



RUSINGA SCHOOLS

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

Preamble

Rusinga Students are expected to make a valuable contribution to the school community and set an example for others to emulate. Hence, students are expected to observe the following code of conduct in school and during all school events/ functions.

- **Uniform and Appearance**

It is your responsibility to know the uniform guidelines and to dress appropriately. Shirts must be tucked in neatly and trousers should not be allowed to sag. Jewellery is not allowed, but girls may wear one stud on each ear lobe. Boys are not allowed to keep beards and must have short, neat, well groomed hair. Hairstyles for girls should be simple and of natural hair colour. Hair and braids must be tied back so as to look neat and tidy. Only clear nail varnish is allowed.

- **Promptness and Punctuality**

The school does not operate bells. It is the responsibility of the student to know where he/she is meant to be throughout the day and arrive in good time ready to commence each lesson or activity.

- **Late Arrival to School**

It is the responsibility of the student to notify his/her class teacher or form tutor of his/her late arrival.

- **Leaving School During the Day**

In case of any intended absence from school, a student must bring a letter to this effect from his/her parent or guardian to show to the class teacher/ form tutor. This should, if possible, be done on the preceding day. The student must then be signed out by the Head of Section through the class teacher/form tutor who will then authorise the issuance of a gate pass disc which he/she must leave with the security officer at the school gate on departure.

- **Absence from School**

If for any reason a student is absent from school, he /she must ensure that the school office receives communication on the first day of the absence. The letter of explanation from the parent /guardian or doctor's note should be given to class teacher/form tutor on the first day of return.

- **Assignments and Homework**

Students are expected to complete tasks assigned to them on time and to hand them in, properly done, to the teachers concerned for marking and grading.

- **Bullying and Offensive/Inappropriate Language**

These are strictly forbidden by the school. A student may be excluded from school if found to be involved in bullying or using offensive/inappropriate language.

- **Chewing Gum and Sweets**

Chewing gum and sweets are strictly forbidden at school.

- **Mobile Phones and other electronic gadgets**

Only A level students may bring mobile phones and other electronic gadgets to school for academic purposes only. However, these will not be allowed during the exam season. They must not be lent to junior students including siblings. Failure to adhere to these requirements will lead to the phone being confiscated and the privilege withdrawn.

- **Security**

Students are forbidden to bring into school any dangerous weapons or their imitations. The responsibility for any valuables brought into the school by the student lies strictly with the student. Senior school students are subject to random security checks for contra band items. The School cannot be held responsible for any losses.

- **Tuck Shop and Food**

The Tuck shop is open to Senior School Students only during break time.

No student is allowed to take lunch out of the hall.

Food and drink should not be consumed in the classrooms.

- **Litter, Graffiti and Noise**

Students should place all litter in the litter-bin provided and encourage others to do the same. Any student involved in acts of graffiti or vandalism of property will be severely punished and their parents asked to pay for repairs or replacement.

Students should keep noise levels to the bare minimum.

- **Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs, Sexual relations and Pornography**

These are strictly forbidden within the schools, when on school organised trips or when in school uniform. Intimate relationships including physical contact is forbidden in school and on school organised trips.

- **Visitors**

Students are not allowed visitors without prior permission from the Heads of Sections.

Students must show respect to all members of the Rusinga community and property at all times. They should exercise politeness, courtesy and sensible behaviour; always honouring others above self.

I understand that my place as a member of Rusinga School community is based upon my readiness to adhere to these requirements.

I hereby agree, if admitted, to follow this Code of Conduct.

SIGNATURE: (Student

DATE:

SIGNATURE: (Parent/guardian)

DATE:

cc. Parent/ Guardian