

Creating a Safe and Positive Place for Student Learning

Pinewood
Elementary



The following activities are some unacceptable uses of the playground

- Harassment, bullying, or threatening actions or words
- Fighting or hurting others
- Chicken fighting
- Tackle football
- Standing on or jumping from the top of climbing equipment
- Playing tag on the equipment
- Standing on the swings
- Jumping from the swings
- Hanging from or twisting the swing chains
- Pushing the swings toward people
- Going up the slide the wrong direction
- Climbing on the fences or signs along the exercise trails
- Climbing or pulling on trees
- Tampering with bike rack or bikes

Incidents Involving

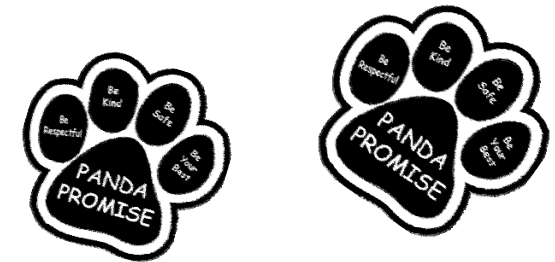
WEAPONS AND THREATENING BEHAVIOR

Protecting the safety and well being of children is important at Pinewood. Please explain to your child that anything used to hurt or threaten another person is not welcome at Pinewood. Students will be suspended and/or expelled from school for possessing or using a weapon (or any object that could be used as a weapon).

Anytime a child behaves in a way that threatens the safety of others, Pinewood staff will intervene, remove the child from contact with others and contact the parents. Additional interventions will be determined based on the situation.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Student conduct must not be disruptive or hazardous to the health and/or safety of self and others, and must not break any laws. In addition, Mounds View Public Schools will maintain a learning environment that is free from religious, racial, or sexual harassment, violence, hazing and other forms of personal attack. Consequences for disruptive, harassing, or hazardous behavior range from a warning to expulsion/exclusion from school.



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I promise to
be respectful
be kind
be safe
and
be my best
in all that I do!

Unacceptable behaviors
on the bus include,
but are not limited to:



- Fighting, verbally harassing, intimidating or engaging in horseplay
- Throwing any object.
- Eating, drinking or using tobacco or drugs.
- Bringing any weapon or dangerous objects on the school bus.
- Damaging the school bus or tampering with safety equipment.
- Bringing animals or insects on the bus

If bus rules are not followed the possible consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- *Verbal warning*
- *Written warnings from the driver*
- *Assigned seating on the bus*
- *Loss of bus privileges*
- *In/out of school suspension*
- *Involvement with law enforcement or other outside forces*

Offenses that a bus driver deems unacceptable and in need of formal intervention will be reported to school.

Copies of formal bus reports will be sent to parents, with a form to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school.

Unacceptable Behaviors

We will not accept these behaviors, because it is important that all members of our school community feel safe and respected.

Students should expect that staff will address any unacceptable behavior(s) during the school day, on the school bus, and at all school sponsored events.

Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to:

Physical violence

Flagrant disrespect for others

Leaving classroom/school grounds without permission

Profanity or Vulgarity in words, actions, clothing

Stealing, Destroying or Vandalizing Property

Endangerment

(Action which results or could result in harm to self or others.)

Insubordination

(Refusal to comply with a direction from a staff member.)

Harassment/Intimidation

Possessing or Using Weapons, Drugs, or Related Items

School responses to unacceptable behaviors may include, but are not limited to:

Loss of classroom or school privileges

Behavior problem-solving plan

Restitution

Behavior Management Interventions

Teacher-supervised detention

Phone/face to face conference with principal, teacher, parent, child

In or out of school suspension

Involvement with law enforcement or other outside agencies as necessary

The Vision at Pinewood:

Pinewood holds high expectations and believes that all learners will achieve academic success and demonstrate respect and responsibility. Lifelong growth will be fostered through shared teamwork among students, families, staff and community.



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AT PINWOOD

Pinwood has adopted a unified set of behavioral expectations for our school day, school buses, special events and before or after school activities - as well as all school sponsored activities taking place at Pinwood and within our community.

These expectations are:

Be Respectful

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Your Best

These expectations will be explained to students at the beginning of the year.

They will also be posted visibly throughout the school to highlight the expectations for each area.

Staff will continue to reinforce and re-teach appropriate behavior throughout the year.

DRESS CODE

To maintain a focus on learning and safety, clothing should:

- Be appropriate for the weather (including winter coat, hat, mittens, boots and snow pants).
- Include tennis shoes for Physical Education.
- Not be distracting or interfere with the learning of any student.
- Not be unsafe, offensive, or support unhealthy messages.
- Not include headwear such as hats, bandanas, hoods, etc., during classroom instruction.

School responses to inappropriate clothing choices may include:

- Request for clothing change
- Removal from class
- Parent notification

PERSONAL ITEMS

To help maintain a focus on learning and growth, **electronic toys, games and trading cards are not allowed** unless they have an approved instructional purpose.

Cell phones are not allowed at school without previous arrangements being made through the main office. If you need to reach your child during the day, you may do so by calling the office. School phones are also available for student use, with permission from staff.

BUS SAFETY INSTRUCTION

- All elementary students will receive bus safety instruction during the first month of school.
- Each child is expected to demonstrate competency in understanding and following the safety procedures.
- Parents are asked to further discuss the expectations and consequences with their children at home.

The district and state have determined that a bus ride to school is a privilege. That privilege may be revoked if a student demonstrates unacceptable behavior.

BUS EXPECTATIONS

While on the bus, student expectations are:

Be Respectful

- Follow bus rules
- Listen to the bus driver and patrols
- Keep bus clean and well cared for

Be Kind

- Find a seat quickly
- Help younger students

Be Safe

- Keep personal space
- Sit and face forward
- Talk quietly

Be Your Best

- Use appropriate language
- Be responsible for your personal belongings

POSITIVE RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS

Positive student or classroom behavior at Pinewood is recognized in many ways. Here are some examples:

- Verbal encouragement
- Panda Pride slips
- Letters to parent/guardians or students
- Positive phone calls by student or teacher
- Special activities for students or classroom
- Display of student work or accomplishments
- Reading to the principal
- Reading to peers
- Lunch with a staff member
- Excellence in the Hallway classroom awards
- Golden Trash Can classroom awards
- Morning announcements
- Non-verbal praise (thumbs-up, etc.)
- Additional rewards from classroom teachers



PLAYGROUND

Students participate in a twenty minute outdoor recess each day except in the case of thunderstorms, or when the temperature falls to 0 degrees or the wind chill falls to -10 degrees.

While on the playground it is the expectation that students will:

Be Respectful

- Take care of playground equipment
- Follow supervisor directions
- Return equipment at the end of recess

Be Kind

- Include all students in play
- Share equipment and follow game rules
- Show good sportsmanship

Be Safe

- Use equipment safely
- Items on the ground should stay on the ground
- Stay in school boundaries
- Find an adult if you see a problem

Be Your Best

- Line up quickly and quietly
- Be a good friend and help others
- Follow hallway expectations when entering

INDOOR RECESS

When weather does not permit outdoor play, recess will be provided by playground supervisors in the classroom.

To facilitate a safe and enjoyable alternative to outdoor play, students will:

- Choose an approved activity
- Respect others and their property—not touching others or their belongings, or disrupting activities
- Use quiet voices
- Clean up and store equipment when directed
- Play safely
- Ask permission before leaving the classroom

LUNCHROOM

To maintain a pleasant lunchroom environment, we expect that students will:

Be Respectful

- Follow directions given by adults
- Take the entrée you ordered
- Follow hallway expectations when waiting in line

Be Kind

- Use good manners
- Use appropriate voice and language

Be Safe

- Wash hands before eating
- Touch only your own food and tray

Be Your Best

- Keep your personal space
- Stack trays
- Close milk carton before throwing away
- Pick up what you spill

HALLWAY

To help all students learn and be safe, it is expected that anytime students are in the hallways they will:

Be Respectful

- Walk directly to where you are going
- Whisper while walking
- Keep your personal space

Be Kind

- Greet others with a silent wave
- Help others

Be Safe

- Stay to the right
- Walk

Be Your Best

- Pick up after yourself and others