

R.E.A.C.H. CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

- I. Because it is very important to respect everyone's personal feelings and privacy, there will be a Code of Ethics to follow in order to be a part of this club.
- II. The following statements should reflect the intentions of the members of this club:
1. The member values the worth and dignity of each Buddy.
 2. The member's primary concern will always be for the Buddy and for the development of the Buddy's potential. The member will therefore strive for personal growth and will seek to exercise good moral judgment and integrity.
 3. The Buddies will be aware of the importance of maintaining the respect and confidence of one's Buddy and their families.
 4. The member will strive to achieve and sustain the highest degree of ethical conduct.
 5. The member will respect the dignity, worth, and uniqueness of each Buddy.
 6. The member will respect diversity.
 7. The member will individually "End the R Word" throughout the year by ending personal use of the word and respectfully advocating to others against the use of the word.
- III. Key Principles
- Membership of REACH is a **privilege**, subject to the following expectations:
 - i. REACH seeks to operate in an environment where people show respect for **all people** and their property. Respect is defined as consideration for the well-being of another person's body, emotions, and possessions.
 - ii. REACH seeks to operate in an environment which is free from harassment. Harassment is defined as any action directed at an individual or group, which creates a hostile, intimidating or offensive environment.
 - iii. REACH seeks to operate in an environment where each member is passionate and involved in many aspects of the club. Involvement includes planning and attending a majority of events, spending time with buddies outside of school, and giving input and assistance whenever needed.
- IV. Appropriate Behavior
- Fair, considerate, and honest treatment of others.
 - Respect, dignity, and proper regard to **all** members' rights and obligations.
 - Respect for the privacy of others.
- V. Social Media and Cell Phones
- While communication is vital to this club, members will not make posts on any social media site regarding a specific Buddy and his or her exceptionality or any event that may have happened due to the exceptionality.
 - Pictures of club members should not be placed on any website unless there is explicit statement of permission from the Buddy's parents.
 - In order to form a better bond with buddies, cell phones should not be used during R.E.A.C.H. events.

I agree to all of the statements that comprise the "Code of Ethics" and will uphold them for the sake of all club members. I understand that if this code is broken, REACH Club reserves the right to impose disciplinary action.

Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date