



Center for Bright Kids

Academic Talent Development



CBK PROGRAMS HONOR CODE

The CBK Programs Honor Code should be reviewed by both families and CBK participants together before being digitally signed by both parties. Understanding expectations is important for your experience in CBK Programs, as we hold high standards for how we expect students to behave but also to provide structure for kids who find a great deal of support, ease of anxiety, and the ability to have more autonomy once these guidelines and expectations are defined. Please read and review the following Honor Code so that you are well informed about important policies, and to ensure that we may offer our participants the safest, most beneficial, and most enjoyable experience possible. This information is not all-inclusive, but is intended to provide you with rules and expectations for your experience during CBK Programs. We ask that all kids be very familiar with it upon arrival at any program.

1. I will adhere to high standards of conduct at all times. I understand I am representing not just myself, but also the Center for Bright Kids, and expectations for my behavior and community service are held in high regard. As such, I will handle myself in a mature, courteous, and responsible manner.
2. I understand that any student who violates a federal, state, or local law (including campus or travel-related regulations and policies) will be sent home immediately without refund.
3. I understand that vandalism or theft of any kind is prohibited and will be considered a crime punishable by law.
4. I understand that weapons of any kind are prohibited. I will not bring weapons or objects in the likeness of weapons to campus or suggest weaponry or a threat, including pocket "Swiss" tools. The item will immediately be confiscated. I understand that any student found in possession of a weapon will face disciplinary action and immediate dismissal from the program without a refund.
5. I will not bring, use, or transfer alcohol, drugs, or tobacco (including marijuana, prescription, or OTC medications). I will not share any over-the-counter medications (even vitamins). I am aware that all prescription medications are kept by CBK Program Staff, and students must meet with a staff member to take their medications at specified times. I understand that violation of this policy will result in immediate dismissal from the program without a refund.
6. I will respect the rights of other students, faculty, and staff. I understand that obscenities, harassment (including lewd or profane comments directed toward another student of a sexual nature or regarding sexuality, gender identity, or sexual orientation and/or culturally inappropriate comments/name-calling), acts of violence, bullying, fighting (including excessive horseplay), inappropriate behavior, or using/moving/altering another individual's possessions will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the program without a refund.
7. I understand that teasing is an inappropriate behavior and that it is taken very seriously at CBK. Although I may not intend to hurt or offend someone, the impact of my behavior is what counts. I will take responsibility for treating others with respect. I will do my best to think before I act, exercise common courtesy, and imagine how others might be feeling. I will be careful not to spread stories about others and to share issues from outside the program only if in the best interest of the program rather than solely myself, thinking about the relationship between intent and impact before I speak. I will help make the CBK experience a pleasant one for all participants by being kind to others. Failure to abide by this expectation or my behavior resulting to the detriment of another student's program may result in me being dismissed without refund.
8. I will remain with the program (on campus or with my travel group) at all times unless accompanied by a staff member or given express instructions otherwise. I will be sure that CBK staff know my whereabouts at all times. Discovery of a student wandering off alone will result in immediate dismissal. Leaving the residence hall or lodging floor after lights out will result in immediate dismissal from the program without refund.
9. I understand the need for my close supervision during CBK programs, as staff are working with many kids from many backgrounds, even despite my possibly being comfortable with more independence at home. I am aware that I may be asked to step into increased leadership roles and will enthusiastically accept that role when offered, knowing that CBK has the development of my personal growth in mind.
10. I understand that the only other kid(s) in my room are to be assigned roommates, unless a specified time is defined where all rooms are open-door to a wing community. I thereby also understand I should never be in anyone else's room. Violation of this policy will result in dismissal.
11. I understand that class/touring activity/recreational activity attendance is mandatory. I am committed to actively participating in all classes, activities, and tours/field trips. I will report to these activities on time and will be prepared to participate to the best of my abilities. I understand that if I am consistently disruptive to facilitating adults or other students I may be asked to leave the program without a refund. Disruption includes me not understanding acceptable time and place to share voice and space with others (sharing my voice more or less depending on behavior), or monopolizing adult time for my own purposes at the expense of other students' program.
12. I validate that I have signed and understand once again the CBK Technology Policies, which include definitions of appropriate phone and social media use while traveling in a CBK Program, or definitions of computer use during class that may be inappropriate to class content, going to unapproved websites, messaging or emailing, or using technology in any way not directed by an adult facilitator. I am fully aware that these policies are in place because CBK wants me to be present in the program. I am also aware that while in an on campus program, University Technology Departments actively monitor computer use of everyone on campus and any infractions may result in dismissal. I am also aware that while on tour my technology may be confiscated at any time if deemed a distraction or if used inappropriately. Public computers at hotels or while on tour are never to be used, unless specifically defined by CBK while traveling.

13. I will assume responsibility for the completion of all assignments prior to, during, and post program. I understand that incomplete work may result in both my dismissal from the program and the inability to travel and there will be no refunds. CBK programs are academically focused, and I am committed to engaging in completion of work to this end. Work will not be assigned unless it has a specific purpose in preparing you for or more deeply developing your extended knowledge of a topic.
14. I will arrive prepared for a class session, tour, or activity with any required materials and all assigned responsibilities completed.
15. I will not engage in plagiarism or cheating and understand these are academic offenses that can result in legal action.
16. I understand that an absence from any class or activity (in the event of diagnosed illness) must first be approved by the Executive Director of the Center for Bright Kids. Extended illness may result in my needing to go home from a program to get well and may not result in a refund. Students may be dismissed if illnesses are deemed contagious and could place the health of other participants at risk. I understand that until that determination is made or in the event of a more acute episode, I may be moved to the CBK Sick Room to reside until decisions are completed about my remaining in program. I further understand that extreme illness while traveling may result in my family needing to accept costs in order to transport me home.
17. With guidance from CBK Staff, I will be responsible for managing my own spending money, sharing a lodging room, doing my own laundry (this may be in a sink!), getting to classes, activities, and/or group meetings on time, and getting into bed by lights out. I understand while traveling, that being on time is critical to the entire program and if the group is held up, I could be dismissed from the program, resulting in my family needing to accept costs in order to transport me home.
18. I will respect the rights of my roommate(s) to have personal belongings respected and live in a clean, safe environment. I understand that living with roommates can be a challenge and problems should be immediately discussed with CBK Staff. I understand that Center for Bright Kids does not permit students to change roommates once they have been assigned or to stay in another, unassigned room.
19. I will respect others' need for quiet. I will not plan on staying up late to read or listen to music after lights out or disrupt my roommates' ability to sleep by turning on lights or being noisy. I will maintain a reasonable volume level while in shared spaces at all times.
20. I understand that the Center for Bright Kids is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property, and will take care to ensure that other participants' property is equally cared for.
21. I verify that I have reviewed and will not bring any items on the No-Pack List, and will not add any new items to my possessions that are prohibited while at CBK.
22. I understand that students may bring iPods, MP3 players, small CD players, or small radios, but am also aware that these music devices may only be used during defined times with permission. These devices may never be used in a way that could be distracting, and headphones or ear buds should never be visible unless I am actively using these devices.
23. I understand that roller shoes (Heelys), bicycles, skateboards, and scooters are prohibited for my use during programs. I also understand that any equipment that may result in excessive noise in a lodging facility will not be packed, such as gymnastic or some musical equipment (for example, a trap set) or big speakers.
24. I understand that matches, lighters, candles, incense, pets of any kind, fireworks, or hotpots are prohibited.
25. I will follow all rules implemented by Center for Bright Kids staff.
26. I understand that consequences for violations of the Honor Code will vary depending upon the severity of the incident and cumulative infractions. Consequences may include, but are not limited to verbal reprimand, contacting parents, suspension from group activities, compensation and repair of damaged property, student-generated written apology, behavioral contracts, or immediate dismissal from the program without a refund.
27. Dismissal from the program means students must be picked up within six hours with transportation expenses at the cost of the families. Any further supervision beyond six hours will be referred to Campus Safety if an on-campus program. Dismissal during a travel program will result in my immediate return flight home with both my cost and the cost of a CBK staff member to accompany me being the immediate responsibility of my family.

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