

# Exeter Summer

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## Fundamental Rules and Regulations

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The Academy assumes that its students enter the school with a serious purpose and that conscience and good sense are a sufficient guide to behavior. Above all the Academy expects honesty from its students.

Exeter Summer, with its balance of commitments to academics, extracurricular activities, sports, and dorm life, helps students develop a sense of responsibility for personal conduct and for the well-being of the larger community. To this end, the Academy encourages freedom within reasonable limitations, and enforces rules defining these limitations, which are necessary to maintain relative freedom for all.

Exeter Summer students are expected to meet all required appointments. In the dormitories, evening check-in hours are enforced, and after 8:00 pm resident faculty maintain an atmosphere conducive to study. Smoking is forbidden, the possession and use of alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited, and students are required to observe the regulations concerning how and when they may travel off campus. After check-in hours, students are required to remain in their dormitories. Students who enter Exeter Summer with serious purpose find little difficulty in complying with these requirements. The regulations are few and simple; they are based upon common sense, courtesy, and mutual trust. Bullying, harassment, and/or hazing of other students is not permitted at the Academy. The overall purpose of this rule is to provide, in both a residential and day student environment, a measure of safety and civility upon which all members of the community can depend. Although specific behavior can be prohibited, a spirit of generosity and respect toward others cannot be legislated.

One of the goals of the Academy community is to encourage the development of good judgment and character in such matters, and students for the most part reflect these qualities. When they do not, the school must sometimes act to protect other students. When individuals or groups step over a boundary and jeopardize the well-being of other students intentionally or unintentionally, they are subject to disciplinary action. Although it is impossible to list all such activities, some examples will serve as a guide. Repeated harassment or ridicule, such as the use of an offending nickname, is always inappropriate. Disparaging remarks about racial, sexual, religious, physical or other characteristics are inappropriate, as are some of the activities that take place as part of an unofficial rite of student-to-student initiation.

Examples of such activities would include: raiding students at night, using coercion or physical force against a student, blindfolding or covering another's eyes as part of such events, vandalizing or trashing a room, an organized "silent treatment," or requiring menial labor of other students. Any meeting of a dorm, team or other group at which such treatment takes place is forbidden, and students must obtain permission from a faculty member before holding a dorm meeting. When in doubt, students should always ask a faculty member for assistance in determining whether a particular activity is permitted.

The Director and the Exeter Summer Deans may at any time dismiss a student from Exeter Summer for committing or attempting to commit any of the following offenses, including a first offense:

1. Hazing, as defined by New Hampshire law (RSA 631:7), includes any act directed toward a student, or any coercion or intimidation of a student to act or to participate in an act, when such act is likely or would be perceived by a reasonable person as likely to cause physical or psychological injury to any person; and such act is a condition of initiation into, admission into, continued membership in or association with any organization. Please note that NH law requires hazing incidents to be reported to local law enforcement. Students who participate, witness or are victims of hazing are mandated to make a report to the Exeter Summer Dean, the Director of Student Well-Being, Campus Safety or directly to the police. Any reports received by the Exeter Summer Dean or Campus Safety will be reported to the police.
  2. Bullying refers to a single significant incident or a pattern of incidents involving written, verbal or electronic communications, or physical acts or gestures, or any combination thereof, directed by one or more students at another student, when such incidents physically harm a student or damage the student's property, cause emotional distress to a student, interfere with a student's educational opportunity, create a hostile educational environment, or substantially disrupt the operation of the school. Bullying typically involves a real or perceived imbalance of power based on a student's actual or perceived personal characteristics, behaviors or beliefs, or motivated by the student's association with another person and based on the other person's characteristics, behaviors or beliefs. Also prohibited in this policy is cyberbullying, a form of bullying that is conducted through phones, computers, email, instant messaging, text messaging, social media and other electronic media.
  3. Harassment refers to unwelcome conduct or behavior that is personally offensive or threatening and that has the effect of impairing morale, interfering with a student's educational performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. Harassment is defined in the Community Conduct and Discrimination Policy.
- Any bullying, hazing or harassment conduct that constitutes child abuse and/or a violation of New Hampshire's Safe School Zones Act will be reported to the appropriate authorities as required, including the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families and the police. Please be aware that any person under the age of 18 is considered a "child" under New Hampshire law.
4. Sexual misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is defined in the Sexual Misconduct Policy.
  5. Dishonest acts of any kind, including plagiarism or the unauthorized removal of materials from the Library.
  6. The purchase, possession, use, or distribution of:
    - any illicit or illegal drug, including marijuana,
    - any prescription drug in a manner not consistent with the instructions of the prescribing physician,
    - legal over-the-counter drugs, or home-made preparations or remedies for purposes other than legitimate medical treatment, or
    - prescription or over-the-counter pharmaceuticals in a form that would not normally be purchased.

Possession of paraphernalia that are customarily used for illegal drug use or drug abuse will be considered a violation of this rule.
  7. Leaving Exeter without permission. This includes hiring and/or riding in Uber, Lyft or similar ride-share programs as these programs require the rider to be 18 years of age or older. Please review Uber's policy <https://www.uber.com/legal/terms/us/> and Lyft's policy <https://www.lyft.com/terms>.
  8. Absence from the dormitory without permission after reporting hours at night.
  9. Purchasing, possessing, drinking, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, or the possession of empty alcoholic beverage containers.
  10. Gambling for money.
  11. Unauthorized visiting by any student to the room

of another student.

12. Actions that create a fire hazard; this includes smoking (which is not permitted during Exeter Summer) or burning any material in student rooms, possessing or using firecrackers, and tampering with fire extinguishers or fire alarm systems.
13. Students are not permitted to use or have custody of any weapons, including those used for martial arts, any type of firearms, stun guns, Tasers, or air guns of any sort, including BB guns.
14. Use of skateboards, scooters, gyro-scooters, roller-blades/skates, bicycles (with the exception of day students riding to and from campus) or any other wheeled vehicle or device, except a wheelchair or ambulatory device is prohibited.

Students who choose to remain present when alcohol, other drugs, or hazing, bullying or harassment rules are being broken, may be subject to major disciplinary action. The Director or Exeter Summer Dean may also dismiss a student for violating or attempting to violate, or choosing to remain present during the violation of, any other rules and regulations of Exeter Summer. Students may also be dismissed for unsatisfactory conduct, for a generally unsatisfactory record, or for conduct injurious or dangerous to themselves, to Exeter Summer, or to others. Failure to know the rules and regulations is not a defense.

In the event the student's enrollment in Exeter Summer is voluntarily or involuntarily terminated for any reason, including the student's violation of any of the Policies and Rules, any medical or similar condition or other reasons; the student's parents/guardians will make arrangements to facilitate the student's return home within twenty-four hours. If this is not possible the Academy will make all such arrangements facilitating the student's timely separation and return home and be reimbursed by the parents/guardians.

Exeter Summer's interest in the conduct of students away from campus during the session is the same as it is in their conduct on campus. Exeter Summer may hold students accountable for their off-campus and

online conduct in appropriate ways, including a disciplinary response. The aim of regulations governing day students is to enable them to share the boarding experience as much as possible while recognizing their status as students who live at home. The behavior of day students is governed by the rules that apply to all Academy students; day students are expected to conform, as far as practicable, to the same regulations as boarding students. Day students are under the supervision of their parents when they are home. UPPER SCHOOL day students are expected to be off-campus by 9:00pm (8:00pm for ACCESS EXETER day students), Sunday through Friday, and 11:00pm on Saturdays.

In any case involving direct observation or material evidence of a violation of a Fundamental Rule, a faculty member must report the violation immediately to the Exeter Summer Dean's Office. Students should be aware that, in addition to state laws regarding drug and alcohol use, theft, and other matters, the State of New Hampshire has enacted a law against student hazing (Section 631:7). A copy of this law is available in the Exeter Summer Deans' Office. The school is required by law to report certain offenses, including hazing, to state and local authorities.

For a complete listing of all the policies, refer to the [2019 Exeter Summer Student Handbook](#).