

DIAMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

Philosophy

High expectations for academic excellence are the cornerstone of our instructional program at Diamond Elementary School. However, we believe that for every child to attain their full potential they also need self-discipline. The self-discipline we teach at Diamond is based on three key messages: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. We have incorporated these words into our local discipline policy so that the children can develop strong character and make good behavior choices on a daily basis.

We offer these characteristics of each key message for you to discuss with your child so that we can continue to work together to help each child attain their full potential in a safe and orderly environment.

WE ARE RESPECTFUL

We respect ourselves, others and property.

We treat others with respect by treating others the way we want to be treated.

We are tolerant of differences.

We use good manners.

We are considerate of the feelings of others.

We don't threaten, hit, or hurt anyone.

We deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE

We are responsible for what we do and say.

We are responsible for persevering in our learning.

We always do our best.

We use self-control.

We think before we act-we consider the consequences.

We are accountable for our choices.

WE ARE SAFE

We are safe by making good choices.

We forgive others.

We help people in need.

We play by the rules.

We take turns and share.

We obey laws and rules.

We respect authority.

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Standards for Behavior

These are the behaviors that are expected at all times, in all places. These behaviors show that responsible students care about and respect all the people in our school community.

1. We are present and on time for school each day.
2. We do not hurt others by fighting, pushing, or touching them in any inappropriate way. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves at all times.
3. We follow directions the first time we are asked by the person in charge.
4. We respect our own property, school property, and the property of others.
5. We use school appropriate language and tone of voice at all times. We say positive things to one another. We are not mean.
6. We do not bring toys to school because they will distract us or others during instructional time.

Assembly

We are respectful, responsible and safe during an assembly. To demonstrate this we:

- Sit magic 5.
- Pay attention to the speaker.
- Respond or clap when appropriate.
- Respond quickly to the quiet signal.
- Maintain our personal space.
- Listen, watch and learn.
- Be quiet.
- Raise our hands when appropriate.
- Stay with our class.
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- Walk with care.

Arrival

We are respectful, responsible and safe during arrival. To demonstrate this we:

- Walk quietly and carefully to the front of the building or into the building during inclement weather days to line-up by grade level.
- Refrain from wandering in the halls; walk directly and quietly to the classroom
- Walk bikes and scooters while on school property.
- See patrols for assistance and information.

Bus Rules

We are respectful, responsible and safe on the bus. To demonstrate this we:

- Follow directions from the bus driver and the patrols.
- Use an inside voice and speak politely.
- Listen for our bus colors.
- Take care of our belongings.
- Watch for our bus stops.
- Stay seated and facing forward.
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- Exit the bus in an orderly manner.
- Follow the school rules at the bus stop.

If we do not follow bus rules, we have a safety problem. If we repeat violations on the bus, it may be necessary to be excluded from bus service.

Cafeteria

We are respectful, responsible and safe in the cafeteria. To demonstrate this we:

- Use an inside voice and speak politely.
- Follow the directions from adults.
- Maintain our personal spaces.
- Use good table manners.
- Follow cafeteria procedures.
- Eat our own food.
- Raise our hands for assistance.
- Stay seated and only get up with permission.
- Walk with care.
- Keep our areas clean.
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

Classroom rules

Specific expectations have been established in each classroom.

Dismissal

We are respectful, responsible and safe during dismissal. To demonstrate this we:

- Sit quietly in classrooms to listen to the end-of-day announcements.
- Leave the classroom when dismissed by teacher.
- Walk directly from the classroom to the bus or home at an appropriate pace. We **Never Push or Run**.
- Exit by front doors only.
- Will receive written permission from parents to ride a different bus than the usually scheduled one (office must approve student's note).
- Will receive any changes prior to 3:15 p.m., with all changes at dismissal in writing.

Hallways

We are respectful, responsible and safe in the hallways. To demonstrate this we:

- Keep our voices quiet.
- Follow directions from adults and patrols.
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- Keep hallways clean.
- Carry a pass in the hallway.
- Walk in a straight line.
- Take care of our belongings.
- Walk on the right side(second tile from the wall).
- Keep an appropriate distance from the person in front of us.
- Report problems to the teacher.

Library/Media Center

We are respectful, responsible and safe in the library/media center. To demonstrate this we:

- Follow adult directions.
- Use an inside voice when talking is permitted.
- Treat books and equipment carefully.
- Follow procedures for checking out and returning books.
- Stay on task.
- Walk and sit with care.
- Push in our chairs.

Playground/Recess

We are respectful, responsible and safe on the playground and during recess.

To demonstrate this we:

- Follow adult directions.
- Speak and play cooperatively.
- Share the equipment.
- Include others in activities and games.
- Follow playground rules and procedures.
- Take care of the equipment.
- Ask for assistance from the recess teachers.
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- Be careful when moving and playing.
- Use the equipment properly.

Restrooms

We are respectful, responsible and safe in the restrooms. To demonstrate this we:

- Keep our voices quiet.
- Use time appropriately.
- Respect privacy.
- Ask permission to use the bathroom.
- Keep the bathroom clean by putting trash in the trash-can.
- Flush the toilets.
- Wash our hands.
- Turn off the water.

Countywide Violations

The actions listed on the chart below are forbidden. Any student found doing one of the following things on school grounds or at school-sponsored events will be disciplined within the guidelines listed under each offence. These guidelines apply to every school in the county.

Type of Behavior	Minimum Consequence	Maximum Consequence
Bomb threat	Expulsion, police referral	
Distribution of intoxicants	Expulsion, police referral	
Firearms	Expulsion, police referral	
Tobacco use	Suspension	Expulsion
Violent physical attack on a staff member	Expulsion, police referral	
Weapons to cause bodily injury	Expulsion, police referral	
Computer abuse	Loss of computer privileges	Expulsion
Destruction of public property (vandalism)	Suspension, restitution, and/or police referral	Expulsion, police referral, restitution
Extortion	Suspension	Expulsion
Other weapons	Suspension	Expulsion
Physical attack on a student	Suspension	Expulsion
Physical attack on a staff member	Suspension	Expulsion
Possessing portable communication devices without permission from Principal	Conference	Expulsion
Possession or use of intoxicants	Suspension, police referral	Expulsion, police referral
Sexual harassment	Conference	Expulsion
Sexual offences	Suspension	Expulsion, police referral
Verbal abuse and/or threat	Suspension	Expulsion