Mountain Park School

Code of Conduct

Below is the Mountain Park School Code of Conduct. This set of guidelines has been created in alignment with district policies to help ensure a safe and respectful environment for all. Please read and discuss these guidelines with your children. Thank you for your anticipated support.

While at school or on school property, students should:

- Show respect to each other and all adults in the building.
- Respect school property as well as the property of others.
- Listen the first time directions are given
- Remove hats while in the building
- Not chew gum in school
- Walk quietly in the halls
- Remember that no weapon, toy weapon, or object resembling a weapon is permitted in school

The following rules apply to the specific situations listed:

Morning Drop-Off:

- Students should be dropped off no earlier than 8:10 am. There is no supervision prior to that time.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- Dismissal time is 2:50 daily. Parents are expected to arrive by that time to supervise their children as the school provides no supervision after school. Students should always be aware of their pick-up procedures, and parents should notify the school if the procedure changes for any reason.

Bus

- Obey and respect the driver
- Remain seated and belted at all times.
- Speak in a conversational tone of voice.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to self.

Please remember that all school rules apply to students riding the bus. Repeated inability to follow bus guidelines may result in the suspension and possible revocation of transportation privileges.

***Lunch*:**

- Follow the directions of the lunchroom aides. These aides are the MPS staff members responsible for the safety of all students during lunch and recess.
- Speak in a conversational and respectful tone.
- Respect the property and food of others.
- Help keep the cafeteria clean.
- Sit properly at the lunch table.

Recess:

- Follow the directions of the lunchroom aides.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to self. Rough play and improper physical contact is not permitted.
- Display good sportsmanship.
- Line up quickly when the bell rings at the end of recess.
- Request permission to re-enter the building.

Lunch and recess are times to socialize and interact with classmates in a less structured setting. However, it is necessary for students to remain courteous and respectful and continue to obey all school rules

Consequences:

Consequences are an important part of shaping students' behavior in a meaningful way. A positive approach is used by staff members to reinforce desired behaviors. Positive and negative consequences may be implemented as dictated by the situation.

When corrective action is required, individual needs and circumstances are always taken into account. Consequences may include: phone call, note, or email home, being sent to the principal's office, removal from a desired activity, partial or complete loss of recess, or after school detention. When an infraction is severe (such as defacing school property, using inappropriate language, threatening a peer or staff member, fighting, insubordination) the consequences may also include in-school or out-of-school suspension at the discretion of the principal. The district policy regarding suspension (as well as all other policies) can be found on the district website.

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying:

Mountain Park School follows the district policy regarding suspected incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The policy can be found at the following link: https://www.bhpsnj.org/o/berkeley-heights-ps/page/harrassment-intimidation-and-bullying and more information can be found in this pamphlet