In addition to the San Juan Unified School District's Rules for Suspension and Expulsion, the following rules and guidelines are in effect:

1. **CLOSED CAMPUS:** All visitors must register in the Main Office. Only currently enrolled students may be on campus between 6:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All other visitors must have prior Administrative approval. No student visitors are allowed on campus. Rio students are to remain on campus once they arrive whether by car, by bus or by walking. ANY TIME students need to leave campus, they MUST check out through the Attendance Office and obtain a signed early dismissal. **Students may not leave without a signed early dismissal.** Lunch time dismissals will NOT be issued. Unauthorized visitors may be referred to law enforcement. **On the second closed campus violation, in addition to disciplinary action, students will receive six weeks of social probation.**

2. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Students are expected to respect the property rights of Rio Americano's neighbors. Do not linger on or near any residence close to school or on your route home.

3. **DISTRIBUTION** of any fliers or printed information on campus is subject to prior administrative review and approval by Student Government.

4. **DISTRICT-WIDE HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE:**
   - The dress code is established to promote a positive, psychologically safe, and appropriate learning environment. Extremes in dress or clothing regarded as disruptive or a distraction from the learning environment are not permitted. (The district-wide high school dress code applies to all schools.)
   - **Prohibited Clothing/Accessories**
     - Clothing or accessories with pictures or messages that promote or symbolize the use of drugs, alcoholic beverages, or tobacco.
     - Clothing that has messages that are sexually suggestive or promote violence.
     - Clothing or accessories considered by school officials or law enforcement to denote gang affiliation, cult affiliation, satanic reference, or any profane or racially offensive item.
     - Pajamas or sleep wear.
   - **Specific Clothing Restrictions**
     - Shoes must be worn at all times; house slippers may not be worn.
     - Undergarments may not be exposed.
     - The torso must be covered; bare midriffs, backs, or cleavage must not be exposed. **Tops & pants, skirts or shorts should remain in contact while engaging in normal school activities.**
     - Strapless or spaghetti strap tops, muscle shirts, tank tops*, tube tops, or any excessively revealing clothing is not permitted; this includes backless tops and see-through clothing. (*Tank tops are defined, for the purpose of this dress code, as sleeveless tops with straps, measuring less than 2 inches at the narrowest point. This also applies to sun dresses and other similar garments.)
     - Skirts must be of moderate length (no micro-mini skirts allowed); shorts and cut-offs must have a 3-inch in-seam; swim suits and running shorts are not permitted.
     - Sagging or the appearance of sagging is not permitted. Belts may not hang down from the waist.
   - **Specific Accessory Restrictions**
     - Bandanas of any color, hairnets, headbands, and wave caps are prohibited.
     - Chains and spiked jewelry of any type are prohibited.
     - Hats are not to be worn indoors.

5. **EIGHTEEN-YEAR OLD STUDENTS** living with parent or guardian must follow the same rules and attendance procedures outlined in the student handbook.

6. **INTEGRITY POLICY:**
   - Rio Americano is an educational community where personal integrity is highly valued. Academic dishonesty demonstrates a lack of high personal integrity and is not tolerated. The conduct outlined below, if committed by a student of RAHS while engaged or participating in any school-sponsored activity, may subject the student to academic or disciplinary consequences and a lowered citizenship grade.
   - **Academic dishonesty in all its forms, in course work, on examination, or in other academically related activities, including but not limited to:**
     - Copying from another student or knowingly allowing another to copy;
     - Using unauthorized materials and/or technologies.
     - Plagiarizing work, which means the appropriation of any other person’s work without acknowledgment in one’s own work offered for credit. Knowingly obtaining, possessing, providing, using, buying, selling or soliciting in whole or in part the contents of an examination.
     - Intentionally causing a disadvantage to other students (intentionally tainting lab results, destroying other person’s product, erasing another person’s program or work, etc.).
     - Altering grades.
     - Forging.
   - **Students have the option of filing for a conference with the administrator, teacher, student and parent. The ultimate determination of a student’s grade is the sole responsibility of the teacher.**
   - **Note: further consequences may be stated in the teacher’s individual classroom policy.**

7. **LOCKERS** are to be registered at the beginning of the school year and are not to be shared. There is an optional $5 locker donation for the usage of a locker. The donation will go towards the up keep of lockers. Any lock attached to a locker which is not registered will be cut off and reassigned. The school is not responsible for books or private property left in lockers.
8. **PARKING** is permitted only in designated areas in the main front parking lots. Students must register their vehicle in the Vice Principal's office. No student parking is allowed in the designated visitors or staff parking, or the Auto Shop area, unless the student is working on his/her vehicle with permission.

9. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Rio Americano does not assume responsibility for any personal property on campus, including but not limited to cars, bikes, skateboards and locker contents. Rio is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

10. **DISRUPTIVE DEVICES:** Including but not limited to, radios, IPOD, MP3, headphones, electronic toys/games, beepers, cell phones and unapproved communication devices as stated in SJUSD Board Policy: Students may not use electronic devices during class time from 6:50 am to 2:50 pm. Any student found using an electronic device will result in disciplinary consequences.

11. **RESPECT:** Students are expected to show proper respect for all staff, fellow students and school property. Students are required to follow the directions of school officials and follow the Rio Code of Conduct.

12. **BULLYING OR HARASSMENT** of another student will result in 30 school days of social probation. Social probation prohibits a student from attending any extra-curricular activity.

13. **LITTERING** will result in discipline to be determined by the administration.

14. **SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLER BLADES** must be carried onto campus and stored in the lockers but may not be used on campus at any time.

15. **VANDALISM/PRANKS:** Vandalism includes negligent, willful, or unlawful damaging or taking of any district-owned real or personal property. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, the following actions: graffiti; toilet papering of trees, school grounds, or facilities; and the physical damaging or defacing of real or personal property of the District. Student shall be subject to disciplinary action which will include six-weeks of social probation.

16. **VEHICLES** on campus are subject to ALL the rules of the California Vehicle Code. Drivers of cars who park illegally may be subject to discipline and/or towing. The red curbed areas are Fire Zones and subject to ticketing and fines by the Fire Department. Designated handicap parking is strictly enforced, ticketed and fined by the Police Department.

17. **ANY SENIOR** who accumulates 36 or more periods of truancy will not participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors enrolled after the 1st semester will not participate in the graduation ceremony if they accumulate 18 or more periods of truancy.

18. **ALCOHOL/DRUGS:** Students unlawfully possessing, using, selling or otherwise furnishing, or being under the influence of any controlled substance, including alcohol, or an intoxicant of any kind will receive a five (5) day suspension, referral to law enforcement, six (6) weeks social probation and possible expulsion. Committing a second offense during the remainder of the current school year and one subsequent school year may result in an involuntary transfer and return rights terminated.

19. **FIGHT RULE:** Fighting is defined by the SJUSD as a physical confrontation between two or more students. The following will take place in the event that a student is engaged in a fight:
   - For a first fight, students will be home-suspended up to three to five (3-5) days
     - placed on social probation for six (6) weeks;
     - a parent conference will be conducted;
     - a letter from the principal will be sent home stating that a second fight may result in an involuntary transfer to another school.
   - A second fight committed during the remainder of the current school year or during the subsequent school year may result in five (5) days of home suspension, six (6) weeks of social probation, an involuntary transfer, and return rights to Rio Americano will be terminated.
   - During a fight or verbal altercation, any student seen gathering, following, encouraging, or recording the incident will be suspended for a minimum of one school day for defiance of authority and disruption of school activities. Students are expected to walk away from a fight or altercation in order to ensure the safety of all students and to all administrators or teachers to defuse the situation. Multiple offences will result in additional days of suspension up to expulsion for 48900(k) Willful Defiance and/or Disruption of School Activities after all means of interventions have failed. **Students are encouraged to report any information of students involved in a possible fight or verbal altercation to the vice principal’s office prior to it occurring.**

The above rules and “Guidelines for Suspension and Expulsion” apply while a student is on school grounds, going to or from the campus, or while going to, coming from, or during a school-sponsored activity. We, the parent/guardian and the student understand that it is the responsibility of the student to a bid by the Rio Rules and Regulations and the SJUSD Guidelines for Suspension and Expulsion. Failure to comply with district and school rules may result in a parent conference, suspension, expulsion, or referral to alternative education. The Rio Americano HS Student & Parent Handbook can be obtained on line at [www.rioamericano.com](http://www.rioamericano.com) or if you can pick up a hard copy version of the handbook in school’s library. **Your signature below signifies your understanding of these rules and regulations and that you can obtain a copy of the school handbook either on the school’s website or in the school’s library.**

Print Student's Name ___________________________ Grade ________

Signature of Student ___________________________ Date ____________

Signature Parent/Guardian ______________________ Date ____________