
I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish's standards for employee's appropriate communications, written and electronic, in representing Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish professionally and remaining consistent with state regulations.

II. POLICY**A. General Protocol for Communications:**

1. All employees are encouraged to refer calls or emails from a media source to the Lead School Administrator or designee.
2. Inquiries regarding personnel-related information should be referred to Human Resources, including verifications of employment.

B. Written Communications:

1. Official correspondence written on behalf of Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish that will be either on the school's letterhead or sent via a school email address that speaks to policy, procedures, programs, etc. must be approved by the Lead School Administrator or designee.

C. Electronic Communications:

1. Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish provides its employees with a computer and an email address as tools to conduct business on behalf of the school.
 - a. Employees are expected to utilize the electronic systems (email, computers, internet access, etc.) in a manner that is consistent with the same professional expectations in other areas of conducting business.
 - b. The electronic systems should be used only for school-related business.
 - c. The email address assigned to employees should not be used for personal business.
 - d. Employees must not use their personal email accounts to conduct school-related business.
2. The electronic systems belong to Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish; therefore, all messages and attachments sent, received, or stored on the email system are, and remain the property of the school.

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- a. A password will be issued to each employee upon being added to the email system.
 - b. Employees should be aware that the Lead School Administrator or designee maintains the right to access the emails and documents stored in the email system.
 - c. Employees who use the electronic systems should have no expectation that such use will be private.
3. Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish is a public entity; therefore, all emails and other correspondence must be archived, rather than deleted, for a period of three years.
 4. No employee should attempt to access another employee's email, nor should an employee share his/her user name and password with any other person.
 5. The email system should not be used to create or distribute any offensive or disruptive messages.
 - a. Among those that are considered offensive are messages that contain sexually explicit or implicit wording or images, racial or ethnic slurs, or other comments that offensively address someone's age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry, or disability.
 6. The email system should not be used to commit any crime consistent with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

D. Text Messaging:

1. Employees are expected to use their personal phones for urgent needs only, and to not allow messages to interfere with their duties.

E. Telephone and Voicemail Usage:

1. The telephones and voicemail are property of Athlos Academy Jefferson Parish and should be utilized only for school-related business.
2. Personal calls should be made only in exceptional circumstances when there is a serious need.

Legal References:

[LA. R.S. 17:81](#) (*General powers of local public school boards*)