Teacher - Student Interactions

Graduation Alliance staff, including Teachers, Academic Coaches, and Student Advocates may communicate with the student in any of the following ways:

- Face-to-face, individual, or group meetings (individual meetings will only take place inside a home if a parent/guardian is present)
- Telephone
- Instant messenger
- Email
- Chat
- Text message
- Social Media

Interactions with students will be logged using the Student Portal.

Virtual Classroom Conduct

In order for a virtual classroom session to be educationally effective for students, all students should abide by a standard set of rules. The following rules govern student conduct in the virtual classroom:

- Students' written and oral communications must be free of vulgar, belittling, or offensive language.
- Students must abide by rules established by the course teacher.
- Students must comply with usage instructions communicated orally or in writing by the teacher.

Students who violate the virtual classroom rules of conduct will be warned by the teacher to correct their behavior. If the student doesn't comply with the teacher's instructions, he/she may be removed from the virtual classroom for the rest of the session or referred to the Graduation Alliance principal.

Use of Language and Images

Students must not use vulgar, obscene, abusive, or demeaning language, writing, pictures, signs, or acts in written or oral communications, including email, discussion board, listserv,

virtual classroom, student websites, or in photographs. Students are prohibited from posting content from or links to suggestive, lewd, or otherwise inappropriate websites.

Personal Respect

Teachers, administrators, and students know that personal respect is the foundation of learning. Language, comments, or images that show a lack of respect for individuals or groups will lead directly to disciplinary action.

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

The District Graduation Alliance program has a zero tolerance policy towards intimidation, harassment, bullying, and/or fighting. Intimidation, harassment, bullying, fighting, and racial and/or sexual harassment are violent acts against others.

Program administrators will promptly and thoroughly investigate reports of harassment and bullying. If it is determined that either has occurred, the Program administrators will act appropriately within the discipline codes of the School.

Harassment

No one should be subjected to harassment at school for any reason. Therefore, it is the policy of the District that all students will deal with all persons in ways which convey respect and dignity. Harassment in the form of name-calling, taunting, gestures, intimidation, conduct, jokes, pictures, slurs, or ridicules are prohibited. Such conduct referencing or directed at an individual or group that demeans that person/group on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, creed, age, disability or other extraneous factors is prohibited and shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment includes all unwanted, uninvited, and non-reciprocal sexual attention as well as the creation of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school or work environment. This can include:

- sexual jokes, pictures, or teasing
- pressure for dates or sex
- sexually demeaning comments
- threats, demands or suggestions that favors will be granted in exchange for sex or tolerance of sexual advances