

Kitsong Rules

These general school rules are a guide for the smooth day-to-day functioning of the school as a community. This document should not be confused with the more prescriptive Code of Conduct, which categorizes offenses based on seriousness and details possible consequences. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available free of charge from the school office or can be downloaded from kitsong.co.za.

Appearance of learners

The personal appearance and dress of the learners must, at all times where the learners appear as learners of Kitsong, meet with the requirements and dress codes, which in the opinion of the principal, comply with the norms of the community served by the school. School uniform as prescribed on kitsong.co.za, is to be worn without adornment during school hours as well as to extra-mural activities, unless the principal has given permission for casual wear. "Adornment" includes jewellery, tattoos, unnaturally coloured teeth and any other body fixtures.

Similarly, hair should be kept clean and neat and worn in a natural colour without adornment.

Behaviour of learners

Learners are to attend school punctually during the prescribed times. Learners may not absent themselves from class or leave the school premises during school hours without the prior consent of the principal. In the event of a child's absence, the parents are to provide written reasons for such absence.

School property or the property of any other person may not be damaged or defaced. In the event of damage, defacing or loss of such property by a learner, the parent or guardian of such learner will be held responsible for the costs incurred in the replacement or repair of such property.

No learner may impair or endanger the physical well-being of any person be in possession of any article capable of inflicting such physical harm, discomfort, embarrassment, general disorder or damage to property or perpetuate any act which will result in any of the above conditions.

No learner may insult, humiliate or otherwise impair the emotional well-being of any person. Any behaviour of this nature will be interpreted as bullying, whether it is carried out physically, verbally or implied by body language. Bullying will always be treated as a breach of school rules, whether it was perpetrated in earnest or as a joke.

The use, possession or handling of tobacco, cigarettes, alcoholic drink or drugs (the latter excepted with medical prescription and only for their own use) is strictly prohibited in the school building or the school premises or at any place where the school's name and/or reputation may be affected.

No learner may be in possession of pornographic or any such literature which in the opinion of the principal is offensive to the school and community, on the school premises or at any venue where the school's name will be implicated.

Physical contact between genders is prohibited, as well as any physical contact of an intimate or sexual nature.

No circular, notice, pamphlet or poster may be distributed on the school premises or attached to any notice-board or to anything else in the building or school grounds without the prior consent and approval of the principal.

No learner may sell any product on the school premises without the permission of the Principal.

Cellphones may not be brought to school.

Participation

All learners must participate in the educational programmes as prescribed by a timetable issued every term. Beyond this timetable, learners may be on the campus from 7.00 till 16.00, Monday to Friday, and may participate in a range of activities offered.

All learners must honour obligations and commitments to a sports team or other activity joined voluntarily unless he/she has been granted exemption from such responsibilities by the principal.

Learners do not have access to the school's equipment or facilities, including sports facilities, outside school hours without prior approval and consent by the school principal and may not enter the school- grounds after school hours.

General

A learner who, in the opinion of the principal and Kitsong Board, brings the school's name into disrepute, shall be considered to have committed an offense.

These rules are subject to the SA Constitution and the SA Schools Act, 84 of 1996 and should be read together with the stipulations of the Act and the regulations promulgated in conjunction with the Act. It is expected of the learners to obey the laws of the country, as well as the rules and regulations of any legally constituted body.

Learners transgressing these rules are punishable with such reasonable punishment as may be deemed fit by the principal and teachers, subject to the Code of Conduct.

The term principal includes the authorised representative of the principal.