Community Characteristics of Excellence

St. Andrew’s Episcopal School is dedicated to excellence. A vital component of preserving this excellence is a highly supportive and collegial parent community. Education is a process that requires partnerships among parents, teachers and the school community. St. Andrew’s welcomes and encourages our community members to participate fully in the life of the school to advance the school’s mission:

*To nurture a diverse community in the Episcopal tradition, fostering spiritual growth, moral responsibility, academic excellence, and artistic and athletic pursuits, while preparing for a life of service to the community and the world.*

The following Characteristics of Excellence are offered as guidelines in support of our school’s mission, to help our community thrive, progress, and sustain a culture of mutual respect and understanding:

- Demonstrate respect, understanding, and support of the St. Andrew’s mission, values, and all stated polices and procedures associated with the operation of the school
- Demonstrate respect for the school’s responsibility to do what is in the best interest of the entire community while recognizing the needs of individuals
- Demonstrate respect for the complexity of diverse opinions and perspectives
- Demonstrate respect and an understanding of the importance of student attendance in order to fulfill St. Andrew’s commitment to educate every child
- Demonstrate community respect by seeking information through appropriate channels when questions or issues arise *(Any concerns with the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking first to school personnel directly involved, then appropriate administrators or Head of School, if needed, so concerns are dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all involved.)*
- Recognize that the school is obligated to protect individual privacy with regard to all academic and disciplinary concerns

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, community members shall:

- Respect school security procedures
- Support the school’s efforts to promote student health and wellness education by refraining from the use of alcohol at all school related events and activities where students are present, to include athletic events, both home and away
- Refrain from using loud or offensive language, or displaying disruptive behavior which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of the classroom, office areas, any other area of the school grounds, or at any school related events to include athletic events, both home and away
- Refrain from defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of its students, parents or staff members including on all social media sites
- Remain respectful in all emails, texts, voicemails, phone messages, or other communications
- Refrain from any disruptive behavior or communication that threatens the school’s staff, visitors, Board members or fellow parents or children

The implementation of these Community Characteristics of Excellence help ensure recognition and support of St. Andrew’s mission in furtherance of a safe and productive learning environment for your student and each and every member of the St. Andrew’s community.