



## DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT POLICY

### 1. CONSTITUTION AND VALUES

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa will always guide and inform this policy.

This policy of the school is based on the Amberfield College value system. This system refers to the **PIPE VALUES** and consists of the following:

- P:** **PEOPLE:** We treat learners, parents, educators, staff and all other stakeholders with care and respect  
**I:** **INTEGRITY and HONESTY:** We make and keep commitments and we are honest and fair in all our relationships  
**P:** **PERSEVERANCE:** We finish what we have started and we never give up  
**E:** **EXCELLENCE:** We always give our best in everything we do and we try to achieve our full potential by learning as much as we can, continuously improving what we do

### 2. SCHOOL RULES

The rules of the school must be adhered to:

- At the school during normal school hours
- When on the school premises
- During extra mural activities and school functions
- When a learner appears in public in a school uniform

School rules are necessary as they play an important role in preparing a learner for the future and to ensure structured and disciplined behaviour. It is also necessary for the effective and efficient functioning of the school

#### 2.1 General rules

- Learners must behave in a responsible way so that they do not infringe on the right to education of fellow learners.
- Learners must adhere to the PIPE values of the school.
- Learners must ensure that their class work and home work is done.
- Learners may not break any laws of the Republic of South Africa.
- Learners must endeavour not to accumulate violations as indicated in the demerit policy.
- Learners must bring a letter from the parent/guardian, or the parent/guardian must phone the school, to report absenteeism and the reason therefor.
- For absence of more than 3 consecutive days a letter from a medical doctor is required. If a learner is absent for more than 10 consecutive days without notification, he/she will be deregistered and removed from the administrative system
- Learners feeling ill or learners who are injured whilst at school should report it to the school office. Learners may not contact the parents, the school will phone the parents
- Learners must keep their diaries with them at all times
- Learners may not smoke or be in the possession of cigarettes, tobacco or any other smoking accessories (including E cigarettes and "hubbly bubbly")
- Learners may not use or be in the possession of drugs, alcohol or any other illegal substance. Learners may not smoke on the school premises or when in public dressed in school uniform or when attending functions away from the school

- Learners may not carry or use any weapon, traditional weapon, ammunition or any dangerous object that can cause harm to people or property
- Learners may not be in possession of, or distribute any pornographic or offensive material, regardless of whether it is in print or in electronic format
- Learners may not take or damage school property or any property belonging to another learner or staff member. In case of intentional damage, the learner and his/her parents will be held responsible for compensation or replacement
- Vandalism of any form will not be tolerated. Damaging of textbooks is also considered vandalism and parents will be responsible for replacing or compensating for any damaged textbooks
- Learners must take care of their belongings. The school will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property. Uniform and other personal belongings must be clearly marked with the learner's details
- School bags must be of good quality and learners may not carry books in plastic bags.
- Learners may not play with, or use the firefighting equipment (except in the case of a fire) and parents/guardians will be held responsible for the cost of any damage to equipment and property as a result
- No gambling of any form is allowed at school
- No cell phones or any other electronic signalling devices are allowed at school. Should cell phones or electronic devices be visible or used at school, teachers may confiscate them and parents will be required to come to school to collect the cell phone
- Learners may not leave the school premises without written permission from the principal or deputy principal. All appointments must be arranged during afternoons
- No eating or drinking is allowed in classrooms and corridors. Chewing bubble gum on the school grounds is forbidden
- The School Management Team (SMT) has the right to search the belongings of a learner at any time without their permission
- The SMT has the right to conduct random drug tests on learners

## 2.2 Procedure for a school day

- All learners should be inside the school grounds by 07h20
- No learner will be allowed into the school property after 07h45 for safety reasons
- When changing classes learners must do so in a quite orderly manner and in single file
- After entering a class, learners should be seated and take out their work
- After each lesson the educator will ask the learners to stand. Learners should leave the class quietly and in an orderly fashion
- When the bell rings at the end of break, learners should assemble in their lines in the designated areas in a quiet, orderly manner
- No physical contact of a sexual, hurtful, or aggressive nature will be allowed between learners

## 3. DISCIPLINE

Amberfield College strive to continuously maintain high standards of discipline. The SMT, staff and prefects are responsible for the implementation of the discipline and conduct policy

### 3.1 The school undertakes to:

- Make learners aware of the school rules, value system and expected standards of behaviour
- Implement a system of merits and demerits in terms of the conduct definitions (annexure A)
- Punish and correct unacceptable behaviour
- Provide learners and parents with feedback in cases of unacceptable behaviour as soon as possible
- Reward and positively reinforce good behaviour
- Be fair and consistent in the application of the disciplinary policy and procedure
- Inform parents about detention and bad behaviour

### 3.2 Parent's responsibilities

- To support the school in the implementation of the disciplinary policy and merit system

- To encourage learners to behave in a manner which is consistent with the rules of the school
- To ensure that learners attend school as well as extra mural activities

### 3.3 Learner responsibilities

- To acquaint themselves with the rules of the school
- To comply with the rules of the school
- To behave in a manner that is consistent with the values and associated expected standards of behaviour of the school
- To be punctual
- To accept punishment and disciplinary action taken against them and to learn from this

### 3.4 Punishment

- An appropriate punishment (excluding any form of corporal punishment) may be implemented for violation of school rules or negligence and may include the following:
  - Serious reprimanding
  - Demerits
  - Detention classes
  - Charged to appear before a disciplinary hearing
  - Temporary suspension
  - Expulsion from school

## 4. SCHOOL UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Amberfield College learners are recognised by their uniform and should be proud of their uniform and appearance. Amberfield College prescribes the uniform to be worn by all learners during school hours as well as during official school functions. Learners should wear full school uniform during exams

### 4.1 School uniform

AMBERFIELD COLLEGE UNIFORM LIST GRADE RRR-R	
GIRLS SUMMER	BOYS SUMMER
School golf T-shirt	School golf T- shirt
School navy sport shorts	School navy sport shorts
Socks – white anklets	Socks – white anklets
Black sport shoes	Black sport shoes
School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy	School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy
School floppy hat	School floppy hat

<b>GIRLS WINTER</b>	<b>BOYS WINTER</b>
School long sleeve golf shirt	School long sleeve golf shirt
School tracksuit	School tracksuit
Socks- navy anklet	Socks- navy anklet
Black sport shoes	Black sport shoes
School scarf	School scarf
School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over navy	School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over navy
School winter bomber jacket	School winter bomber jacket
School floppy hat	School floppy hat

<b>SPORTS UNIFORM</b>
School satchel / trolley bag/ tog bag / lunch cooler bag - optional

**AMBERFIELD COLLEGE UNIFORM LIST  
GRADE 1 - 3**

<b>GIRLS SUMMER</b>	<b>BOYS SUMMER</b>
School blouse - short sleeved - Sky blue	School shirt - short-sleeved - sky blue
School tartan skort	School bermuda shorts - stone or school trousers - stone
Socks - Stone-coloured anklets	Socks - Stone-coloured long socks
School shoes - brown	School shoes - brown
School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy	School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy
School cap	School cap
	Brown leather belt - small buckle

<b>GIRLS WINTER</b>	<b>BOYS WINTER</b>
School golf long sleeve T-shirt	School golf long sleeve T-shirt
School tracksuit	School tracksuit
School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy	School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy
Sport shoes - black	Sport shoes - black
Socks - navy anklets	Socks - navy anklets
School cap	School cap

School scarf	School scarf
School winter bomber jacket	School winter bomber jacket

### SPORTS UNIFORM

School satchel / trolley bag/ tog bag / lunch cooler bag - optional
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<b>GIRLS SPORT UNIFORM (Practices)</b>	<b>BOYS SPORT UNIFORM (Practices)</b>
Sport shirt (summer and winter)	Sport shirt (summer and winter)
Sports skort/navy school shorts (summer)	School navy sports shorts (summer)
Navy costume (summer)	Navy swimming jammer (summer)
School swimming cap (summer)	School swimming cap (summer)

Sport shoes - white	Sport shoes - white
Socks - white anklets	Socks - white anklets
School tracksuit (winter)	School tracksuit (winter)
Long blue socks for certain sport (hockey, soccer, rugby, etc.) (Winter and summer)	

<b>Matches</b>	<b>Matches</b>
Match kits must be purchased according to sport code	

### AMBERFIELD COLLEGE UNIFORM LIST GRADE 4-11

<b>GIRLS SUMMER</b>	<b>BOYS SUMMER</b>
School blouse - short sleeved - Sky blue	School shirt - short-sleeved - sky blue (open collar)
School cravat	School tie (if closed collar short sleeve shirt is worn)
School tartan skirt	School bermuda shorts - stone or school chino trousers - stone
Socks - anklets stone	School socks - long stone-colour
School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy	School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy
Brown school shoes	Brown school shoes
School cap	School cap
	Belt - Brown leather with small buckle

Blazer only Gr 8 - 11
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<b>GIRLS WINTER</b>	<b>BOYS WINTER</b>
School shirt - long sleeved sky blue	School shirt - long sleeved sky blue
School cravat	School tie
School skirt or school stone slacks	School chino trousers - stone
Tights - Stone coloured woollen tights	School socks - long stone-coloured
Brown school shoes	Belt - Brown leather with small buckle
School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy	School jersey - L/S pullover or S/S slip over - navy
School winter bomber jacket	School winter bomber jacket
Blazer (only Gr8-11)	Blazer (only Gr8-11)

<b>GIRLS SPORT UNIFORM (Practices)</b>	<b>BOYS SPORT UNIFORM (Practices)</b>
School sport shirt (summer and winter)	School sport shirt (summer and winter)
School sport skirt/navy school shorts (summer)	School navy sport shorts (summer)
School costume (summer)	School swimming jammer (summer)
School swimming cap (summer)	School swimming cap (summer)
Sport shoes - white	Sport shoes - white
Socks - white anklets	Socks - white anklets
School tracksuit - (winter)	School tracksuit - (winter)
Long blue socks for certain sport (hockey, soccer, rugby, etc.) (winter and summer)	

<b>Matches</b>	<b>Matches</b>
Match kits must be purchased according to sport code	

School satchel/ trolley bag/ tog bag/ lunch cooler bag - optional
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## 4.2 Appearance

A learner's appearance is considered a reflection of his/her respect for him/herself as well as for his/her school. Pupils are expected to wear the official school uniform and appear neat and tidy. School dress rules do not change with changing fashion trends.

### 4.2.1 Boys

#### 4.2.1.1 Hair regulations

- Hair must be off the collar, ears and eyebrows and must be neatly combed
- Hair may not be bleached, dyed or artificially extended
- Braids, non-plaited dreadlocks, perms and any unusual or fashionable hairstyles with steps or ridges are forbidden
- Neat cornrows are allowed
- Natural Afros are allowed as long as they are neat and don't obscure the view in a class room
- If a boy has a non-conforming hairstyle, he will be expected to make the necessary corrections within a week of the school requesting him to do so, if not parents will be called to the school to meet with the disciplinary manager
- Hair regulations remain in force for the full calendar year and will not be relaxed towards the end of a term

#### 4.2.1.2 Grooming

- Nails must be short and clean
- Only standard brown school shoes may be worn and brown leather belts with a small inconspicuous buckle.
- Ties must be worn neatly tied with a conservative knot and pulled up to the collar with the button done up. Ties shall not be too long or too short (should reach the navel)
- Shirts are to be in a good condition and tucked in at all times
- Learners should wear full school uniform during exams

#### 4.2.1.3 Shaving

- Boys are to be clean shaven at all times. No moustaches or stubble is permitted
- Boys will be issued with demerits for not shaving as per the code of conduct and will be required to shave by the discipline manager
- Boys who suffer from skin conditions must provide a medical certificate detailing the reason preventing them from shaving. These letters need to be available at all times

#### 4.2.1.4 Jewellery and adornments

- No colour contacts are allowed
- Tattoos and piercing (including tongue rings) that are visible whilst wearing school clothing, or whilst participating in the school's sporting or cultural activities, are forbidden. Tattoos should be covered at all times
- No earrings, Studs or rings will be allowed and will be confiscated and kept in the office till the end of the term
- Only cultural and religious necklaces will be allowed as long as it is not visible with school uniform
- Small inconspicuous watches may be worn
- No bracelets are permitted except for medical bracelets
- Jewellery will be confiscated and kept in the discipline manager's office until the end of the term

### 4.2.2 Girls

#### 4.2.2.1 Hair regulations

- If hair is longer than 40 mm in diameter, it should be cut or controlled in such a manner that it does not obscure the view of another learner in the class
- If hair is long enough to be tied back, it must be tied back neatly in a ponytail, no lower than the nape of the neck, with a navy blue, white or black elastic
- No crocodile, banana, fancy clips, bows or ribbons are allowed
- All hair must be off the face and may not hang in the eyes
- Hair may not be bleached, dyed or colour washed
- Cornrows, natural dreadlocks and single braids are allowed, provided that they are a maximum of 40 mm in diameter. Single/braids must be the same length and be the natural colour of the girl's hair
- Braids shorter than collar length may not hang in the face
- All hair elastics and ribbons must be navy blue, black or white
- If a girl has a non-confirming hairstyle, she will be expected to make the necessary corrections within a week of the school requesting her to do so, if not parents will be called to the school to meet with the disciplinary manager

#### **4.2.2.2 Grooming**

- Nails must be kept neat and short. No false nails, tips or nail polish may be worn. Only grade 12 girls may wear clear, colourless nail polish
- No make-up, including permanent make-up (e.g. dyeing of eyelashes) are allowed
- Stone coloured tights may not be worn in conjunction with the stone coloured socks in winter.

#### **4.2.2.3 Jewellery and adornments**

- No colour contacts are allowed
- No jewellery may be worn around the neck except for religious or culture as long as it is not visible with school uniform
- Pupils who have pierced ears may wear a single pair of earrings, provided they are small studs or rings
- No bracelets are permitted except for medical bracelets
- Inconspicuous watches may be worn
- Tattoos and piercing (including tongue rings) that are visible whilst wearing school clothing, or whilst participating in the school's sporting or cultural activities, are forbidden. Tattoos shall be covered at all times
- Jewellery not allowed will be confiscated and kept in the discipline manager office till the end of the term

#### **4.2.3 Casual wear to school/civvies days**

- No feature that brings negative attention to itself is allowed
- Openings must be aesthetic, appropriate and not revealing
- No tummy openings are allowed
- Necklines must be high enough to ensure body parts are covered at all times
- Logos and pictures on clothing may not be of derogatory, degrading, vulgar or discriminating nature
- No torn jeans or clothes revealing underwear are allowed

### **5. SCHOOL RULES**

The rules of the school must be adhered to:

- At the school during normal school hours
- During extra mural activities and school functions
- When a learner appears in public in a school uniform