



# Admission Policy

## Purpose

*"My son (daughter) holds on to good judgment and understanding. Don't let them out of your sight; they will give your life." – Proverbs 3:21-22*

## Why We Have a Discipline Policy

At The International School of First Orlando, we want to create a place where students can grow academically, personally, and spiritually. Our goal is to build a community where everyone feels respected, safe, and encouraged to become more like Christ.

To do that, we follow the teachings of the Bible and some basic guidelines that help keep our school organized and positive. Every student is a valued part of this community and is expected to treat others with kindness, take responsibility, and follow the standards we have set together.

## What Good Behavior Looks Like at TIS

- Being where you are supposed to be, on time, with everything you need.
- Staying focused and respectful in class
- Having a willing and teachable attitude

A simple way to remember it:

**Right place. Right time. Right attitude.**

## What Obedience Means

"Obedience is doing exactly what you're asked to do, when you're asked to do it, with the right heart."

## Why Discipline Matters

Discipline isn't just about rules—it's about helping you grow into the person God has made you to be. It teaches maturity, responsibility, and prepares you to be a good citizen and follower of Christ.

We aim to guide you with love and fairness, helping you build habits like:

- Respecting others and authority
- Being honest and responsible
- Using time and talent wisely
- Maintaining cleanliness and order

Sometimes, if someone is constantly making harmful choices, it can affect others too. When needed, we will step in to help restore relationships and guide students back on track—with support from parents and, if appropriate, the student church.

## **Our Goals for Discipline**

- Partner with parents to support student growth.
- Involve spiritual mentors when helpful.
- Keep our school a safe, respectful learning environment.
- Provide fair consequences when rules are broken.
- Encourage reconciliation and restoration.
- Help students learn from mistakes and grow through them.

## **Code of Conduct: How We Expect Students to Act**

We expect students to:

- Be honest and trustworthy.
- Show respect for others and school property.
- Be kind and polite.
- Come to class ready to learn.
- Own up to mistakes and seek forgiveness when needed.

Even outside of school, your choices matter. You represent TIS wherever you go. That's why serious behavior off campus (especially at school events, on trips, or online) can also result in school consequences.

## **Examples of Things That Can Lead to Discipline**

### **Attendance Issues:**

- Being late without a good reason
- Leaving without permission
- Skipping class or school

### **Dress Code:**

- Not following the clothing guidelines

### **Careless Behavior:**

- Running in the halls, roughhousing, slamming doors
- Unsafe behavior on the bus or in the car

### **Classroom Disruptions:**

- Being disruptive, using electronics in class without permission
- Eating in class without approval
- Bringing distracting or inappropriate items

### **Inappropriate Physical or Sexual Behavior:**

- Public displays of romantic affection
- Sharing or possessing inappropriate content (online or offline)
- Sexual harassment or immoral behavior

**Harassment or Bullying:**

- Threats, intimidation, or hurtful language
- Physical or emotional bullying

**Verbal Misconduct:**

- Using offensive, hurtful, or disrespectful language

**Dishonesty:**

- Lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism
- Forging documents or changing grades

**Disrespect:**

- Disobeying or being rude to staff
- Damaging property
- Organizing protests or demonstrations

**Dangerous or Illegal Items:**

- Weapons, tobacco, drugs, alcohol, etc.
- These are zero-tolerance offenses and may result in suspension or expulsion.

**Academic Expectations**

Students are expected to:

- Come prepared.
- Meet classroom responsibilities.
- Use good study habits.
- Turn in forms and assignments on time.

**How Discipline Works at TIS**

Teachers usually handle most behavior issues in the classroom. This could include:

- Talking with you privately
- Letting your parents know
- Assigning detention
- Referring to the Administrator

For more serious or repeated behavior, the Director may:

- Hold a parent-student meeting.
- Assign probation or suspension.
- Recommend expulsion (as a last resort)

Every issue is documented, and we will always work with you and your family toward a resolution.

### **What is Disciplinary Probation?**

If behavior continues to be a concern, you may be placed on **disciplinary probation**, which means:

- A meeting will be held with your family.
- You will be restricted from extracurricular activities.
- Your progress will be reviewed regularly.
- A second major offense during this time may result in suspension or expulsion.

The goal of probation is to help you turn things around with support.

### **Suspension and Expulsion**

**Suspension** may be used for serious violations like:

- Cheating, drug/alcohol use, immoral behavior, or disrespect

During suspension:

- You will still be responsible for classwork.
- You cannot participate in sports or school events.
- You will have a meeting with school staff before returning.

**Expulsion** is a last resort, used when other steps have not worked or when there is a major violation. It is decided by the school board.