

Spirings Girls' High School

General School Rules

NOTE: *All learners have the right to an education free of interference, intimidation and/or physical abuse. These rights are accompanied by certain responsibilities, referred to below.*

- The learner shall at all times while wearing the school uniform, or any part of the school uniform, or while representing the school directly or indirectly, **behave in a manner which will bring credit to the school**, its members of staff and her fellow learners.
 - This includes, but is not limited to, **physical contact, loitering or walking in the public streets or near the shopping areas in Selcourt before or after school** – all while in school uniform, or if identifiable as part of Spirings Girls' High School.
- The learner will **respect the rights, property and safety of other learners and members of staff**. Theft of others' property is punishable by the Code of Conduct Sanctions.
- **Fighting, bullying (including cyber-bullying) or threatening** of other learners or members of staff is forbidden.
- Learners shall **respect those learners in positions of authority**. A learner in a position of authority will conduct herself in a manner befitting her position and not abuse such authority.
- Learners shall behave **courteously and respectfully when dealing with all members of staff** and refrain from conduct that constitutes insubordination.
- Learners shall support the principal, members of staff, RCL and Class Representatives (captains) in **maintaining good order and an environment conducive to learning and teaching**. Learners are expected to obey and promptly carry out an instruction reasonably given by the Principal, educators, RCL or class captains.
- When dealing with other learners, **a learner shall exercise self-restraint** and shall **show mutual respect, consideration and tolerance** towards each other.
- Learners shall not behave in a manner which might cause **physical, mental, emotional or moral harm to any learners**. Language seen to be offensive, discriminatory or racist is prohibited.
- No learner may at any time **behave in a manner that will disrupt the learning activity of other learners**.
- The use of **cellular telephones and other electronic devices during class time (including during substitution), assembly, tests, tasks under controlled conditions and examinations is strictly prohibited**.

- Learners **may not bring cigarettes, e-cigarettes, “hubbly bubbly” / “vapes” (or similar); narcotics or any mind-altering substances; alcohol, offensive material or weapons (including items that can be used as weapons)** onto school property, nor may they have these items in their possession at any time. They must not use these items elsewhere **while in school uniform**.
- No learner may **purchase, distribute or sell** any of these items while in school uniform. Use of these items may constitute a criminal offence.
- The Principal or an educator delegated by the principal, upon reasonable suspicion (sufficient information), has the legal authority to conduct a search of any learner.
- **Loitering in and/playing in and around upstairs corridors, stairwells and toilets** is forbidden.
- The learner must at all times ensure that she **contributes towards and maintains a tidy environment in the school buildings, on the grounds and in front of the school**. All litter must be placed in refuse bins and/or recycling bins provided for these purposes.
- **No learner may film or photograph any activity on the school premises or that identifies learners or staff members involved as being from Springs Girls’ High School**. Nor may a learner **post, on any social media platform, any video, written/printed or audio footage of any activity on the school premises or that identifies learners or staff members involved as being from Springs Girls’ High School**.
- No learner may engage in any form of **disruptive behaviour during break times or on the corridors during change-of-period**. This includes, but is not limited to, the playing of loud music, drumming, screaming, singing loudly etc. Learners must respect each other’s rights to a peaceful and safe environment.
- No learner shall be in possession of **any form of medications** at school. All medications must be **handed in to the front office** – with the prescription – and the dosage may be collected when the learner requires it and at the end of the day. **No learner or staff member may administer any medication to learners**.
- No learner may engage in any form of **selling of any items to other learners or staff while on the school’s property or in the school’s environment**. Learners may not **purchase items** from other learners.

These rules are taken from the School’s Code of Conduct. Any infringement of these rules WILL result in disciplinary action being taken.