

RULES OF CONDUCT

Middle School Program (MSP), Ages 10-13

In order to participate in the Middle School Program, the student (herein referred to as “student”) and his or her parent/legal guardian must agree that the student shall, at all times, abide by the following *Rules of Conduct*. The Middle School Program Rules of Conduct include but are not limited to the following:

ALCOHOL

The consumption, use, possession, manufacture or distribution of alcoholic beverages by a student either on or off campus is strictly prohibited. Any student who is present when another student is consuming, using, possessing, manufacturing or distributing alcoholic beverages is subject to disciplinary action as determined by the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) in its sole discretion.

DRUGS

Each of the following activities, whether conducted on or off campus by a student, is strictly prohibited:

- the consumption, use, possession, manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs;
- the use, possession, manufacture or distribution of drug paraphernalia; and
- the misuse or abuse of over-the-counter or prescription medications by a student.

Any student who is present when another student violates any of the above rules is subject to disciplinary action as determined by SAIC in its sole discretion.

SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

In the state of Illinois, it is illegal for people under the age of 18 to be in possession of tobacco products and paraphernalia.

Therefore, all students are required to refrain from using and/or possessing tobacco products. If a student is found using or possessing tobacco products, including rolling papers, they may be removed from the program. Students who are 18 years old or older may only smoke 15 feet beyond the entrance of any SAIC Building. Students who are of legal age to smoke may not smoke around other students who are not of legal age. Any student found providing cigarettes or other tobacco products to underage students will be removed from the program.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

Disruptive behavior of any nature will not be tolerated and may be grounds for expulsion and/or such other sanctions as determined by SAIC in its sole discretion. Disruptive behavior includes but is not limited to the following:

- obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, security, disciplinary procedures, or other school activities on or off-campus, or fire, police or emergency services;
- failure to comply with the direction of school officials acting in the performance of their duties;
- violation of any federal, state or local law, any other policy, rule or regulation published in hard copy or available electronically on the SAIC website, or any terms of a disciplinary sanction imposed by SAIC;
- any form of activity or recreation that may cause harm to self or others, disrupts the community, or damages any SAIC facility;

- discrimination, harassment or retaliation;
- causing physical harm to any person;
- verbal or physical threats, intimidation, or coercion of any member of the SAIC community or any other conduct that threatens or endangers the health, safety, and well-being of any such person;
- behavior which is self-destructive or threatening to the safety of the individual;
- attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to School property or services, including but not limited to: destruction of school publications, theft or other abuse of computer facilities/resources; theft or damage to the property (including artwork) of a member of the SAIC community on or off campus; and/or knowingly possessing stolen property.

WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

The possession or use of firearms, weapons, fireworks, explosives, ammunition or dangerous chemicals is strictly prohibited.

The term weapon is defined as any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, threaten injury or cause injury. Weapons may include, but are not limited to, all firearms, pellet guns, slingshots, stun guns, martial arts devices, switchblade knives, and clubs. Items used for other purposes (such as kitchen knives, scissors, etc.) may also be defined as a “weapon” if an individual engages in behavior which uses such an object in a threatening manner. The abuse of flammable substances is also strictly prohibited.

IDENTIFICATION

Your SAIC ID must be worn at all times for access into SAIC facilities. Students are required to present their SAIC ID when requested by SAIC staff. Failure to identify yourself to a staff member requesting proof of identification is prohibited. Students must present a valid SAIC ID when entering SAIC facilities each time they enter.

UNAUTHORIZED USE

Unauthorized entry into or use of SAIC facilities, equipment, or resources is strictly prohibited. Also strictly prohibited is the unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of keys or key cards to any SAIC building.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT + AGREEMENT

By signing the Consent Form, the Parent/Guardian that they have read and understand the above Rules of Conduct and agree that the Student shall abide by the terms thereof while participating in the Early College Program. The Parent/Guardian also acknowledge that SAIC may, in its sole discretion, impose sanctions against the Student if the Student fails to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in these Rules of Conduct. Additionally, the Parent/Guardian and agree that a violation of these Rules of Conduct may, in SAIC’s sole discretion, serve as the basis for denying the Student admissions to any other program and may result in the revocation of financial aid and merit scholarships.