

Boston Renaissance Summer Scholar Program Handbook

Cell phone use

Is prohibited by any student, if a student has a phone it must be placed and kept inside of the backpacks at all times. We at the Boston Renaissance Summer Scholar Program are not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones or electronic devices. Please keep them at home.

Summer Scholar Program based rules

The Summer Scholar Program recognizes the complexity and range of problems that are associated with children ages 4 to 8 and their behaviors in a summer program setting. The policies herein and the considerations given to students and parents are respectful and at the same time expect that all students and parents pay equal respect to other summer program community staff, including students and parents, teachers.

In general, students are always expected to comply with acceptable modes of behavior while in the summer program setting, in the classroom, gym, dance studio, and playground.

Unacceptable behavior includes but not limited to:

- **Disruption of learning, in any setting including throwing things, screaming, running around the classroom etc.**
- **Threats to safety of oneself or others including hitting, biting, kicking etc.**
- **Inappropriate (obscene, threatening, disrespectful) language or gestures.**
- **Disrespectful behavior or language towards adults or other students.**
- **Destruction of property or theft.**
- **Possession of any dangerous device or illegal substance.**

Part of the discipline process is to review the aberrant action or behavior with the student and attempt to teach the student how to make better choices in the future. Consequences are also a necessary part of discipline.

The following progressive steps are taken where students need to be redirected inside or outside of the classroom:

- Warning from a teacher or staff person
- Time out with in the classroom or outside of the classroom with the Summer Program Director
- In more serious cases, such as hitting, kicking, biting or destruction of property, a student may be suspended.
- A student may be subject to suspension or expulsion for continual aggressive behavior such as hitting, biting and destruction of property.

Suspension Offenses: (all grades)

- Repeated disrespect to staff
- Hurting any other person or threatening to do so
- Coming to school with a dangerous object
- Damaging or stealing private or school property, or threatening to do so
- Sexually harassing another person
- Using racial slurs, profanity, or obscene language or gestures through verbal, written, or electronic communication

- Being in an unauthorized area of the building
- Leaving school or class without permission
- Physical aggression including fighting
- Possession of a dangerous weapon or controlled substance on school premises or at afterschool or school related events, including athletic games, pursuant to M.G.L.c.71-37H.
- Assault on a Director, teacher, teacher's aide, or other educational staff on school premises or at school-sponsored events pursuant M.G.L.c.71-37H

Expulsion Offense: (all grades)

- Possession of a dangerous weapon or controlled substance on school premises or at afterschool or school related events, including athletic games, pursuant to M.G.L.c.71-37H
- Assault on a Director, teacher, teacher's aide, or other educational staff on school premises or at school-sponsored events pursuant M.G.L.c.71-37H

The Director of Summer Scholar Program will determine if a given action by a student will result in a suspension or expulsion from the Summer Scholar Program. This is a privately paid program and your acceptance to the Summer Scholar program can be cancelled at any time.



Summer Scholar Program Handbook Signature Page

Please read, sign and return this page along with a completed application...Thank you!

I have received and read a copy of the ***BRCPS Summer Scholar Program Handbook***.

I have read and reviewed the **Summer Scholar Program Handbook** with my child/children. I understand that my child/children is/are bound by the Summer Scholar Program Handbook and I have explained to my child/children that he/she/they is/are bound by the provisions in the Afterschool Program Handbook.

I understand and adhere to all of the BRCPS Summer Scholar Program Policies.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____