow the decision that is made in this regard.
4. A student is a free and independent individual capable of determining one’s own behavior and assessing the consequences.

### **Article 2. Student’s Obligations**

1. A student has respect for one’s own and other person’s life, health, dignity, as well as their personal and other property or non-property rights and freedoms.
2. No one shall be subject to discrimination or intolerance on grounds such as race, skin color, language, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, faith, worldview, political or any other point of view, political union membership, physical handicap, citizenship, national, cultural, ethnic or social affiliation, origin, family, wealth and rank, place of residence, state of health, lifestyle, place of birth, or any other grounds.
3. A student respect for a school name, honor and reputation and in addition, takes care of the school property.
4. A student has respect for other students’ right to education and inviolability of the learning process.
5. A student is obliged to strictly adhere to the rules enshrined in this Code of Ethics and abide by the decision made by the Disciplinary Committee of school.

### **Article 3. General Rules of Ethics**

1. Student behavior is considered inappropriate and unethical in the following cases:
  - a) Hindering the learning process (tardiness, noise, use of a cell phone, etc.)
  - b) Bringing, supplying, or/and using alcoholic beverages to school;
  - c) Bringing, supplying or/and using tobacco/tobacco products (including electronic cigarettes), narcotic and other toxic substances to school; bringing psychotropic substances to school without a doctor's prescription;
  - d) Bringing, supplying or/and using gambling products as well as items containing obscenity.
  - e) Littering; Damage/deterioration of school property (including building, building facade, internal walls, etc.);
  - f) Violation of the rules for using school inventory (writing on desks and/or other objects/walls, damaging and/or improperly using computers, lab equipment, "LED" monitors, electronic boards and/or their accessories, educational infrastructure and equipment, damaging plants, etc.);
  - g) Profanity, obscenity, being drunk on the territory of the European school, etc.;
  - h) A Student's dishonest attitude towards a school name, prestige, symbols and reputation. Dissemination of false and unverified information about school activities or school employees, through using media resources, social networks, as well as electronic mail or/and school database in an indirect or/and direct manner shall be deemed as slander against the school's prestige and reputation;
  - i) Using, bringing, or/and supplying firearms and cold weapons, as well as bringing and/or supplying explosive and flammable items which pose a real threat of fire or/and explosion;
  - j) Harassment, threats, physical or/and verbal abuse against other students, school academic, administrative, support staff and/or invited third parties;
  - k) Hate speech, discrimination, calls for violence and/or slander against another student, members of the school academic, administrative, support staff and/or school related third parties;
  - l) Assault, damage, destruction, restriction of any kind of property rights, solicitation or illegal extortion of someone else item, attempts of committing such acts, including through deception or threats;
  - m) Recording / disseminating secretly obtained video / photo / audio material without preliminary permission;
  - n) Resisting legitimate demands of any person engaged in the academic / administrative / support staff of the school;
  - o) Violation / negligence of the internal regulatory acts/regulations of the "European School" and other legislative requirements.

### **Article 4. Rules of Ethics Regarding Learning Process**

1. The following cases will be considered academic misconduct or unethical behavior:
  - a) Academic falsification of another person's work and claiming it as one's own or using/copying from pre-prepared support material and various technical means that are not permitted (including cell phones, tablet computers and/or any electronic device);
  - b) Plagiarism (copying another person's work partially or entirely);

- c) Being complicit in an academic falsification;
- d) Preparing an individual assignment in a group or presenting an assignment prepared by an individual as a group work;
- e) Obtaining and distributing information on confidential exam material as well as replacing submitted written work or using other kind of confidential information;
- f) Pressuring and/or otherwise influencing a teacher or a school employee for the purposes of obtaining grades, and/or attempting to do so;
- g) Disrupting another student's learning process by hiding, stealing or destroying relevant resources; Also, stealing, destroying, or replacing another student's work.

#### **Article 5. Penalties for Breaching of the Code of Ethics**

Breaches of the Code of Ethics will be discussed by the Disciplinary Committee created on the grounds of the order of the Director of the "European school".

#### **Article 6. Concluding Provisions**

1. The "European School" is entitled to introduce amendments to this Code that shall not cause any kind of violation of students' rights and freedoms and shall not change existing legal relations between the parties.
2. The "European School" is obliged to put the information regarding amendments on display immediately or/and publish them on the "European School" website.
3. Abolition or invalidation of any provision of this Code of Ethics (article, section or subsection) does not result in abolition or invalidity of other articles of the Code.