



Parent and Student Expectations

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The following contains permissions and acknowledgements that must be signed in order for your child to receive services from UCP of Central Florida. Please read each statement carefully before signing. Your signature states your understanding of an agreement with UCP of Central Florida policies, procedures, and your acceptance of services.

ATTENDANCE

I agree to make a commitment for my child to attend UCP of Central Florida based upon the agreed terms:

1. I agree to contact the campus in advance when my child will not be attending or will be late.
2. I agree to consistently pick up and drop off my child on time, based on the contract schedule.
3. I understand that if I am late picking up my child, I will be charged a late fee.
4. I acknowledge that if I am unable to maintain consistent, on-time attendance, my child may not be able to receive his/her charter and therapy services and his/her progress will be affected.
5. I acknowledge that UCP of Central Florida attendance requirement for children birth to Kindergarten is 75% attendance. If I'm unable to maintain consistent on-time attendance, I understand my child may be discharged.
6. I acknowledge that I am responsible for the regular attendance of my children who are within the compulsory attendance age (6 – 16) as provided in Section 1003.21, Florida Statutes. Students have the responsibility to take advantage of their educational opportunities by attending all their classes on a daily basis and arriving to their school on time.
7. I acknowledge that if my child has a pattern of non-attendance, the school administration shall pursue the case in accordance with Section 1003.25, Florida Statutes. If interventions are unsuccessful, it shall be the responsibility of the school to file a petition of truancy with the court as provided in Section 1003.27, Florida Statutes.

CODE OF CONDUCT

UCP of Central Florida is a "school of choice". This means your child has the option to attend a designated public school program, but you choose for your child to attend UCP instead. It also means that if you choose to have your child attend UCP, you accept the policies and expectations we have for both you and your child.

UCP of Central Florida recognizes the education of children is a process that involves a partnership between a child's parents, teachers, school administrators and other UCP of Central Florida and School Board Personnel. UCP of Central Florida and school district personnel will treat all parents and visitors on UCP property with courtesy and respect. UCP of Central Florida asks that parents and visitors treat the UCP team members and school district personnel with the same courtesy and respect.

Parent Conduct:

Parents may contribute to educational and/or therapeutic progress by the following:

1. Maintaining a positive attitude toward education/therapy
2. Showing an interest in their child's progress through regular communication
3. Teaching their child to be neat, clean and dressed in an appropriate manner
4. Ensuring their child's regular daily attendance
5. Reporting and explaining promptly an absence to the school
6. Teaching their child respect for authority
7. Informing the school immediately of any condition or circumstances which may effect their child's ability to learn, to attend school regularly, or to participate in school activities
8. Cooperate with school personnel in solving disciplinary problems
9. Cooperate with school personnel, therapist input, and health care professionals in regards to the well being of their child

Failure to comply with the aforementioned code of conduct may result in your child's dismissal from our educational and/or therapy programs.

Authority Of The Teacher:

Section 1003.32, Florida Statutes, grants teachers and other school staff members the authority for the control and discipline of students assigned to them, as well as on campus, and in other places where they may be assigned to supervise students. Students are expected and required to follow the requests and directives of all teachers, school staff members, school volunteers, and chaperones when on UCP property or at other places where they are under the supervision of UCP personnel.

Teachers shall make every reasonable effort to control classroom disruptions or misbehaviors by students. However, if a disruption or misbehavior persists, or if the disruption is severe, the teacher shall direct the student to an appropriate administrator for further assessment.

Note: Sections 1006.11 and 1003.32, Florida Statutes, grants school personnel the power to use reasonable force to protect himself or herself, the student, or others from injury. In addition, teachers may have violent, abusive, uncontrollable, disruptive, disobedient, or disrespectful students removed from the classroom for behavior management intervention and/or directed for information or assistance from appropriate school or UCP personnel.

Note: Section 1003.32(4), Florida Statutes, authorizes a teacher to remove a student whose behavior is determined by the teacher to interfere with the teacher's ability to communicate with the class or the ability of the student's classmates to learn.

Student Responsibilities:

Students have a responsibility to:

1. Attend school regularly, on time, and report to all classes and scheduled activities
2. Treat others courteously and with respect
3. Treat school property and the property of others with respect
4. Respect the privacy of others
5. Have in their possession only those items allowed by law and/or School Board Rules or policies
6. Listen courteously to the opinions and points of view of others
7. Come to class with all necessary educational and therapeutic materials and be prepared to learn
8. Maximize their learning opportunities their learning opportunities
9. Not interfere, impeded, limit, or restrict the educational opportunity of any other student(s)
10. Comply with all instructions and staff directions

Student Rights

UCP of Central Florida recognizes that students have all of the rights provided by law including: the right to equal educational opportunities without regard to race, national origin, sex, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

UCP staff as well as students shall each be responsible to:

1. Create a safe and orderly environment in which to learn
2. Be treated with dignity and respect
3. Express opinions and personal points of view in a responsible and constructive manner
4. Be secure in their personal privacy
5. Limited access to their student records
6. Be informed of the rules of conduct
7. Receive reasonable and fair treatment.

Note: These rights are not absolute and may be limited when necessary in order to prevent the disruption of the learning environment or the orderly operation of the school.

I understand and acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to UCP's Parent and Student Expectations.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date