



Code of Conduct for Speciss Students

At Speciss College, we have a Code of Conduct for which is just one sentence long – yet it covers every event which may take place on our Campuses.

It is included in our [Study Contract](#) (it's section 5.5, which outlines our responsibilities to you the student and your responsibilities to us, if you'd like to look it up), so it applies to all Speciss students. This is what it says:

You will ensure that the student behaves in a decent, orderly and civil manner at all times when he is at our premises and that he does nothing which may in any way interfere with or prejudice our rights, or the rights of other students or those of our staff.

*(We use the words “he” and “him” for the sake of brevity and clarity,
not because we're ignoring the women!)*

Sometimes, this short Code of Conduct has been taken to mean that the student can do what he wants, and that there is no discipline at Speciss College.

Nothing could be further from the truth!

Let's have a closer look at the Code of Conduct. We say that the student should behave in a “**decent, orderly and civil manner**”. And we say that he should not do anything to “**interfere with or prejudice our rights, or the rights of other students or those of our staff.**”

Once you put these two powerful statements together, you can see what our Code of Conduct aims to do.

We don't want our students simply to obey a set of rules, just because we said so. That is mindless and superficial.

We want our students to learn to behave in a way which will be of enormous value to themselves, to their families, and to Zimbabwe.

We want our students to decide whether a certain behaviour or action is acceptable by asking **two simple questions** about his behaviour or action.

1. Is this behaviour or action decent, orderly and civil?
2. Does it interfere with or prejudice Speciss' rights, or the rights of other students or those of Speciss' staff?

Once this is understood, it becomes obvious that a student should not, for example:

- make a loud noise on campus because it will disturb others who are trying to learn or to teach;

- wear a dress which is very short, or a T-shirt with a vulgar message, because this is likely to offend others;
- come late to class, because he'll disturb those who were considerate enough to arrive on time;
- forget to wear his ID card, because this jeopardises the safety of others;
- fail to do his homework or assignment, because his tutor needs to know if he and his classmates have understood the lesson;
- steal anything from Speciss or from his fellow students, because they will suffer by his actions;
- drink alcohol or take drugs on the campus, as this will lead to disruptive behaviour;
- bring any weapon to the campus, as this will endanger all others on the campus;
- bully another student in any way, as this will make his victim afraid and unable to study properly.

Once the student learns to assess his behaviour and actions by asking these two simple questions, he has a Code of Conduct which will serve him not only for the time he is at Speciss College, but for life.

When you think about it, the Speciss College Code of Conduct is in fact **much stricter** than any set of detailed rules.

Those who act in a way which is contrary to the Speciss College Code of Conduct will be disciplined. Make no mistake about this. The disciplinary action we'll take is detailed in the Study Contract, in section 5.5.1. Our discipline is fair. It is also firm. We won't let anything get in the way of our commitment to giving our students the best quality education.

Adopt our Code of Conduct, and you'll lay the foundation for your future both academically and personally!