

# Rules & Policies of Brooklyn Technical High School

## Academic Integrity

Absolute integrity is expected of every Brooklyn Technical HS student in all academic undertakings. Integrity entails a firm adherence to a set of values, and the values most essential to an academic community are grounded on the concept of honesty with respect to the intellectual efforts of oneself and others. Academic integrity is expected not only in formal coursework situations, but in all school relationships and interactions connected to the educational process, including the use of school resources. (Adapted from Cornell University Academic Integrity Policy and Staten Island Technical High School)

The following procedures and protocols will provide the educational community with a moral standard indicating that cheating and plagiarism are wrong, provide sanctions that will deter cheating and plagiarism, and provide for consistent and fair administration of those sanctions

## Use of Electronic Devices

Although it is not recommended, students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school: cell phones; and/or laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices; and/or portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3 players, PSP, and Nintendo DS. The student is responsible for the safety and security of the device and must be aware that facilities are not available to charge said devices in school. Students will **not** be permitted to connect to the wireless infrastructure or connect personal electronic devices to the wired system.

## Dress Code

In collaboration with parents, students, and faculty, the school remains committed to preparing young people for leadership and professional roles. In keeping with that philosophy, the School Leadership Team supports the accompanying dress code:

- *Clothing should not be distracting or offensive to other members of the Brooklyn Tech community.*
- *Clothing that degrades religion, race, or sexuality and clothing that promotes alcohol, drug use or offensive language is prohibited.*
- *Undergarments must not be visible (Pants **MUST** be worn at the waist).*
- *Clothing may not be transparent (sheer) unless it is worn in combination with other garments that are not transparent.*
- *Tops and bottoms of outer garments must meet and should reasonably cover skin and not expose midriff or back. Strapless and halter tops are prohibited.*
- *Skirts, shorts, or other garments covering the lower body must be at least long enough to cover skin up to one hand width above the knee in length.*
- *Any headwear: hats, visors, do-rags, bandannas, etc. are prohibited (administrative exception for religious or medical reasons)*

# Citywide Behavioral Expectations

## V. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible behavior by each student is the only way in which the rights set forth in this document can be preserved. Violation of some of these responsibilities may lead, in accordance with the Discipline Code, to disciplinary measures. Full acceptance of responsibility with the exercise of rights will provide students with greater opportunity to serve themselves and society. **Students have a responsibility to:**

1. attend school regularly and punctually and make every effort to achieve in all areas of their education;
2. be prepared for class with appropriate materials and properly maintain textbooks and other school equipment;
3. follow school regulations regarding entering and leaving the classroom and school building;
4. help maintain a school environment free of weapons, illegal drugs, controlled substances and alcohol;
5. behave in a manner that contributes to a safe learning environment and which does not violate other students' right to learn;
6. share information with school officials regarding matters which may endanger the health and welfare of members of the school community;
7. respect the dignity and equality of others and refrain from conduct which denies or impinges on the rights of others;
8. show respect for school property and respect the property of others, both private and public;
9. be polite, courteous and respectful toward others regardless of actual or perceived age, race, creed, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, weight, sexual orientation, physical and/or emotional condition, disability, marital status and political beliefs, and refrain from making slurs based on these criteria;
10. behave in a polite, truthful and cooperative manner toward students and school staff;
11. promote good human relations and build bridges of understanding among the members of the school community;
12. use non-confrontational methods to resolve conflicts;
13. participate and vote in student government elections;
14. provide positive leadership by making student government a meaningful forum to encourage maximum involvement;
15. work with school staff in developing broad extracurricular programs in order to represent the range of physical, social and cultural interests and needs of students;
16. observe ethical codes of responsible journalism;
17. refrain from obscene and defamatory communication in speech, writing and other modes of expression, including electronic expression, in their interactions with the school community;
18. express themselves in speech, writing and other modes of expression, including electronic expression in a manner which promotes cooperation and does not interfere with the educational process;
19. assemble in a peaceful manner and respect the decision of students who do not wish to participate;
20. bring to school only those personal possessions which are safe and do not interfere with the learning environment;
21. adhere to the guidelines established for dress and activities in the school gymnasium, physical education classes, laboratories and shops;
22. be familiar with the school Discipline Code and abide by school rules and regulations;
23. provide leadership to encourage fellow students to follow established school policies and practices;
24. keep parents informed of school-related matters, including progress in school, social and educational events, and ensure that parents receive communications that are provided by school staff to students for transmittal to their parents.