

## Program Standards

Below are Putney Student Travel's program standards. Parents/legal guardians, please read and discuss these standards with your student before the summer. During the first few days of the program, trip leaders will hold an orientation to review these program standards; students will be asked to sign a statement in which they agree to abide by these standards during the program. Please let us know if you have any questions.

On Putney Student Travel programs, a secure, open, and inclusive group experience is central to ensuring a positive learning environment and a fun summer. We seek to create an atmosphere of safety, trust, and consideration. To that end, we require that students take personal responsibility for their conduct, and that they adhere to certain minimum standards of behavior.

Any of the following, at the discretion of Putney Student Travel, may be grounds for dismissal from the program:

1. Possessing, consuming, or distributing alcohol or drugs.
2. Displaying a consistently negative attitude toward leaders, fellow students, or the goals of the program; or an unwillingness to participate in program activities or projects.
3. Riding on mopeds or motorcycles, electric scooters, hitchhiking, or riding in unauthorized vehicles.
4. Leaving the group without authorization, including leaving residences or hotels after lights-out.
5. Visiting in rooms of other students unless prior arrangements are made with leaders.
6. Stealing, or deliberately damaging any buildings, furnishings, or other property.
7. Engaging in behavior (including speech) that intimidates any person, or that compromises the inclusive atmosphere of the program as determined by Putney Student Travel. This includes the expectation that any physical contact between students will include each person's spoken and ongoing affirmative consent.
8. Body piercing or tattooing during the program.
9. Consuming tobacco products (including e-cigarettes).
10. Not abiding by Putney Student Travel's cell phone policy as outlined in the *Program FAQs* document in your digital locker.
11. Engaging in behavior contrary to local government protocols or Putney Student Travel's health guidelines implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic for the safety of the community.

On occasion, a student may find it difficult to adhere to these standards of behavior and personal responsibility. Any student whose behavior or attitude is, in our judgment, in violation of our standards or is otherwise prejudicial to the successful operation of our program will be dismissed from the program and sent home immediately at their parents'/legal guardians' expense.