



CREDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY



**GOOD BEHAVIOUR IS THE
BEST PROOF OF CHARACTER**



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FUNCTION	To establish robust systems to address and correct student behaviour
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OUR VISION

“To be an institution that nurtures free and happy minds thereby empowering students to excel and contribute to the society in the field of their choice.”

OUR MISSION

Tailor an inclusive and supportive campus that offers a sense of belonging, happiness, physical safety and intellectual freedom to all of our students.

Harvest the innate talent of each child to build a school community of individual achievement and collective excellence.

Instill an acute sense of values and ethics in each of our students so they may always be known for their personal integrity and probity.

Nurture an international cross-section of students so they may learn to live in a globalized world and contribute to building a united, tolerant, caring society.

Kindle and keep alive the spark of curiosity in our students through the provision of ICT facilities and resources that support research – oriented, independent and enquiry-based learning.

RATIONALE

This policy is framed considering the principles and approaches that will be undertaken as a part of Credence High School’s learning strategy.

Keeping in mind the school's vision and mission, we will work towards making the school a safe and healthy environment for the students.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

- Principal: **Mrs. Deepika Thapar Singh**
- Vice Principal: **Mr. Shivender Kumar**
- Ms. Dhanalaxmi -**Early years Supervisor**
- Ms Nirmala -**Primary Phase Supervisor**
- Ms. Anila- **Middle Phase supervisor**

- Ms. Neelima - **Secondary Phase supervisor**
- Mr. Shyam--**Senior Secondary Phase supervisor**
- Mr. Vijesh - **Head of Department, Physical Education**
- Dr. Subhadra- **School Counsellor**
- Ms. Anupama- **School Counsellor (Primary Phase)**

AIM OF THE BEHAVIORAL POLICY:

- To provide a safe and secure environment in the school where children feel secure, understood, and respected.
- To inculcate positive disciplining strategies to minimize disruption level and to maximize learning.
- To promote positive attitudes and moral reasoning so that children understand their behaviors and recognize that there are inevitable consequences for their behavior.
- To establish and implement a solution-focused approach to positive child-centered behavior management that includes a clear system of rewards and sanctions tailored to the individual, enabling them to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for children.

PRINCIPLES

The following principles guide our school in our management of all student behavior:

- Student well-being and the prevention of inappropriate behaviour will be enhanced by focusing on early intervention and prevention.
- Student behaviour is best managed in ways that promote restorative practices and are educative in nature.
- All student behaviour management and policy implementation decisions are made according to procedural fairness.
- Student behaviour must not be viewed in isolation but as part of an interaction between the student, staff, and the school community.
- School staff will demonstrate accountability for evidence-based decision-making, reporting and referral to appropriate support, and record keeping.

PUPIL STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS

- **Behavior – at school and online behavior at school**

At CHS we pride ourselves on nurturing and supporting the calm, purposeful, happy environment at school, in which we believe all children can flourish and grow. Our school's primary aim is that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We are a caring community whose values are built on mutual trust and respect for all.

Part of how we encourage and promote this approach is by having clear and consistent expectations of our children regarding the standard of their work at school and their behavior.

A key element of this approach is our Behaviour Policy. As with all aspects of school life, we aim to work with children, staff and parents to encourage positive behaviour.

Key expectations are as follows:

We expect children to:

- Respect each other and show respect for all adults.
- Co-operate with other children and adults.
- Always follow the 5Cs - i.e. demonstrate courtesy, care, commitment, cooperation and consideration in all they say and do.

We expect our staff to:

- Model positive behavior
- Create a culture of respect for all people.
- Implement the school's rules, rewards and consequences fairly and consistently.
- Raise all children's self-esteem and develop their full potential.
- Provide a challenging, interesting and relevant curriculum.
- Create a safe and pleasant environment in the classroom and elsewhere, both physically and emotionally.

- Form a positive relationship with parents so that all children can see that the key adults in their lives share a common aim.
- Recognize that children are individuals and be aware of their needs.

We expect parents/guardians of our students to:

- Ensure that their child adheres to this code of conduct.
- Be aware of the school rules, rewards and consequences.
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour.
- Discuss the importance of good behaviour and follow up in case of any behaviour-related communication from the school.
- A strong partnership between school and home fosters opens communication channels.
- Show respect for all members of the school community.
- Support their child's learning and to co-operate with the school.
- Support the school's actions when we have to use reasonable consequences due to a child's behaviour.

At Credence High School, honesty, respect, consideration, and responsibility should underpin our behaviour standards. We expect our students to always behave appropriately within school and the wider community. Staff should aim to recognize, praise, and reinforce positive behaviour traits rather than focus on negatives or previous failings.

Our standards of behaviour will:

- Promote a safe and well-ordered learning environment.
- Allow pupils to develop self-esteem feeling safe within the learning environment created.
- Develop mutual respect between pupils and teachers.
- Be consistent across all faculties and year groups.
- Allow all students to fulfil their academic potential.

SEARCH SCREENING:

On rare occasions, staff may be required to search students or their possessions where they have grounds for suspecting that the student may have a prohibited item in their possession. The search will be conducted by the teachers in the presence of a SLT member. The school will ensure that all searches are conducted by two members of staff, one of whom will be the same sex as the student. A clear explanation of why the search is being carried out will always be given and communication to parents following the search will also be provided. All searches will be recorded; the senior safeguarding team will be informed of the search details and the findings. Any student possessing a prohibited item may be issued a warning or even suspension, depending on the nature of the item.

CONFISCATION:

Any prohibited items found in pupils' possession will be confiscated and not returned to them. We will also confiscate any item harmful to school discipline. These items will be returned after discussion with senior leaders and parents. Perishable goods will be thrown away.

BANNED/PROHIBITED ITEMS:

The following items are banned on the school campus:

- ❖ Chewing gum
- ❖ Spinners
- ❖ Energy/fizzy drinks
- ❖ Mobile telephones (except the permitted ones)
- ❖ Jewelry (other than mentioned in the uniform policy)
- ❖ Makeup accessories
- ❖ Sharp objects including metal combs.
- ❖ Stink bombs and water bombs
- ❖ Lighters and matches

The following items are illegal, and possession may result in suspension or expulsion from the school.

- ❖ Weapons – or any object that could be used to harm oneself or others.
- ❖ Cigarettes and/or smoking materials, including shisha pens, vape, doha pipes and tobacco.
- ❖ Alcohol

MOBILE PHONES

Credence High School has a no-mobile phone policy. If students need to contact their parents, they should do so via the school reception. If parents need to contact their child urgently during school hours, they, too, should contact the school reception.

However, students can carry mobile phones only in an emergency or a special need. In such cases, the parent must seek permission from the phase supervisor. Permitted mobile phones should be switched off and handed over to the class teacher in the morning, before assembly and collected at the end of the day.

- If a student brings a mobile phone without prior permission, it will be confiscated and given to the phase supervisor. The parents will be informed first, and the phones can be collected at the end of the day.
- On a second occasion, the phone will be returned only to the parent/guardian.
- Credence High School accepts no responsibility for any phone loss or damage on school premises.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

- ❖ **Physical Safety** - All students must avoid engaging in rough physical play such as tackling, pushing, pulling, standing on a chair, and running around in the class while waiting for the teacher.
- ❖ **Honesty** - Honesty is expected in all interactions with teachers, peers and all other school staff members.
- ❖ **Dress Code**—Students must wear proper school uniforms: a white uniform with a tidy necktie, school belt, white socks, and shiny black shoes on regular days and house-colour uniforms with white running shoes on P.E. days. The swimming costume, if required,

should be approved by the swimming coach. Colouring hair is not allowed. Nails should be properly trimmed, and nail paints are not allowed.

- ❖ **Punctuality** - Students should report to school on time.
- ❖ **Language** - Disrespectful language/ verbal confrontation and expression are prohibited in the school. Students are expected to be responsible, polite and use friendly language in school and other digital communication.
- ❖ **Respect** - Students must exhibit respectful behavior towards teachers, peers, aunties, uncles, administrative staff, faculty and visitors in the school. They must follow the instructions and always use “thank you” and “please” wherever possible.
- ❖ **Bullying and interpersonal abuse**-Bullying is the intentional and deliberate intimidation of another person through emotional, physical, social, psychological and/or cyber means. The school has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying in all its forms. Instances of proven and intentional bullying may result in immediate suspension of the aggressor from the school. All students involved in bullying will receive appropriate counselling and support from the school.
- ❖ **Social Media Platforms** - The school community adheres to school policies regarding the ethical use of technology and UAE cyber security laws. Parents and students using any social media forum must always demonstrate respect for the members of the school community (including all students and personnel). The school will not tolerate any form of defamation or intentional harm practiced through social media forums.
- ❖ **Lost and Found** - Students must contact the school reception to retrieve lost items. The school will not be responsible for items lost or stolen. Avoid bringing valuable items to the school.
- ❖ **Bus** - ID card must be tagged upon bus boarding and leaving. Seat belts must be worn for safety reasons. They should follow the bus rules.
- ❖ **Arrival & Dispersal** - Students must walk on the right-hand side of the path. They must refrain from walking in pairs and running as it may cause injury.
- ❖ **Corridor** - Students must always wear the Classroom Out Pass in the corridor and refrain from talking loudly as it disturbs classes. They must walk on the right side of the yellow line.

- ❖ **Classroom behavior** - Bring required study material and follow class rules for an effective learning experience.
- ❖ **Use of devices** - Devices are to be brought only on designated days per the BYOD schedule.
- ❖ **Cafeteria** - Follow queue discipline and use important words like “Please” and “Thank you”. Students are not allowed to dine in the cafeteria.
- ❖ **Washroom** - Use the washroom as and when required and return to the class on time. Conserve water, hand soap and tissue in the washroom.
- ❖ **Auditorium** - Observe silence and practice good etiquette during assembly and special events in the auditorium.
- ❖ **Organized excursions**-Educational visits, field trips and seminars which are authorized and may be taken as an extension of learning and all students are expected to attend these activities. While on such excursions, students are to consider themselves as ambassadors of their school. They must show courtesy to teachers, helpers and guides.

ONLINE SAFETY – SUPPORTING APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR ONLINE.

Behaviour online, both whilst at school and at home, is an increasingly important area where we need to work together with parents to ensure that our children can use the internet safely. All parents sign an Acceptable Use Policy. This document ensures that children understand how we expect them to behave when using ICT resources at school. Online bullying (often called cyberbullying) is also something that we ensure that all parents and children are aware of.

ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME

As a school, your child’s safety is of paramount importance to us. We also accept that a large majority of children use the internet at home, including accessing programmes that can be dangerous if not used correctly. As a school, it is our duty to ensure that children and their families are using the internet safely and understand how to monitor their use.

- ❖ Do you know if your child has access to the internet at home?

- ❖ What is your child doing when using the computer? What are the dangers of using a chat site or email account? How old must a child be to have a Facebook account? How to monitor your child’s use of the internet?
- ❖ If you answered no or are unsure about any of the above questions, we can help! Please speak to the school counselor for further information.

ONLINE SAFETY TIPS AND LINKS FOR PARENTS

1. Support your children at home - Check you know what they are doing on the computer, especially in chat rooms and games played with others online. Ask who their “friends” are. Get them to teach you about how things work.
2. Support the school – Take an active interest in what your children do in ICT.
3. Support their learning—It helps to keep the computer in the family room, not tucked away in a child’s bedroom. Help your children use the Internet for homework and leisure interests.
4. Agree on some family rules—how long to play computer games, where to keep mobile phones, and which websites can be used.

Above all, our students must be **‘SMART’**

SAFE	- Students must keep themselves safe. They must not give out personal information – including full name and email address - to people they don’t trust online.
MEETING	- Students must understand that meeting up with someone they have only been in touch with online can be dangerous.
ACCEPTING	- Accepting e-mails, messages or opening files from people a student doesn't know can be dangerous – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
RELIABLE	- Always remember that someone online may be lying about who they are, and information we find online may not be true. Check information and advice on other websites and in books or ask someone who may know.
TELL	- Students must tell parent/guardian or teacher if someone or something makes him/her feel uncomfortable or worried or if they come to know that peer is being cyberbullied.

Whenever there is a need for online learning, students must follow the rules, such as turning on the camera and logging in with school ID. All incidents regarding e-safety, digital citizenship, the acceptable and unacceptable use of technology, online teaching and learning platforms, and the internet are referenced in our E-safety Policy. They should be read in conjunction with this policy. The school will investigate any inappropriate behaviour related to online learning. Parents will be notified once the matter is fully investigated. Any inappropriate behaviour will be subject to one or more consequences/sanctions. The severity and persistence of inappropriate behaviour and the circumstances will determine these. Consequences/sanctions will range from a verbal reminder to suspension.

BEHAVIOURAL OFFENSE AND CONSEQUENCES

1. In case of any behavioral offence, **the student will be given a verbal warning, followed by counselling.**
2. On observation of repeated discipline issues, **the student will be issued a reflection sheet by the phase supervisor, and parents will be informed of the same.**
3. **Yellow Cards** will be issued based on the seriousness of the offence at the discretion of the **Discipline Committee.**
4. Failure to make improvements after being issued **verbal warning and a yellow card** will lead to issuance of a **Red card.**