LAKESIDE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

2026–2027

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Official Lakeside ISD Student Code of Conduct for the 2026–2027 school year.

SECTION 00

Welcome to Lakeside ISD

Lakeside Independent School District is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and engaging environment where students can learn, grow, and succeed. This Student Code of Conduct establishes clear expectations for student behavior and a consistent framework for addressing conduct concerns.

The Code applies to the Lakeside school community, including campuses, school-sponsored activities, district transportation, district technology, and the district's virtual school environment.

OUR SHARED COMMITMENT

Learn. Participate and be prepared. **Grow.** Learn from mistakes and accept support. **Succeed.** Work with students, families, and staff to build a respectful school community.

SECTION 00

How to Use This Handbook

This handbook describes district-wide expectations and common responses to student conduct. Campus procedures may provide additional details when consistent with district expectations. Examples are illustrative and do not describe every possible situation.

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District Approval

This Student Code of Conduct was approved by the Lakeside ISD Board of Education on **October 5, 2026** and is effective for the 2026–2027 school year.

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SECTION 01

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Students have rights that support learning and responsibilities that protect the rights and safety of others.

Student Rights

• Access to a safe, orderly, and supportive learning environment.

• To be treated respectfully by students and adults.

• To receive instruction and reasonable academic assistance.

• To ask questions, express concerns, and seek help.

• To report bullying, harassment, safety concerns, or misconduct without retaliation.

• To receive appropriate notice and an opportunity to provide relevant information when discipline is being considered.

Student Responsibilities

• Attend school regularly and arrive prepared.

• Follow reasonable directions from authorized staff.

• Treat students, staff, visitors, and community members with respect.

• Protect school and personal property.

• Use technology and district accounts responsibly.

• Maintain academic honesty.

• Take responsibility for choices and participate appropriately in corrective or restorative processes.

SECTION 02

Lakeside Schoolwide Expectations

Five expectations guide student conduct across Lakeside ISD.

BE RESPECTFUL

Treat students, staff, visitors, and property with respect.

BE RESPONSIBLE

Take responsibility for your choices and actions.

BE SAFE

Make choices that protect yourself and others.

BE READY TO LEARN

Arrive prepared and participate appropriately.

BE HONEST

Be truthful and maintain academic integrity.

SECTION 03

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to academic progress and participation.

• Attend assigned classes and arrive on time.

• Remain in assigned areas unless authorized to leave.

• Follow procedures for absences, late arrival, early checkout, and make-up work.

• Repeated tardiness or unexcused absences may result in attendance interventions and administrative consequences.

Early Checkout

Students may leave campus only through approved checkout procedures. Staff may require identity verification and authorization.

SECTION 04

Academic Integrity & AI

• Cheating or unauthorized assistance.

• Plagiarism or presenting another person's work as one's own.

• Unauthorized collaboration or sharing answers.

• Falsifying assignments, signatures, records, or academic documentation.

• Using unauthorized resources during an assessment.

Artificial Intelligence

AI tools may be used only when permitted by the teacher or assignment instructions. Students remain responsible for the accuracy, originality, and appropriate attribution of submitted work. Students must disclose AI assistance when required.

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK

If an assignment does not clearly state whether AI, online tools, collaboration, or outside assistance is permitted, ask the teacher before using the resource.

SECTION 05

Dress & Appearance

• Clothing must not create a safety concern.

• Clothing may not contain explicit, threatening, or clearly prohibited content.

• Clothing may not substantially interfere with instruction.

• Religious and cultural attire is respected.

• Safety-sensitive programs may have additional clothing requirements.

SECTION 06

Bullying, Harassment & Hazing

Bullying, harassment, hazing, intimidation, and retaliation are prohibited.

• Bullying may include repeated or significant physical, verbal, social, or digital conduct that causes harm, creates fear, interferes with education, or substantially affects participation.

• Hazing includes activities that humiliate, intimidate, endanger, or pressure a person as a condition of joining or remaining in a group.

• Retaliation against a person who reports a concern or participates in an investigation is prohibited.

REPORT AN INCIDENT

Students, families, staff, or other members of the Lakeside community may report an incident through **lakesideisd.net** or by contacting a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, or principal.

SECTION 07

Fighting, Threats & Physical Misconduct

• Fighting or intentional physical harm.

• Attempting to harm another person.

• Threatening another person with physical harm.

• Intimidation or dangerous physical conduct.

• Throwing objects at people or using objects dangerously.

• False emergency, bomb, or safety threats.

Students should seek adult assistance and disengage from dangerous situations when reasonably possible. Legitimate self-defense may be considered when determining an appropriate response.

SERIOUS THREATS

Threats involving weapons, mass harm, explosives, or other serious safety concerns require immediate administrative attention and may require emergency or law-enforcement involvement.

SECTION 08

Weapons & Dangerous Items

• Firearms and other weapons.

• Knives or items carried or used as weapons.

• Explosives or incendiary devices.

• Replica weapons used to threaten or intimidate.

• Objects modified or intentionally used to cause injury.

SECTION 09

Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco

• Alcohol and illegal drugs.

• Unauthorized controlled substances.

• Drug paraphernalia.

• Cigarettes, vaping devices, e-cigarettes, and nicotine products.

• Distribution, attempted distribution, or sale.

Medication

Prescription and other medications must be handled according to district and campus medication procedures. Students should not share medication.

SECTION 10

Technology & Digital Citizenship

• Protect passwords and credentials.

• Do not access systems or files without authorization.

• Do not bypass security or intentionally disrupt services.

• Do not create or distribute malware.

• Do not impersonate, threaten, harass, or bully through technology.

• Do not record or distribute others in violation of school rules.

• Follow teacher directions for personal devices.

ONLINE CONDUCT STILL MATTERS

Digital conduct may be addressed when it materially affects students, staff, school operations, or safety, including conduct occurring away from campus.

SECTION 11

Virtual School & Roblox Environment

Lakeside's virtual school environment follows the same core expectations as the physical school environment.

• Follow staff instructions and virtual campus procedures.

• Use appropriate usernames, display names, chat, and voice communication.

• Respect other players and remain in appropriate areas.

• Do not exploit, hack, or intentionally disrupt school experiences.

• Do not impersonate teachers, administrators, principals, district officials, or other students.

• Do not abuse administrative permissions or attempt to obtain unauthorized permissions.

• Follow server, campus, and event rules.

Virtual Transportation

• Do not hijack or intentionally misuse school vehicles.

• Do not intentionally crash vehicles or obstruct transportation routes.

• Only authorized personnel may operate restricted transportation systems.

Digital Property & Security

Unauthorized access to district systems, administrative commands, private records, game assets, or other digital property is prohibited. Attempts to bypass permissions or security controls may result in serious discipline.

SECTION 12

School Property & Theft

• Theft or unauthorized possession of another person's property.

• Intentional damage, destruction, defacement, or tampering.

• Damage to another student's or staff member's property.

• Unauthorized access to restricted physical or digital property.

Students may be required to return property or participate in appropriate restitution or repair processes.

SECTION 13

Transportation

Lakeside ISD provides school bus transportation. Safe transportation requires students to follow the driver's and transportation staff's directions.

Bus Expectations

• Remain seated as directed and keep aisles clear.

• Use appropriate language and behavior.

• Do not fight, throw objects, or create unsafe distractions.

• Respect the driver and other passengers.

• Do not interfere with emergency equipment or exits.

• Follow boarding and departure procedures.

Transportation Consequences

Unsafe conduct may result in a warning, family contact, assigned intervention, loss of transportation privileges, or additional school discipline.

Virtual Transportation

• Do not hijack school vehicles.

• Do not intentionally crash vehicles or obstruct routes.

• Do not operate restricted transportation systems without authorization.

SECTION 14

Campus & School Safety

• Remain in authorized areas.

• Do not enter staff-only or restricted locations without permission.

• Follow fire, evacuation, lockdown, severe-weather, and other emergency procedures.

• Do not tamper with alarms, emergency equipment, security systems, or safety devices.

• Do not make false emergency reports or activate alarms without a legitimate reason.

DURING AN EMERGENCY

Remain calm, follow staff directions, and avoid actions that could interfere with emergency responders or school personnel.

SECTION 15

Activities & Extracurriculars

- Students must follow the Code of Conduct and applicable activity rules.
- Organizations may establish reasonable participation rules.
- Students representing Lakeside may be held to additional conduct expectations.
- Eligibility requirements may apply to attendance, academics, behavior, or other standards.
- Coaches, sponsors, and activity leaders may apply program-specific procedures consistent with district rules.

SECTION 16

Discipline & Consequences

Lakeside ISD uses a progressive approach when appropriate, while recognizing that serious misconduct may require an immediate higher-level response.

LEVEL 1 — CLASSROOM

Verbal correction, redirection, seat change, reflection, or teacher conference.

LEVEL 2 — CAMPUS INTERVENTION

Parent contact, detention, loss of privilege, behavior plan, or administrator conference.

LEVEL 3 — MAJOR DISCIPLINE

In-school suspension, removal from activities, temporary restrictions, or other administrative consequences.

LEVEL 4 — SEVERE DISCIPLINE

Out-of-school suspension, removal from programs, long-term restrictions, or removal/expulsion where applicable.

Administrators may skip levels when the seriousness of the conduct warrants it. Factors may include seriousness, history, intent, impact, safety, cooperation, age/development, and prior interventions.

SECTION 17

Investigations & Due Process

- Receive and document the concern.
- Review available information or evidence.
- Speak with involved students, staff, and witnesses.
- Give students an appropriate opportunity to explain what occurred.
- Determine whether a rule was violated.
- Communicate the response to the student and, when appropriate, the parent or guardian.
- Provide any applicable review or appeal process.

SECTION 18

Discipline Reference Matrix

This matrix is a general reference and does not replace administrator judgment.

Violation	Initial	Repeated	Serious
Class disruption	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Disrespect / defiance	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bullying / harassment	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4

Violation	Initial	Repeated	Serious
Fighting	—	Level 3	Level 4
Threats	—	Level 3	Level 4
Vaping / nicotine	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Theft / property damage	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Technology misuse	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Exploiting / unauthorized access	Level 3	Level 4	Level 4
Staff impersonation	Level 3	Level 4	Level 4
Weapon-related conduct	—	—	Level 4

SECTION 19

Appeals & Reviews

Students and parents/guardians may request a review of an eligible disciplinary decision.

Communications Server Appeal Ticket

An appeal or review request may be submitted by opening an **Appeals & Reviews ticket in the official Lakeside ISD Communications Server**. The ticket should include the student's name, campus, incident date, decision being appealed, and a clear explanation of the request.

Review Process

• Submit the ticket as soon as reasonably possible after receiving the decision.

• Administration reviews the information provided.

• Additional information may be requested.

• The reviewing administrator may uphold, modify, or return the matter for further review.

• The final determination is communicated through the appropriate district channel.

IMPORTANT

Submitting an appeal does not automatically pause a disciplinary consequence unless an authorized administrator states otherwise.

SECTION 20

Parent & Guardian Information

• Review this Code with the student.

• Maintain accurate contact information.

• Respond to school communications.

• Support attendance and appropriate behavior.

• Participate in conferences and intervention meetings when requested.

Parent/Guardian Rights

• Receive appropriate information about significant conduct matters.

• Communicate with teachers and administrators.

• Participate in applicable conferences and intervention planning.

• Use established review or appeal procedures when available.

SECTION 21

Reporting & Resources

REPORT A SCHOOL INCIDENT

Students, families, staff, or other members of the Lakeside community may submit an incident report through **lakesideisd.net**.

School-Level Contacts

• Teacher

• School counselor

• Assistant principal

• Principal

• Designated campus reporting system

Appeals

Eligible disciplinary appeals and reviews may be submitted through an **Appeals & Reviews** ticket in the official Lakeside ISD Communications Server.

Emergency Situations

If there is an immediate threat to life or safety, use the appropriate emergency service and notify school personnel as soon as safely possible.

NO RETALIATION

Lakeside ISD prohibits retaliation against a person who makes a good-faith report or participates in an investigation.

SECTION 22

Student Support

The Code of Conduct is intended to support student success, not only to impose consequences.

• Counseling and student support.

• Academic assistance.

• Behavior support plans.

• Conflict resolution.

• Restorative conversations when appropriate.

• Trusted-adult support.

• Family conferences and intervention planning.

SECTION 23

Definitions

Academic integrity

Honest participation in learning and accurate representation of one's work.

Bullying

Qualifying repeated or significant physical, verbal, social, or digital conduct that harms, intimidates, or interferes with participation.

Cyberbullying

Bullying or harassment carried out through electronic communication or online services.

Disruption

Conduct that substantially interferes with instruction, school operations, or the rights of others.

Exploiting

Using unauthorized software, scripts, vulnerabilities, or methods to gain an unfair advantage or access restricted systems in a virtual environment.

Harassment

Unwelcome conduct directed toward another person that violates school expectations or applicable requirements.

Hazing

Conduct used to initiate, affiliate, or retain a person in a group that humiliates, intimidates, endangers, or pressures the person.

Impersonation

Pretending to be another student, staff member, administrator, or district official without authorization.

Retaliation

Adverse or threatening conduct directed at a person because they reported a concern or participated in an investigation.

Unauthorized access

Accessing an account, system, record, command, area, or resource without permission.

Weapon

An item designed, made, or used in a manner capable of causing serious physical harm, subject to applicable definitions and exceptions.

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Board Approval & Publication

This Student Code of Conduct is the official Lakeside Independent School District Code of Conduct for the 2026–2027 school year.

APPROVED BY THE LAKESIDE ISD BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 5, 2026

The Lakeside ISD Board of Education approved this Student Code of Conduct for implementation during the 2026–2027 school year.

This handbook is published for students, families, staff, and the Lakeside community. No student signature page is required.

Incident Reporting: **lakesideisd.net**
Disciplinary Appeals: **Appeals & Reviews** ticket in the official Lakeside ISD Communications Server.

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