

Camper Rights, Responsibilities & Discipline Guidelines



The Community School of the Arts is committed to creating and maintaining a safe learning environment. Expectations for appropriate behavior are high and will be communicated to students during every Monday morning and reiterated during the week.

For the safety and well-being of all campers and staff, we need the cooperation of everyone to encourage positive behavior.

CAMPERS RIGHTS

As a camper, you have the right to:

- Be treated kindly and with respect by everyone.
- Feel safe and protected at camp.
- Ask for help from the grown-ups when you need it.
- Play and have fun without being hurt or scared.
- Get a fair turn in games and activities.
- Be treated nicely—no mean teasing or name-calling.
- Make mistakes and learn in a safe space.
- Know and understand the camp rules so you can have the best time!

CAMPERS RESPONSIBILITIES

As a camper, you are expected to:

- **Include Everyone** – Let others join games and activities.
- **Be Honest** – Tell the truth and be trustworthy.
- **Stay Safe** – Play and move carefully to keep yourself and others safe.
- **Use Kind Words** – Speak nicely and respectfully.
- **Be Friendly & Helpful** – Treat others with kindness and respect.
- **Stay Peaceful** – No fighting, hurting, or saying mean things.
- **Share & Care** – Take turns and use camp supplies properly.
- **Respect Property** – Take care of things, especially things that aren't yours.
- **Work as a Team** – Listen to others and cooperate with other campers and camp mentors.
- **Be a Good Sport** – Win or lose, have fun and be positive!
- **Try New Things** – Be open to new camp activities and adventures.
- **Speak Up** – If you see someone being treated unfairly, tell a trusted adult.
- **Leave Toys & Electronics at Home** – Enjoy camp without distractions!

Always stay with your camp mentors or tell them where you are. If you feel unsafe or see someone breaking the rules, talk to an adult.

Most of all, **have fun, stay positive, and make great memories!**

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As a Camper, I Will NOT:

- **Be Mean or Exclude Others** – I will not bully, tease, or make others feel bad. I will never hit, threaten, or touch someone without their clear permission.
- **Damage or Take Things That Aren't Mine** – I will respect camp property and the belongings of other campers and staff.
- **Break Important Rules** – I will follow Indiana State University's rules, which means no drugs, alcohol, smoking, vaping, weapons, personal vehicles (i.e., skateboards or bicycles), or animals to campus as these are not allowed at camp.
- **Hurt Feelings on Purpose** – I won't play pranks or do things that could upset or embarrass others.
- **Use Bad Words or Act Inappropriately** – I will speak kindly and respectfully. I will not say mean, rude, or inappropriate things to anyone.
- **Hurt Anyone (Including Myself!)** – Fighting, hitting, kicking, or any kind of harm to myself or others is not okay and won't be tolerated.
- **Disappear or Hide from Camp Staff** – I will always stay where my camp mentors know where I am and never run off without permission.

I understand that camp should be a safe, fun, and respectful place for everyone, and I promise to follow these rules!

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

Discipline policies in our program have been established to encourage and strengthen positive behavior through opportunities for the children to interact with people and materials. One of the primary goals of the program is to maximize the learning of appropriate social skills including safety and respect for one's self and others.

Guidance is non-punitive. Positive techniques include redirection, anticipation and elimination of potential problems and encouragement, rather than competition, comparison or criticism. Limits are set for children, and the environment is arranged so that a minimum number of "no's" are necessary. Clear consistent rules are explained to the children.

When children exhibit challenging behaviors (including bullying, physical or verbal aggression to staff or children, and disruptive behaviors) the following steps will be followed:

1. The problematic behavior will be studied and documented.
2. The classroom teacher will consult with the Director to discuss ways to work with the child and improve the problematic behaviors.

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3. Our staff will request a meeting with parents to discuss and consider solutions and establish a timeline for behavior remediation and/or removal.

NON-NEGOTIABLES

Campers who exhibit the following behaviors **will be asked to leave camp** if they:

- **Consistent Disruption of Activities** – Everyone deserves a fun and focused camp experience!
- **Are Unkind to Others** – Bullying or hurting someone’s feelings is not okay.
- **Hurt Others Physically** – Hitting, pushing, or any unsafe actions won’t be allowed.
- **Break Important Rules** – Indiana State University’s rules, which means no drugs, alcohol, smoking, vaping, weapons, personal vehicles (i.e., skateboards or bicycles), or animals to campus as these are not allowed at camp and may lead to a police investigation.

Our camp staff will handle each situation carefully to make sure camp stays a safe and happy place for everyone. If minor changes to the routine, environment, or behavior plan do not seem to be effective, the child may be removed from camp. Additionally, at any time in this process if the child’s aggression seems dangerous to themselves, other campers, or staff, the child will be removed from camp.

We are excited about our adventures for the summer. If at any time between now and the beginning of camp you have any questions, concerns, or want to discuss your child’s participation in camp, feel free to contact us at (812) 237-2528, or ISU-CSA@indstate.edu.

We look forward to seeing you soon, and let the summer of fun and memories begin!

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