

Benson Student Conduct Policy

2016-2017

DISCIPLINE PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

All children have equal rights to an education in a safe, nurturing and orderly environment. It is the Principal's role to establish a climate that fosters these rights. Each child will be treated with respect and dignity. Fair and consistent rules have been established at Benson School to maintain a learning environment desired by our community, students and all staff.

WE BELIEVE....

- That every child is entitled to be treated with respect and dignity.
- That every child has the right to learn in a calm and orderly environment.
- That every child has the responsibility to respect others' rights to learn in an atmosphere that is conducive to learning.
- That every child is responsible for his/her own behavior.
- That every child shows responsibility by practicing self-discipline and trying to settle his/her own problems.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF....

- the **school** to promote, develop, and enforce codes of behavior.
- the **teachers** to organize and manage an environment that is conducive to learning and to teach acceptable forms of behavior.
- the **students** to accept and understand the logical consequences of their actions.
- the **parents** to assist in reviewing the rules with their child and promoting support of a safe, nurturing and orderly environment.
- the **school personnel and parents** to recognize and respond appropriately to positive and negative behaviors.

Children will make appropriate choices when they know the standards of acceptable behavior. Children need to know the consequences for choosing whether or not to follow established expectations. Specific school and classroom standards and consequences have been developed and are included in this packet. Each teacher has the right to individualize their plan according to identified student needs and teaching style.

BENSON STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

SCHOOL-WIDE RULES:

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible

Only bring appropriate materials related to school use. (No cell phones, toys, weapons, electronic, or athletic equipment)

PLAYGROUND STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

It is our goal to make our playground a safe and fun place for students to exercise through games and activities. We will work with students in a positive manner while instilling attitudes of respect, responsibility, and appropriate decision-making skills which will support the academic and social foundations of Benson School. Please review the following playground rules with your child. We thank you for working with us in support of your child.

CONDUCT

- Bodily contact on the playground is not permitted at any time.
- Fighting is not allowed. Do not push, trip, shove, or throw objects at a person at any time. Fighting or threatening others will result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion.
- Teasing, name calling, and bullying are not tolerated. Intimidating, threatening and degrading behaviors will result in loss of recess, class time, or suspension.
- All recess games are open to all students.
- When the 2-minute warning bell rings, all games are to stop and students are to "freeze." When the signal is given, students walk to where they line up.
- Students are expected to show respect for all adults as well as other students. They are to follow directions the first time they are given. All staff members maintain the responsibility for the safety and welfare of students on school grounds, and our students have the responsibility to behave in a safe, orderly, and respectful manner.

CONSEQUENCES FOR PLAYGROUND MISBEHAVIOR

- **Fighting** - Student will be sent immediately to the principal's office for further disciplinary action. The student or students will receive a Major Incident Report for fighting.

SAFETY

In any situation, do not engage in activities that will endanger the safety of yourself or others. **THINK** before you act, and ask an adult if you do not know what is allowed. Immediately, report all injuries to the supervisor on duty.

DESIGNATED AREAS

Students are to remain in their designated playground areas before school, after school, and during recess. Students should not be between or behind buildings, or in any unsupervised area. Examples: Backpack areas and lunch cubbies.

When the playground, grass areas, and equipment get wet or muddy, students are required to stay on the blacktop play area.

ROLLER SKATES/ ROLLER BLADES, SKATEBOARDS, HEELIES, SCOOTERS and DOGS

These are prohibited to and from school and on school grounds before, during, and after school hours.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are to be used appropriately at all times. No playing, loitering, wasting water or vandalizing the restrooms.

HALLWAYS AND WALKWAYS

Students are required to use walkways and walk at all times. Under no circumstances are students to climb fences or walls, or walk through parking areas.

EQUIPMENT

Swings, bars, etc. are to be used safely and properly. Do not jump off of the swings.

SNACKS

Healthy snacks are to be eaten at the lunch tables before playing during recess. Please do not send soda as a beverage choice to school. Gum is not allowed at any time on school grounds. Students must throw trash in designated trash containers.

PERSONAL ITEMS

There is no trading, buying, selling, giving away, or exchanging personal items at school. Electronic games, radios, cell phones, CD players, MP3 players, tape recorders, toys, play equipment, cameras, tennis balls, laser pointers, beepers, trading cards, replica guns of any type, air soft guns (toy guns which actually shoot rounds, plastic-colored projectiles), any other dangerous objects, etc. are not to be brought to school by students. The school cannot be responsible for broken or lost items. Any of these items, that may be considered dangerous, will result in suspension if brought to school.

BE KIND...BE SAFE... BE RESPONSIBLE