

CODE OF CONDUCT

September 2023

In order to have an enjoyable and productive classroom experience, it's necessary not only to have a standard of behavior, but to see to it that it's adhered to. Participation in my classes—both mine and yours—is 100% voluntary. No one is forcing me to teach them, and no student is forced to take them (as far as I'm concerned, at least!) The goal is win/win. That is, that at the end of the course, all parties should feel as if they "won", and would be happy to work together again in the future. In my experience, this code of conduct is a pretty effective set of rules for making this happen.

Parents must sign this Code of Conduct, accepting responsibility for their own behavior, and for that of their enrolled child(ren), as well as for the behavior of any other children they may have on premises from time to time. Each student should also sign, even if his or her parent has signed. It is the teacher's responsibility to protect the experience for all by enforcing this standard of conduct.

1. Members are expected to be polite, courteous, respectful, and appearing to be reasonably happy to be present at all times. If someone should be unhappy to be present, he or she should refrain from making a show of that unhappiness, and is expected to be able to carry on with normal class activities.
2. Disruptions of the class sessions are very costly, and must be kept to a bare minimum. This includes tardiness, leaving early, failure to come to order when requested, and failure to maintain order when requested. It obviously also includes such things as violence and inappropriate language, and so forth. ***The teacher has the final word on what is considered to be disruptive.***
3. As this is a course of learning, the Teacher reserves the right to correct and instruct any and all members of the class at his discretion, as necessary to meet the educational goals of the course. Members are expected to accept such instruction congenially, whether they agree with it or not, and are free to discuss any disagreements freely in class if the teacher deems it appropriate at the time, or otherwise, after class.
4. There will be no running or horseplay at any time, whether indoors or on the grounds, whether before, after, or during the official sessions. This rule applies to students, as well as to waiting family members. Parents are expected to keep their children from breaking this rule.
5. Members who are disruptive may be asked, at the Teacher's discretion to take a "time out" in order to regain self-control. This will consist of sitting in a chair in our small lobby space. Should egregious behaviors occur, or should long patterns of disruption occur, the Director reserves the right to remove the offender from the class, whether temporarily, or permanently. The parent will be informed immediately, and is expected to remove the offending student as soon as possible from the premises.
6. There is to be no sleeping in class.
7. Nor shall hats or sunglasses be worn in class. (I will gladly explain this rule to any student wishing to inquire.)
8. All students are to remain inside the classroom for the duration of the class, unless they are in the restroom. Under no circumstances shall any student go outside during the class period, except with the express consent of the Teacher.

By my signature below, I accept responsibility for abiding by this Code, both for myself, and for my enrolled child(ren), who are also to sign.

_____ Parent	_____ Name (Printed)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Student #1	_____ Name (Printed)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Student #2	_____ Name (Printed)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Student #3	_____ Name (Printed)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Student #4	_____ Name (Printed)	_____ Signature	_____ Date