

Street School Agreements

Street School has the following four guiding principles:

*Mutual
Respect*

*Direct
Communication*

*Personal
Accountability*

Community

These principles help to drive our everyday activities. Following these principles helps to ensure a peaceful, safe atmosphere; a cohesive environment; and an enriching learning experience. To ensure each student receives a quality education at Street School, every student is required to read and agree to the following:

Mutual Respect

Staff and students show mutual respect by speaking to each other in a respectful manner. "Put downs," name calling and cursing do not show mutual respect. Verbal threats or fighting could result in termination from Street School.

Clothing needs to convey mutual respect as well. Clothing or jewelry that conveys messages that could be offensive to another person should not be worn at Street School. This includes any of the following: symbols of racism, anarchy or gang related; confederate flags, crude symbols, sexually explicit messages, gang related mottos or symbols, illegal drug messages or symbols, and anything related to tobacco or alcohol products. Clothing should be buttoned and appropriate undergarments worn at all times.

Mutual respect is also shown by not wearing any of the following to school: strapless tops, low cut necklines, midriffs, or bare back garments. Pants should not sag. If a student arrives at school dressed inappropriately, he/she will be asked to wear clothing available at the school, or the parent/guardian may be notified and asked to bring more suitable clothing. Students should also ensure that their clothing choices are appropriate for any field trips and/or internship commitments during the school day. Therefore, no pajama bottoms or house slippers will be permitted.

Direct Communication

A peaceful atmosphere exists at Street School. If a disagreement arises, the parties involved will be expected to verbally work through the problem calmly. Students are to inform their counselor or teacher of any problem with another student. The parties involved will meet separately with a counselor. If there is a conflict, the students must communicate directly with each other while counselors and/or mediators are present. If either student is not willing to participate in the mediation process, he/she will need to be picked up by a parent/ guardian and remain home until able to resolve the issue with counselors present. That student may return when they are ready to proceed with the mediation process. The student must contact his/her counselor to make arrangements before returning to school. Any time out of school will be counted towards time absent.

Personal Accountability

Attendance

Each student should strive for perfect attendance. Consistent attendance and punctuality are very important for success in school. Parents must notify the school by 9:00 if their student is absent. Attendance is reported to the Education Service Center each day and Tulsa Public Schools reports excessive absences to the District Attorney's office. (Please read the attached form regarding reporting of attendance to TPS.) There are no excused or unexcused absences.

If a student is not in attendance at Street School, they are considered absent. This includes absences for illnesses, family emergencies, funerals, court dates, doctor appointments, or anything that would prevent the student from attending school. This is why it is of utmost importance that each student attends school every day while preserving time for any of the above situations.

If a student is absent more than twenty hours in a session, he/she will no longer be able to attend Street School and will need to sit out the remainder of the session, with no credit given. However, the student will be welcome to return to the program at the start of the new proceeding session. Students will only be given one opportunity, per school year, to return to the program following a violation of the attendance policy.

A student who exceeds the absence limits for one class, but not the other, will continue coming to Street School only for the half day in which they are still in compliance. The absence limit in the morning classes is 10 hours and the absence limit in the afternoon classes is 10 hours each session. If a student exceeds the attendance requirements two sessions in a school year, they may be dropped from the program.

Students who are dropped from Street School always have the right to re-apply to the program the next school year.

Substance Abuse Prevention

Included in the services at Street School are services for substance abuse. Any student entering the program who has a history of drug and/or alcohol use must work towards sobriety. It is the responsibility of all students to help create a drug-free atmosphere in the school. Ways to do this include no usage, no drug talk, and no depiction of any drug or alcohol symbols. It is the responsibility of everyone at Street School, including students, to encourage a positive life style.

All students will pass through a metal detector each morning as they enter the building. All purses, backpacks, etc. are searched as well. Any prescriptions or over-the-counter medications need to be given to the staff person operating the security desk. If any illegal drugs are found, the situation will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Contraband will be taken to the student's counselor or to the Associate Executive Director. The police will be notified.
2. If drugs are found on a student, the student will be asked to remain in the school under direct supervision until the police arrive.

Substance Abuse Prevention (continued)

3. Street School employees will cooperate with law enforcement officers in the investigation of the incident reported.
4. After a meeting with the student's family, the staff will meet to decide on the best course of action for the student. The decision may be to refer the student to a higher level of care.

If a student is suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the student will be removed from the classroom. A counselor and the Associate Executive Director will meet with the student and the student will be sent home for the remainder of the day. A decision will be made among the staff regarding the best course of action for the student and the student may be referred to a higher level of care. The student will remain under the supervision of a Street School staff member until one of the following actions is taken:

- Parent/guardian is contacted to make arrangements to remove student from school.
- Student is placed in custody of parent/guardian or authorized person.
- The police or juvenile authorities remove student from Street School.
- Student is taken to hospital and is released to parent/guardian or decision is made to keep student at hospital.
- The police or juvenile authorities remove the student from Street School.

Street School is tobacco free. No tobacco products and no smoking is allowed in the building, on school grounds, in the parking lot, during field trips or anywhere in the neighborhood surrounding Street School. If a student enters the school with cigarettes and/or a lighter, these items will be taken from the student at the security desk and these items will not be returned. If a student is caught smoking during school hours, or on the grounds after school, she/he will be ticketed. The family will receive notification of a \$100.00 fine and the time and place of a court appearance.

Personal accountability includes keeping the school environment safe for all participants. If a student brings a weapon to school, Tulsa Police will be called and the student will be removed. The student may be terminated from the program.

Cell phones are to be turned off upon entry into the school building. Calls and/or texts are not allowed during the school day. If a student needs to place a call, this can be done in the counseling office. If a family member needs to contact a student, they are to call Street School at 918-833-9800. Students are prohibited from using the device in the classroom except when a teacher allows the use of the device for academic purposes. School personnel have the authority to confiscate the phone device from the student at any time. Misuse of the cell phone or other electronic devices may result in additional discipline consequences.

Community

Students become part of a community when they attend Street School. The Street School community includes students, staff, board members, donors, speakers, mentors, tutors, interns, neighbors and the community in which they live. Students learn to operate in the Street School community by participating in classroom activities, school groups, through involvement with individuals and through counseling and guidance received. Students also learn about giving back to the community. Street School students volunteer, work as peer educators or assist others through organizations chosen by the staff and students.

I have read and understand the above Street School agreements and agree to comply.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Counselor Signature

Date