

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BEHAVIOR POLICY
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Dear Parents and Students,

The Mission of the Irvine Unified School District is to enable all students to become contributing members of society empowered with the skills, knowledge and values necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world, by providing the highest quality educational experiences we can envision. With this in mind, the following standards of student conduct have been adopted.

DEERFIELD SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

Deerfield School agrees to:

- **Teach, reinforce and model our Falcon Five Behavior Attributes: Kind, Safe, Focused, Respectful Responsible.**
- Treat all people with dignity, respect, fairness and honesty.
- Work collaboratively to provide a positive, risk free learning environment for students.
- Engage students in a thinking, meaning-centered curriculum that is challenging and purposeful.
- Foster success through meeting the academic needs of students with regard to individual learning styles and instructional levels.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- **Practice our Falcon Five Behavior Attributes: Kind, Safe, Focused Respectful Responsible.**
- You are expected to attend school and to arrive on time.
- You are expected to allow others to learn.
- You are expected to finish all of your school work on time and to the best of your ability.
- You are expected to take care of our school and all of our school materials and property.
- You are expected to follow Deerfield School Behavior Standards.

STUDENT RIGHTS

A right is something that belongs to you and cannot be taken away by anyone. Your classmates and teachers have the same rights.

- You have a right to be yourself at school and be treated the same as everyone else.
- You have a right to be respected and treated with kindness.
- You have a right to be safe at school.
- If a problem incident occurs, you have the right to tell your side of the story.

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The staff and students at our school actively protect the safety of this campus. We enforce a policy of ZERO TOLERANCE. This means that the following violations will result in immediate SUSPENSION and EXPULSION from Irvine Unified School District:

- ✓ Possession of a firearm (including replicas)
- ✓ Brandishing a knife
- ✓ Sale of controlled substance

In addition the following violations will result in immediate SUSPENSION and a determination of further action which may result in EXPULSION proceedings:

- ✓ Serious physical injury to others
- ✓ Battery to staff
- ✓ Possession of knives, explosives
- ✓ Possession of controlled substance
- ✓ Robbery or extortion

Any student with information regarding violations of the above may call anonymously (949) 724-7200 or “911” in an emergency. (Gang information call 1-800-NO-GANGS.) As an alternative to calling, you may wish to speak to any staff member at your school.

DEERFIELD SCHOOL BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

Practice our Falcon Five Behavior Attributes: Kind, Safe, Focused, Respectful and Responsible

1. Be prompt but do not arrive before 7:50 a.m. – there is no supervision prior to that time.
2. Bring no equipment or toys from home unless teacher permission has been previously granted.
3. Electronic devices should NOT be brought to school. These items might include: Game Boy, DS, iPod, ITouch, iPad, etc.
4. No chewing gum or unauthorized food or drinks are permitted at school.
5. Adhere to the Student Dress Code.
6. Students are to walk, not run on the blacktop and sidewalk areas.
7. At dismissal times – all children are to go directly home/childcare facility or come to the front of the school if they are waiting for a ride home when their school day is over. They are NOT to wait outside the classrooms of siblings or on the blacktop, grass, or play areas. Please advise your child to wait outside of the covered area in front of the Administration Building.
8. Think safety first! If there is a chance someone might get hurt, don't do it!
9. Remain in assigned areas.
10. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
11. Use only kind words and actions toward others.

Playground Rules

1. Follow the directions of the noon/recess supervisors. The whistle means to STOP and listen to staff.
2. Be courteous and play safely – do not walk through games or interrupt children who are involved in playing.
3. Use equipment properly – swings, slide, climbing bars, jump ropes, board games, and P.E. balls. Softballs, baseballs and baseball bats are only used in a supervised P.E. period – not at recess times.
4. No foul/unacceptable language.
5. No pushing or fighting.
6. When the bells sounds – line up promptly.

7. Students will be informed of all specific playground and game rules.

Lunch Area

1. Follow directions of supervisors and staff members.
2. Walk to and from each area.
3. Use good table manners – talk in a normal voice to one another.
4. Raise your hand when something is needed and to be excused.
5. All trash is to be thrown in the trash cans before leaving the lunch area.

Lavatories

1. Restrooms are NOT to be used as a meeting place or play area.
2. Place wastepaper in trash cans and use paper towels/toilet paper appropriately.

Bicycles

1. Bicycles may be ridden to school by students in **grades 3-6 only**.
2. Bicycles must have a lock and each rider is responsible for locking up his/her own bicycle – not with a friend.
3. All bicycle riders are to have helmets or they will not be permitted to ride their bicycle to and from Deerfield. They will be requested to walk their bicycles home that day.
4. Bicycles must be walked into the bicycle enclosure from the street. No riding on the sidewalks or the playground areas around the school.
5. Follow bicycle safety rules, ride only one person on a bicycle at a time, and ride only in the bike lanes while riding on the public streets.
6. It is requested that each parent discuss the bicycle rules below with your rider. Parents assume **FULL** responsibility and liability for the rider's conduct and bicycle.
7. Students are not to loiter in or around the bike rack area at any time.
8. Infraction of these rules may result in loss of permission to have the bicycle on school grounds. The school cannot legally assume any **RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY** in connection with a child's bicycle if it becomes lost, stolen or damaged. We suggest that every bicycle be licensed through the Irvine Police Department.
9. Also, please remember that skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates and razors/scooters are not allowed as a means of transportation to or from school and should not be ridden on campus during any school event.

Student Dress Code

Local schools are granted the authority to establish school-based dress and grooming standards coordinated with District Policy. Deerfield's Student Dress Code follows the guidelines provided by the District Policy, which has been simplified to address the basic issues usually associated with elementary age students.

- Students are not allowed to wear any items to school that may be deemed inappropriate, unsafe, or disruptive to the educational process:
- Pants or shorts must be the proper size, (not too small or too large), fitting securely at the waist above the hipbone. Any article of clothing that does not cover the mid-section or undergarments are not appropriate for school.
- Any clothing that prohibits students from participating in all activities of the educational program, including P.E., should not be worn at school. Examples are: Sandals, platforms, heels, sling-type shoes, wheelies, or jellies are considered unsafe and not allowed. Tennis shoes are the ideal shoe for play and exercise.
- Dangling earrings are dangerous and are not recommended school attire.

- Students should not wear shirts or tops that contain offensive or obscene symbols that promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gangs, tagging, violence, or that degrade any gender, cultural or ethical values. Spaghetti straps and halter tops are not appropriate. Tank top straps must be 1.5 inches in width.
- Excessive make-up or unnatural hair color or extreme hairstyle is not allowed at school.
- Hats may be worn outside for protection from UV Rays but should not be worn indoors.

Staff members monitor our school dress policy. Parents are contacted when students violate our dress policy. Inappropriately dressed students will phone their parents for a change of clothes.

Positive Behavior Recognition

1. Classroom recognition and school wide Falcon Feather cards
2. Monthly Fabulous Falcon Five Awards
3. Bringing Up Grades (BUG) Program trimester awards and pizza party

Possible Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

1. Student is warned of inappropriate behavior.
2. Classroom/Playground intervention (i.e. loss of privileges).
3. Parent contact (i.e. telephone conversation, student report sent home, conference and/or written communication).
4. Conference with Principal.
5. Suspension. (Zero tolerance or serious behavior offences go directly to the principal and may result in suspension as a first consequence.)

Please discuss the above policy at home with your child/children so we may work together to ensure a safe and rewarding educational experience for your child. Thank you for your continued cooperation regarding our school wide behavior policy and practices.

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