



Standards of Ethical Conduct

- 1. Our school values the worth and dignity of every person, the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence, acquisition of knowledge, and the nurture of democratic citizenship. Essential to the achievement of these standards are the freedom to learn and to teach and the guarantee of equal opportunity for all.**
- 2. Our primary concern is the student and the development of the student's potential. Employees will therefore strive for professional growth and will seek to exercise the best professional judgment and integrity.**
- 3. Concern for the student requires that our instructional personnel:**
 1. Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning and/or to the student's mental and/or physical health and/or safety.
 2. Shall not unreasonably restrain a student from independent action in pursuit of learning.
 3. Shall not unreasonably deny a student access to diverse points of view.
 4. Shall not intentionally suppress or distort subject matter relevant to a student's academic program.
 5. Shall not intentionally expose a student to unnecessary embarrassment or disparagement.
 6. Shall not intentionally violate or deny a student's legal rights.
 7. Shall not harass or discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, marital status, handicapping condition, sexual orientation, or social and family background and shall make reasonable effort to assure that each student is protected from harassment or discrimination.
 8. Shall not exploit a relationship with a student for personal gain or advantage.
 9. Shall keep in confidence personally identifiable information obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure serves professional purposes or is required by law.



4. Aware of the importance of maintaining the respect and confidence of colleagues, of students, of parents, and of the community, employees of our school must display the highest degree of ethical conduct. This commitment requires that our employees:

1. Shall maintain honesty in all professional dealings.
2. Shall not on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, marital status, handicapping condition if otherwise qualified, or social and family
3. background deny to a colleague professional benefits or advantages or participation in any professional organization.
4. Shall not interfere with a colleague's exercise of political or civil rights and responsibilities.
5. Shall not engage in harassment or discriminatory conduct which unreasonably interferes with an individual's performance of professional or work responsibilities or with the orderly processes of education or which creates a hostile, intimidating, abusive, offensive, or oppressive environment; and, further, shall make reasonable effort to assure that each individual is protected from such harassment or discrimination.
6. Shall not make malicious or intentionally false statements about a colleague.

5. FaTaj TLA Health & Immunization Requirements

1. FATAJ TLA requires that the following [School Health Entry Form](#) be filled out and signed by your Health Care Provider.
2. FATAJ TLA also requires Scoliosis test results (6th grade and up) in accordance with Section 1003.22(4), Florida Statutes. May be marked as "postural assessment" on the DH 3040. If it is not included, there is no specific format for this requirement; however, it can be in written form and signed by a registered nurse, doctor, or qualified staff (who has been trained appropriately).
3. Florida requires certain vaccines to be administered before children may enroll and attend childcare and school.

6. FATAJ TLA's Immunization Requirements are as follows:

1. Kindergarten Through 12th Grade
2. (Children entering, attending, or transferring to Florida schools)
3. Four or five doses of DTaP



4. Four or five doses of IPV
5. Two doses of MMR
6. Three doses of Hep B
7. One Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap)
8. Two doses of Varicella (kindergarten effective with 2008–2009 school year, then an additional grade is added each year thereafter). Varicella vaccine is not required if there is a history of varicella disease documented by the health care provider.

7. Additional Immunization Requirements for 7th Grade Entry

1. Effective with the 2009–2010 school year (then an additional grade is added each year thereafter), in addition to compliance with all other immunization requirements, children entering, attending, or transferring to the seventh grade in Florida schools must complete the following:
 2. One Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap)
 3. See the [Immunization Guidelines: Florida Schools, Childcare Facilities and Family Daycare Homes](#)* for complete information on school requirements.

8. Teacher Qualification

What makes a good teacher?

- Good teachers are strong communicators
- Good teachers listen well
- Good teachers focus on collaboration
- Good teachers are adaptable
- Good teachers are engaging
- Good teachers who empathy
- Good teachers have patience
- Good teachers value real-world learning

FATAJ TLA is required to ensure that our teaching staff meets the qualification standards established in [section 1002.421\(2\) Florida Statutes](#).



In order to be employed as a member of the FATAJ TLA teaching staff, you must possess **at least one** of the following qualifications:

- A bachelor's degree,
- 3 years teaching experience at public or private schools, or
- Special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies the individual to provide instruction in specific subjects

9. Training Requirement

All instructional personnel, educational support employees, and administrators are required as a condition of employment to complete training on these standards of ethical conduct.

Reporting Misconduct by Instructional Personnel and Administrators

All instructional personnel, educational support employees, and school administrators have an obligation to report misconduct by instructional personnel, educational support employees, and school administrators which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student. Examples of misconduct include obscene language, drug and alcohol use, disparaging comments, prejudice or bigotry, sexual innuendo, cheating or testing violations, physical aggression, and accepting or offering favors. Reports of misconduct of employees should be made to **LaTeisha Jackson at lateishabcba@fatajtlc.com**

Reports of misconduct committed by administrators should be made to LaTeisha Gilzean at lateishabcba@fatajtlc.com

Legally sufficient allegations of misconduct by Florida certified educators will be reported to the Office of Professional Practices Services. Policies and procedures for reporting misconduct by instructional personnel or school administrators which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student are posted in the school office and on our website at www.fatajacademy@fatajtlc.com

Reporting Child Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect

All employees and agents have an affirmative duty to report all actual or suspected cases of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Call 1-800-96-ABUSE or report online at: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report/>.

Signs of Physical Abuse

The child may have unexplained bruises, welts, cuts, or other injuries; broken bones; or burns. A child experiencing physical abuse may seem withdrawn or depressed, seem afraid to go home or



may run away, shy away from physical contact, be aggressive, or wear inappropriate clothing to hide injuries.

Signs of Sexual Abuse

The child may have torn, stained or bloody underwear, trouble walking or sitting, pain or itching in genital area, or a sexually transmitted disease. A child experiencing sexual abuse may have unusual knowledge of sex or act seductively, fear a particular person, seem withdrawn or depressed, gain or lose weight suddenly, shy away from physical contact, or run away from home.

Signs of Neglect

The child may have unattended medical needs, little or no supervision at home, poor hygiene, or appear underweight. A child experiencing neglect may be frequently tired or hungry, steal food, or appear overly needy for adult attention.

Patterns of Abuse

Serious abuse usually involves a combination of factors. While a single sign may not be significant, a pattern of physical or behavioral signs is a serious indicator and should be reported.

Liability Protections

Any person, official, or institution participating in good faith in any act authorized or required by law, or reporting in good faith any instance of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect to the department or any law enforcement agency, shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability which might otherwise result by reason of such action. (F.S. 39.203)

An employer who discloses information about a former or current employee to a prospective employer of the former or current employee upon request of the prospective employer or of the former or current employee is immune from civil liability for such disclosure or its consequences unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the information disclosed by the former or current employer was knowingly false or violated any civil right of the former or current employee protected under F.S. Chapter 760. (F.S. 768.095)

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(Adapted from the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession in Florida and Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida)



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Anti-Discrimination Policy:

FaTaj Transition & Learning Academy adheres to a policy of nondiscrimination in employment and educational programs/activities and strives affirmatively to provide equal opportunity for all as required by:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended - prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 - prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender.

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA) as amended - prohibits discrimination on the basis of age with respect to individuals who are at least 40.

The Equal Pay Act of 1963 as amended - prohibits gender discrimination in payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work in the same establishment.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - prohibits discrimination against the disabled.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) - prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment, public service, public accommodations and telecommunications.



The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) - requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to "eligible" employees for certain family and medical reasons.

The Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 - prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

Florida Educational Equity Act (FEEA) - prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin, marital status, or handicap against a student or employee.

Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 - secures for all individuals within the state freedom from discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status.

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) - prohibits discrimination against employees or applicants because of genetic information.

Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2002 – no public school shall deny equal access to, or a fair opportunity for groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after school hours, or discriminate against any group officially affiliated with Boy Scouts of America or any other youth or community group listed in Title 36 (as a patriotic society).

Veterans are provided re-employment rights in accordance with P.L. 93-508 (Federal Law) and Section 295.07 (Florida Statutes), which stipulate categorical preferences for employment.

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