Yaxche
A Community School in Taos

YAXCHE CODE OF ETHICS

The Yaxche Code of Ethics shall be incorporated herein in its entirety, and is as follows:

I, as a member of Yaxche, agree to abide by the following code of ethics within the Yaxche Community or when representing Yaxche:

1. I shall be honest and truthful; I shall not cheat or steal.
2. I shall do my best to set an honorable example for others.
3. I shall do my best to accept others and shall demonstrate respect for them, as well as for their differences.
4. I shall embrace diversity and practice tolerance.
5. I shall work simultaneously toward self-reliance, independence, and cooperation. I shall value myself as well as others. If called upon, I shall lead or follow, as the need may arise.
6. I shall do my best to maintain a positive point of view; I shall become a victor, not a victim. I shall be an optimist; I shall look for the good in myself and others.
7. I shall keep an open heart and mind. I shall share my mind and my spirit. I shall fairly examine the ideas of others and offer my own without condition.
8. I shall strive for excellence in learning and teaching—in body, mind, and spirit. I shall embrace the quest for wisdom.
9. I shall value, encourage, and defend the right to free expression, even though I may disagree.
10. I shall value, encourage, and defend the right and duty to be curious, to create and to grow. I shall try new ways; I shall question old ways. I shall challenge and accept challenge. I shall speak out.
11. I shall take time to reflect; I shall freely examine myself as well as my universe. I shall search for truth, for lessons of success in failure.
12. I shall revere both courage and compassion; I shall defend the weak, the persecuted and the less fortunate.
13. I shall carry my weight and be responsible for my obligations to myself and others; I shall develop my potential to the best of my ability.
14. I shall not act intentionally or recklessly in a manner that would likely cause harm to myself, to Yaxche, or members of its community.
15. I shall honor, protect, and defend the Earth, our Mother, to the best of my understanding and ability.

I understand that if I choose not to adhere to these values, I may be asked to withdraw from Yaxche.