



# JAMES IRWIN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

*Committed to Character Development and Academic Excellence*

## **Behavioral Contract for 2024-2025**

*“Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and help them to become what they are capable of being.”*

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

James Irwin Charter High School’s standards for behavior are designed to build character and influence students for college, career, and life, not simply to manage behavior while attending school. The standards in this contract will apply to the entire community at the school. Staff members, parents/guardians, and students should be positive examples on campus or at school-sponsored events. Disrespectful student, parent/guardian, or visitor behavior will not be tolerated. As an academic institution, respect is key in dealing with one another and solving any issues or concerns.

Honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and excellence are the character traits that are valued and expected. These character traits demonstrate respect for authority, self, and others’ ideas. This includes respectfully confronting someone with whom we have a problem to find a solution. Maintaining these traits creates the atmosphere necessary to support a safe learning environment and academic excellence.

Students enrolled at James Irwin Charter High School are expected to fully support their House assignment and participate as much as possible with a positive attitude to contribute to a stronger school community.

Student infractions will be dealt with promptly to minimize disruptions and uphold expectations. Teachers are responsible for keeping classroom order. The Judicial Committee will deal with severe instances of unacceptable behavior under the current *Student Handbook*, district policy, and applicable school laws. Violations of this Behavioral Contract may lead to the following consequences: **Loss of Privileges, Detention, Saturday Detention, In-School-Suspension, out-of-school suspension, and Expulsion.**

The following list is an example of unacceptable behaviors, which is illustrative and should not be considered exhaustive:

- Disruptive conduct or failure to comply with a reasonable request while on school grounds. Anyone found doing so can be charged with a Class 3 Misdemeanor, according to Colorado Revised Statutes 18-9-109.
- Causing classroom or school activity disruptions that inhibit the success of the academic environment.
- Being in an unsupervised or unauthorized area of the campus.
- Leaving campus during the school day without permission.
- Possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, smoking/vaping/drug paraphernalia, or sexually explicit materials on campus or at school-sponsored events.
- Inappropriate dress (strict compliance with the current *Student Handbook* and dress code policy is required).
- Racial discrimination, sexual harassment, or abusive language.
- Bullying of staff or students either on-campus or through electronic means will not be tolerated.
- Weapons or dangerous instruments.
- Behavior that threatens the safety and well-being of self or others.
- Cheating or plagiarism.
- Any intentionally inappropriate physical contact between members of the JICHS community.
- The use or possession of any unapproved electronic devices or equipment in the classroom.

**Students and parents/guardians agree to the above contract by signing the Policy and Procedure Agreement. They are committed to following the spirit and letter of the policies and procedures in the current *Student Handbook*.**