

**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

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Living Word Academy

Student Code of Conduct

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**Introduction**

Living Word Academy is a ministry of Viva Church that provides its students with a college preparatory education, building them up in body, mind, and spirit. Living Word Academy offers students the academic and Biblical keys to life after high school.

## Our Mission

Living Word Academy's mission is to provide a Christ-centered education that empowers students to excel academically, thrive socially, and grow spiritually.

## Our Vision

Living Word Academy's envisions a community where students are inspired to embrace their God-given potential, equipped with knowledge and skills to impact the world, and grounded in their faith to lead lives of purpose and service.

A Student Code of Conduct has been established to help students, parents, and school personnel understand the guidelines and expectations for maintaining a safe, Christian, and orderly learning environment. It applies to all LWA Elementary-Middle-High School students. Each LWA student must always adhere to the Student Code of Conduct:

- While on school grounds
- During school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to field trips, church functions, athletic functions, and similar activities.

While students may be disciplined for infractions according to the responses outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, please be aware that there could be additional consequences through law enforcement for acts that violate the law.

All students are expected to always demonstrate the following behaviors and/or characteristics:

## **R.O.A.R.**

**Responsible -- Organized -- Achiever -- Respectful**

### **In Loco Parentis**

State and federal law recognizes that teachers and school administrators have a need to stand in the place of parents over children entrusted to them at school. This is a legal concept called in loco parentis. While this authority is not equal to a parent's authority over a child, it does permit school personnel to exercise a degree of supervision and control over students while students are on school grounds or attending a school activity. Section 1003.31(1), Florida Statutes, also recognizes that students are under the control and direction of the principal or teacher in charge of the school. This authorizes school personnel to search without a warrant based on reasonable suspicion and are not held to the higher standard of "probable cause" by which law enforcement is bound. This concept authorizes school personnel to question a student without providing the student with Miranda warnings or allowing the student to call a parent or attorney.

## Disciplinary Response Code for Elementary, Middle, and High School Grades by Levels

### Level I Infractions

Level I infractions or offenses are minor acts of misconduct that interfere with the orderly operation of the classroom, school function, or extracurricular/co-curricular program.

These offenses would normally be corrected by the LWA staff involved in cooperation with the family. If further action is necessary, then the student must be referred to the school's Dean, who after a thorough investigation, will decide on the appropriate disciplinary action.

Level I infractions may include, but are not limited to:

- **Cheating/plagiarism:** Using another person's work and calling it your own; using notes or other methods, copying, and pasting from the web or other sources, without the teacher's knowledge or consent, to complete an activity or assessment.
- **Disorderly Conduct:** Behavior that interferes with or disrupts the orderly process of their teaching/ learning process, by saying or doing something that upsets the normal school day or any school activity.
- **Disrespect:** Behavior that lacks regard, civility, politeness, and/or courteous consideration towards student, employee, volunteer, or contracted personnel. This offense may include, but is not limited to, speech or behavior that is insulting or rude.
- **Dress Code:** Non-conformity to established LWA's Dress Code.
- **False and/or Misleading Information:** knowingly not being truthful or lying
- **Inappropriate use of language (profane, obscene, or abusive language/ or nuances):** using words, gestures, pictures, or objects that are not acceptable in a Christian environment.
- **Electronic Device Violation:** the misuse of school issued devices for non-educational purposes and the use of any unauthorized device such as, but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, iPads, smart watches, and other electronic devices.
- **Tardiness:** Repeated late arrival to class.
- **Unauthorized Absence from School or Class:** Being absent from school or class without permission of the parent/guardian or school (cutting class).

- **Unprepared:** not having all materials ready for class, including but not limited to, incomplete or missing homework assignments and/or classwork, not bringing school issued tablets, and not having devices charged.

- **Other Misconduct:** any other minor act of misconduct that disrupt the classroom, school program or school activity in and/or outside of school premises, including unsubstantiated allegations of bullying and harassment where after a complete investigation the investigator determines there is not enough evidence to substantiate that an incident meets the criteria of a prohibited act of bullying or harassment as listed in the Jeffery Johnston Stand Up for ALL Students Act (Section 1006.147, Florida Status).

#### Level I- Teacher/Classroom Disciplinary Actions:

Disciplines are required to be documented.

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Parent/guardian contact (mandatory after written warning)
- Counseling and direction
- Restorative Practice
- Special work/assignment
- Withdrawal of privileges
- Reflection time
- Return of property
- Detention
- Behavior contract/plan
- Confiscation of unauthorized materials
- Level II Referral (2<sup>nd</sup> referral for similar behavior within 2 weeks)

#### Level II Infractions

Level II offenses are minor/intermediate acts of misconduct than Level I offenses. Level II includes repeated acts of misconduct from Level I and acts directed against people or property that do not seriously endanger the health or safety of others.

The misconduct must be reported to the school's Dean or school administrator for further investigation. After hearing the student's explanation, consulting with staff members and other students, and doing any other investigation necessary, the administrator will follow the procedure designated for Level II violations in investigating the matter and deciding on the progressive disciplinary action.

Level II infractions may include, but are not limited to:

- **Destruction of Property/ Vandalism (under \$100):** The willful or malicious destruction of LWA property or the property of others.
- **Disrespect:** Repeated conduct or behavior that lacks regard, civility, politeness, and/or courteous consideration towards student, employee, volunteer, or contracted personnel. This offense may include, but is not limited to, inappropriate language directed towards another that is not profane.
- **Fighting:** Minor physical contact between two or more students such as pushing, shoving, or altercation that stops upon verbal command.
- **Forgery (Non-criminal):** To create or reproduce the signature or document of another for fraudulent purposes. This offense may include, but is not limited to, signing a document with your parent's signature without permission.
- **Gambling:** Any unlawful participation in games (or activities) of chance for money and/or other things of value.
- **Insubordination/Open Defiance:** Verbal or non-verbal refusal to comply with school rules or directions from an employee, contracted personnel, or volunteer without causing a disruption or committing any further acts.
- **Intimidation/Threats:** Any direct or indirect threat to do harm to a person or property of another student, employee, contracted vendor, or volunteer. At a level II the threat to life is vague, said out of anger or frustration, an expression of humor or rhetoric and can be easily resolved. The content of this threat suggests the person is unlikely to carry it out
- **Stealing (under \$375):** Taking the property of another without permission of the person.
- **Bullying:** A bullying offense includes repeatedly being cruel to other students, employees, volunteers, or contracted personnel, on or off LWA property if it adversely impacts the educational environment at school for students or staff. This offense may include, but is not limited to, repeated teasing, name calling (whether in person or digitally), and/or minor physical contact

- **Gang Related:** The possession, use, or displaying of items associated with gang activity that include, but is not limited to, clothing and accessories, gang related insignias, writings, signs, or symbols that promote gang affiliation and/or involvement.
- **Harassment:** Any threatening, insulting, dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct that places a LWA student or school employee in reasonable fear or harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits. This offense may include, but is not limited to, name calling with profanity, and/or minor physical contact.
- **Electronic Device Violation:** The repeated misuse of school issued devices for non-educational purposes and the use of any unauthorized device such as, but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, iPads, smart watches, and other electronic devices.
- **Sexual Harassment:** Saying or doing something that reflect on another student which has the purpose of interfering with their learning or disrupts the school creating an offensive educational environment. This offense includes but is not limited to innuendo, gestures, jokes, written or verbal conduct reflecting on an individual's gender, and unpleasant distasteful comments; however, this does not include acts involving physical contact.
- **Horseplay:** Any rough uncontrolled play or prank that involves two or more students and there is risk of injury as a result of the horseplay.
- **Dress Code:** Non-conformity to the dress code (second and subsequent offenses).
- **Failure to Report for Detention:** Failure to report for assigned discipline.
- **Other Serious Misconduct:** Any other intermediate act of misconduct or any more serious, harmful, or disruptive example of any of the offenses described in Level I, which interferes with the orderly operation of the school or school function and cannot be coded as another Level II offense.

Level II- Dean/Administrator Disciplinary Actions:

- Parent/guardian contact mandatory
- Behavior contract/plan
- Restorative Practice
- Special work assignment
- Detention

- Confiscation of unauthorized materials
- Return of property
- Suspension (1-5 days)
- Conflict Resolution
- Temporary removal from class
- Temporary removal from participation in extracurricular/co-curricular programs or activities
- Referral to mental health services
- Warning of referral to Level III

### Level III Infractions

Level III offenses are major acts of misconduct that disrupt the orderly operation of the school, school function, or approved transportation that threatens the health, safety, and property of others.

The misconduct must be reported right away to the school administrator for further investigation. After hearing the student's explanation, consulting with staff members and other students, and doing any other investigation necessary, the administrator will follow the procedure designated for Level III violations in investigating the matter and deciding on the progressive disciplinary action, which may result in the removal of the student from the school or activity immediately.

Level III infractions may include, but are not limited to:

- **Physical Attack:** An actual and intentional striking of another student against his/her will, without injury. This section does not include injury that is a result of fighting if students are mutual combatants.
- **Destruction of Property/ Vandalism (\$100 to \$999):** The willful or malicious destruction of LWA property or the property of others.
- **Disrespect:** Repeated conduct or behavior that lacks regard, civility, politeness, and/or courteous consideration towards student, employee, volunteer, or contracted personnel. This offense may include, but is not limited to, language and/or gestures that are abusive and/or profane directed towards another person.
- **Extortion/Blackmail:** The willful or malicious threat of harm, injury, or violence to the person, property, or reputation of another with the intent to obtain money, information, services, or items of material worth. This offense may include, but is not

limited to, threatening to accuse another of a minor offense or crime in order to desired items including money.

- **Fighting:** When two or more persons mutually participate in the use of force or physical violence that requires: (1) physical intervention; or (2) results in injury requiring first aid or medical attention. Note: Self-defense is described as an action taken to restrain or block an attack by another person or to shield oneself from being hit by another person. Retaliating by hitting a person back is not self-defense and will be considered as fighting.

- **Gross Insubordination/Open Defiance:** Willful refusal to submit to or comply with authority; exhibiting contempt or open resistance to a direct order; challenging the authority of an LWA employee, contracted personnel, or volunteer in the presence of others which causes a disruption.

- **Illegal Organizations:** Establishing or participating in a secret society on LWA property, at a school function, or at an extracurricular activity. Including but not limited to groups created in Outlook Teams for purposes other than educational learning/collaboration.

- **Possession of Contraband Material:** Possession, use, and/or distribution of materials or items, other than weapons or firearms, which are forbidden. The parent/guardian will make arrangements to pick up the object from the school, if applicable. At no time shall LWA be responsible for theft, loss or damage to contraband items brought onto its property such as fireworks.

- **Stealing (\$375 to \$749):** The taking of the property of another without the permission of the person.

- **Trespassing:** To enter or remain on school grounds/campus, school transportation, or at a school-sponsored event/off campus, without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry.

- **Bullying:** The offense must include repeatedly inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more LWA students, employees, volunteers, or contracted personnel that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment, or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation, on or off LWA property if it adversely impacts the educational environment at school for students or staff. This offense may include, but is not limited to, repeated name calling with threat, physical contact with minor injury, distribution or sharing of written texts/pictures/video to multiple recipients.

- **Physical Aggression on an Employee or Contracted Personnel:** The willful use of force upon employee or contracted personnel that does not result in bodily injury.

- Intimidation/ Threats to a Person: Repeated Level II threats or any direct or indirect threat to another student's life if the threat has some details and information obtained suggests that some thought was given to how the threat will be carried out, but there is no clear indication that the student has taken preparatory steps. This section also includes threats of harm or violence towards an LWA employee, contracted vendor or LWA volunteer without any further acts of aggression or where there is no intent to carry out the threat.

- Gang Related: Conduct or behavior that tends to promote gang activity, provoke violence, or seriously disrupt the orderly operation of the school program, any school activity or transportation services, including but not limited to the possession, use or displaying of gang paraphernalia, jewelry, tattoos, clothing, or other insignias and writings that promote gang affiliation/involvement/the use of gang related signs or symbols or any other gang associated behavior.

- Harassment: Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct that places an LWA student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits and has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose. This offense may include, but is not limited to, name calling with threat, physical contact with minor injury, distribution or sharing of written texts/pictures/video to multiple recipients.

- Hazing: Any action or situation that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student at a school with any of grades 6 through 12 for purposes of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any school-sanctioned organization. This offense may include, but is not limited to, false imprisonment not resulting in medical attention, verbal or physical behavior resulting in minor injury, or any other act that creates a substantial risk of physical injury.

- Electronic Device Violation: The continual misuse of school issued devices for non-educational purposes and the use of any unauthorized device such as, but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, iPads, smart watches, and other electronic devices.

- Technology Violation: Unauthorized modification of software/hardware configuration on a school issued device (i.e., factory reset); unauthorized access to programs and/or files not expected or intended for student use on a school issued (i.e. gaming); sharing another person's username and password; or providing access to another person to use the student's device while the student is logged in.

- Horseplay: Any rough uncontrolled play or prank that involves two or more students and there is injury as a result of the horseplay. Any horseplay that results in serious injury where medical attention is needed may result in a Level IV offense.

- Other Serious Misconduct: Any other major act of misconduct which seriously disrupts the orderly operation of the school program, or any school activity which threatens the health, safety, or property of self or of others, or behavior not specifically described above which substantially disrupts the orderly conduct of a school, school function, or an extracurricular/co-curricular activity and cannot be coded as another Level III offense. This offense may include, but is not limited to, providing false/misleading information to staff members which causes a disruption to the school, language intended or reasonably calculated to insult and/or incite another person; or the activation of a fire alarm that was not the result of a willful or malicious act.

#### Level III- Dean/Administrator Disciplinary Actions:

- Parent/guardian contact mandatory\*
- Counseling and direction\*
- Behavior plan/contract
- Restorative Practice
- Return of property
- Suspension from school (1-10 days)
- Temporary or permanent removal from participation in extracurricular/co-curricular programs or activities
- Confiscation of unauthorized materials, objects, or contraband
- Referral to mental health services
- Warning of referral to Level IV

#### Level IV Infractions

Level IV offenses are serious acts of misconduct and are grounds for expulsion. Any Level IV act shall result in a 10-day suspension with a potential recommendation for expulsion.

Major acts of misconduct must be reported right away to the school administrator for further investigation. After hearing the student's explanation, consulting with staff members and other students, and doing any other investigation necessary, the administrator will follow the procedure

designated for Level IV violations in investigating the matter and refer the Level IV to District personnel for further review.

Students who commit a Level IV offense may be referred to local authorities for further investigation.

Level IV infractions may include, but are not limited to:

- Arson: The willful and/or malicious burning of or attempt to burn LWA property, contents in or on the property, or personal property of others.
- Intimidation/ Threats to a Person: Repeated Level III threats. Or any direct or indirect threat to hit, fight or beat up an LWA a Person employee, contracted vendor, or LWA volunteer with an aggressive act to carry out the threat. Or any direct or indirect threat which threatens the life of another student, LWA employee, contracted vendor, or LWA volunteer and the threat to life appears to pose an imminent or a serious danger to the safety of others. The threat is specific, detailed, and plausible. Information obtained suggests steps may have been taken to carry out the threat, and/or there is a strong concern about the student's potential to act. This offense includes, but is not limited to, threats made verbally or nonverbally by act, through social media, or by text.
- Threats to the School: Any direct or indirect threat that may harm the school or may disrupt the function of the school campus or school sponsored activity including, but not limited to, threats made verbally or nonverbally by act, through social media, or by text. All threats are taken seriously, regardless of intent. Threats to the school may include, but are not limited to, bomb threats, threats to use firearms in a violent manner, and/or threats to conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism. Threats to the school are deemed zero tolerance by Sections 1006.07 and 1006.13, Florida Statutes.
- Major Disruption on Campus: Major disruption of all or a significant portion of campus activities, school-sponsored events, Campus and/or school bus transportation. Disruptive behavior that poses a serious threat to the learning environment, or the health, safety, or welfare of others. This offense may include, but is not limited to, inciting a riot, initiating a false fire alarm, incidents that result in closing the cafeteria, and/or incidents that prevent students from proceeding to the next class.
- Larceny/Theft (\$750 or over): The act, participating in the act, or attempted act of taking, carrying, riding away with, or concealing of property from the possession or constructive possession of another person, including motor vehicle, without threat of violence or bodily harm. This offense may include, but is not limited to, pocket

picking, theft from a building, theft from a motor vehicle, theft from a vending machine, theft of a golf cart, motor vehicle, or anything that is self-propelled or motorized.

- **Other Dangerous Objects:** The possession, sale, or control of any instrument or object, other than a firearm or weapon as defined under a Level IV G offense, which could be used to inflict harm on another person or to intimidate any person. The actual use of a dangerous object shall be coded as a Level IV D. The attempted use of a dangerous object shall be coded as a Level IV G. This offense includes, but is not limited to, BB guns or pellet guns, air soft guns, paintball guns and replicas of any gun or weapon, common pocketknives (blade length is less than 2.5 inches), chains, pipes, common household tools, razor blades, box cutter/utility knife, ice picks, other pointed instruments, nun chucks, Chinese stars, pepper spray, Taser, ammunition, firearm clips, firearm cartridges. This offense also includes igniting fireworks/firecrackers.

- **Repeated Misconduct of a More Serious Nature:** Repeated misconduct which tends to substantially disrupt the orderly conduct of a school, school function, or extracurricular/co-curricular program or activity. Recommendations for expulsion relative to repeated misconduct must be based on documented referrals and a variety of intervention strategies.

- **Robbery/Extortion:** The taking, participation in taking, or attempting to take anything of value that is owned by another person or organization, under the confrontational circumstances of force, or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear. This offense may include the taking of objects such as purses, phones, clothing etc.

- **Sexual Offenses:** Any willful and/or deliberate act, behavior, or conduct intended to result in sexual gratification or furthering acts lewd or lascivious in nature. This offense includes, but is not limited to, consensual sexual acts, and/or exposure of nude body parts in the presence of others or by sending through electronic means.

- **Sexual Harassment:** Unwanted verbal or physical behavior with sexual connotations that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment, cause discomfort or humiliation or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation. These acts are sexual in nature and may include, but are not limited to, sharing/sending/showing/taking images or video that have bodily exposure, fondling or groping of another against their will. Any slur, innuendo, gestures, or other written, verbal, or physical contact reflecting on an individual's gender which has the purpose of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. These acts are sexual in nature and may include, but are not limited to, mooning, sharing/sending/showing images or video that have no bodily

exposure but are taken in a private area, and/or minor physical contact that is sexual in nature.

- **Violation of Early Re-entry Plan:** Any act or series of acts which violates or has the practical effect of violating an early re-entry plan from full exclusion/expulsion.
- **Vandalism (\$1000 or over):** The willful or malicious destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private property including the act of defacing with graffiti, keying, or scratching a car or trashing a room resulting in damages.
- **Bullying:** Repeatedly inflicting physical hurt, or psychological distress on one or more students, LWA employees, volunteers, or contracted personnel, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation on or off LWA property if it adversely impacts the educational environment at school for students or staff. This offense may include, but is not limited to, repeated name calling with threats, stalking/cyber stalking, distribution or sharing of written texts, picture/video to multiple recipients, posting picture or video to social media for public view, and/or physical contact with serious bodily injury.
- **Harassment:** Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct that places an LWA student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits and has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose. This offense may include, but is not limited to, stalking/cyber stalking, placing another in reasonable fear of death or serious injury.
- **Hazing:** Any action or situation that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student at a school with any of grades 6 through 12 for purposes of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any school-sanctioned organization. This offense may include, but is not limited to, false imprisonment resulting in medical attention, verbal or physical behavior resulting in injury that requires medical attention, forcing indecent exposure of another, or any other act that creates a substantial risk of death or serious injury.
- **Physical Attack:** An actual and intentional striking of a student, LWA employee, volunteer, or contracted personnel against his/her will, resulting in less serious bodily harm. Less serious bodily harm does not include a substantial risk of death, extreme physical pain, permanent disfigurement, or permanent disability. The injury must

be documented. This section does not include injury that is a result of fighting if the students are mutual combatants.

- **Technology Violation:** Use of unauthorized access to programs and/or files not expected or intended for student use on a school issued and/or personal device; or any use that violates school policies, local, state, and/or federal laws and regulations. This offense may include, but is not limited to, gaining access to the LWA mainframe with intent to do harm or alter records.

- **Burglary:** Unlawful entry into or remaining in a dwelling, structure, or conveyance with the intent to commit a crime therein or cause damage. This offense is more severe than trespassing.

- **Tobacco/Vaping/Nicotine Selling/Distribution:** The distribution or sale, or intention of selling, tobacco/vaping nicotine products, or items represented to be of said nature. This offense may include, but is not limited to, electronic cigarettes, CBD oil, Juuls, pods, vapors and hookah pens that do not contain THC or any other illegal controlled substance.

- **Other:** Any other intentional or wanton act which is clearly beyond the bounds of acceptable and tolerable student conduct in the community, which cannot be coded in another Level IV offense. This offense may include, but is not limited to, hate crimes; any false accusation made by a student that jeopardizes the professional reputation, employment, or professional certification of any LWA employee; any speech on the basis of race, sex, national origin, religion, or disability that does or would be likely to cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment; dating violence; human trafficking; possession/sale of drug paraphernalia; or felony forgery.

#### Level IV- Dean/Administrator Disciplinary Actions:

- Parent/guardian contact mandatory\*
- Counseling and direction\*
- **Up to a 10-day suspension with a recommendation for expulsion (mandatory)**
- Expulsion from the school
- Temporary or permanent removal from participation in extracurricular/co-curricular programs or activities, e.g., to include, but not limited to, senior graduation

- Restorative Practice
- Referral to mental health services
- Calling proper authorities if necessary

## Level V Infractions

Level V are extreme acts of misconduct and require immediate expulsion. These acts are considered Zero Tolerance and any infraction at Level V is automatic expulsion.

Students who commit a Level V offense may be referred to local authorities for further investigation

Level V may include, but limited to:

- Sexual Battery: Any sexual act or attempt directed against another person, forcibly, and/or against the person's will.
- Sexual Assault: An incident that includes a threat of rape, fondling, indecent liberties, or child molestation. Both male and female students can be victims of sexual assault.
- Alcohol: The possession, use, distribution, transmission, sale, purchase, solicitation, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages. Distribution or transmission of alcohol is defined as delivery of alcohol to another person without the intent of communal or collective consumption. Use means the person is caught in the act of using, admits to use or is discovered to have used in the course of an investigation.
- Drugs/Possession/Use: The possession, solicitation, use or being under the influence of any drugs, narcotics, controlled substances, or any other substance when used for chemical intoxication, or the possession or use of any substance represented to be of said nature. Use means the person is caught in the act of using, admits to use or is discovered to have used in the course of an investigation. The possession, solicitation, use, or being under the influence of over-the-counter medication or prescription medication in excess of the manufacturer's prescribed limits are included in this section. Also included in this section is any amount of THC oil.
- Drugs/Transmission/ Distribution/ Selling/Buying: The manufacture, cultivation, transmission, distribution, buying, selling, or intending to sell any drug, narcotic,

controlled substance or any substance represented to be a drug, narcotic, or controlled substance. This includes any form of payment for any drug or contraband substance.

- **Firearms:** The possession or control of any firearm or weapon (operable or inoperable, loaded or Possession unloaded) as defined in Chapter 790, Florida Statutes. This section also includes the attempted use of any object that can be used to inflict serious harm on another person or places a person in a reasonable fear of serious harm. Firearms/Weapons are deemed zero tolerance by Sections 1006.07 and 1006.13, Florida Statutes. A firearm means any weapon which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun. A weapon means any dirk, knife (blade length is 2.5 inches or more), metallic knuckles, slingshot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, or other deadly weapon.
- **Battery:** An actual or intentional touching or striking of a student, LWA employee, contracted personnel, or volunteer against his/her will, causing more serious injury, such as great bodily harm; permanent disfigurement; permanent disability; use of a deadly weapon; or where the attacker knew or should have known the victim was pregnant. The harm must be documented through medical evaluation. The attack must be serious enough to warrant reporting to law enforcement. This section does not include injury that is a result of fighting if the students are mutual combatants. This section includes the actual use of a weapon, firearm, or other dangerous object.

Level V- Dean/Administrator Disciplinary Actions:

- Parent/guardian contact mandatory\*
- Expulsion from the school
- Calling proper authorities if necessary

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Acknowledgement

The Student Code of Conduct contains information for parents, guardians, students, and school personnel. We acknowledge that we have reviewed the Code of Conduct and are aware that it has been established to help us understand the guidelines and expectations for maintaining a safe, Christian, and orderly learning environment.

We understand that all students will be held accountable for their behavior and that failure to abide by the guidelines for student behavior can result in the discipline outlined in the Code of Conduct. We further understand that failure to return this acknowledgment form does not excuse any individual from complying with the Code of Conduct, Living Word Academy policies, regulations, and guidelines.

Please be aware that Living Word Academy reserves the right at any time to add to the policies, regulations and behavioral standards contained in the Code of Conduct. Please sign below and return this form to the teacher to certify that all parents, guardians, and the student have read the policies and agree to abide by them. Please return this form to the teacher **within one week of the start of the school year or first date of enrollment for new students.**

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Teacher Name and Grade (please print)