

# HENRY P. MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## EXPECTED BEHAVIORS

### VISION STATEMENT

The vision for Mohr students is to help all students meet or exceed all standards through the collaboration of students, teachers, parents and administrators creating a meaningful learning environment.

### SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

We believe that responsibility is a lifelong skill. It is important for students to assume responsibility for their own behavior and to respect themselves, others and school property. Students are expected to follow rules and conduct themselves so as to benefit themselves and others as they progress toward becoming responsible citizens.

### TRIBES PROGRAM

#### *Teams Responsible In Being Educated Students*

An exciting cooperative learning and social development program is used on a school-wide basis at Mohr. The TRIBES program allows teams of students to demonstrate individual and community responsibility through problem solving, decision-making, and teaching through peer interactions and behavior management. Norms are observed in order to show respect for one another and for our learning environment. The six norms are as follows: *No put-downs, Appreciation, Confidentiality (not gossip), Right to pass, Attentive listening, and Use of "I" messages.*

### BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to display the six Character Traits adopted by the Pleasanton Unified School District:

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| • Respect        | • Honesty         |
| • Responsibility | • Compassion      |
| • Integrity      | • Self-Discipline |

### TRIBES TICKETS

Students displaying the expected character traits by honoring our Tribe agreements may receive a Tribes Ticket. Tickets are turned into the classroom teachers and names are drawn each month. These students enjoy a Pizza Lunch with the Principal.

### FLAG SALUTE/ASSEMBLIES

Appropriate Tribes behavior is expected. Our Tribe agreements extend to all parts of the Mohr community including flag salutes, assemblies and field trips.

### SCHOOL/PLAYGROUND RULES

1. Bikes are to be walked on campus during school hours. Students in grades 3-5 may ride alone to school. Parents or guardians must supervise younger students. All students must wear helmets
2. Students must provide locks for bikes and lock them in the school bike rack
3. Use of skateboards, scooters, roller blades, skates, or any wheeled device (such as Heelies) is not allowed on campus (remove roller blades at edge of campus)
4. Playground balls and jump ropes brought from home must be used according to school rules – i.e., no closed games

5. Toys and other personal belongings may only be brought from home to school by staff request (i.e., sharing day) and may not be brought to the playground
6. Students are not to be in any building without adult supervision
7. Balls are not to be bounced against any building wall or in the courtyard
8. Use of profanity is inappropriate ...respect for others is to be evident at all times
9. Climbing trees, backboards or basketball poles is not permitted
10. Gum is not allowed at school
11. All hats are to be removed upon entering any building on campus
12. Children should not arrive at school before 8:00am (or 9:00 am on Wednesday). Supervision is not available before this time. Students should leave campus promptly upon dismissal
13. Be quiet in designated quiet areas and when passing classrooms

### PLAY EQUIPMENT

#### SLIDES:

- Students must sit face forward with feet in front when going down slides
- Only one person on the slide at a time
- Students may not climb up the slide
- Students may not block others at top or bottom

#### RINGS:

- Students may swing from ring to ring using hands only
- Students may not hang by knees from rings
- Students should progress in one direction only
- Students may not climb or sit in or on top of rings

#### CHIN UP BAR:

- Students may not do cherry drops or flips off bar
- Students must not hang by legs from bar
- Students may not sit on top of bar

### RECESS

Recess is provided for drinks, bathroom and play

### SNACK AREA:

Students must eat snacks in designated area only. Snacks must be healthy and nutritious.

### BELLS/WHISTLES

- Students should end play at the warning bell
- Students should freeze at the sound of the whistle. Following 3 short whistles, they should walk to their designated line-up area in an orderly fashion and wait for the teacher
- Students may not get drinks or visit the bathroom after the final whistles blow

### CAFETERIA/COURTYARD

- Stay seated while eating

- Use “inside” voices
- Display good table manners
- Eat only in assigned areas (courtyard/MPR)
- Clean up your own trash
- Walk to and from lunch areas
- Wait to be excused by a noon supervisor, Principal or Vice Principal
- Do not bring glass containers in lunches
- Remember to recycle cardboard trays, plastic containers and aluminum cans
- Home food will not be heated for students

### **LIBRARY**

- If other than class time, you must have a pass
- Walk to, from, and in the library
- Speak in soft voices
- Replace all materials before leaving (i.e., magazines, chairs, books, etc.)

### **BATHROOMS**

Children are not to play or loiter in bathrooms

### **DRESS CODE:**

- Students must dress appropriately for educational activities in which they will participate so as not to endanger their health, safety, or welfare, or that of others
- Clothing and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia, which are crude, vulgar, profane, obscene, libelous, slanderous, or sexually suggestive
- Clothing or jewelry that advocates racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice, use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol or unlawful acts is not allowed
- Hats, caps, and other head coverings shall not be worn in any building on campus
- Clothes must conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fishnet fabrics, bare midriffs, “spaghetti” straps, tank tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, or immodest dresses, skirts, shorts or sagging pants are not appropriate, as determined by teachers or administrators. Shoes should be closed-toed; no flip-flops are to be worn at school.
- Clothing or novelty hair styles and/or colors which distract from instruction or other school functions will not be permitted

### **ITEMS NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL**

- Radios, tape/CD players, iPod or MP3 players, pagers, electronic games
- Cellular phones and communication devices in use or in view on school grounds
- Baseball bats, hard baseballs, water pistols
- Chewing gum
- Make-up
- Toys, laser pointers, collector cards
- Any items which distract students from learning in the judgment of school staff

### **CONSEQUENCES**

For those students choosing to ignore our behavioral expectations of respect, courtesy and responsibility any of the following may occur.

- Verbal Warning
- Privileges denied
- Time Out / Benching
- Writing assignment
- Infraction Notice
- Parent Conference
- Referral to the Principal

*Action taken is dependent upon severity and/or frequency of infraction.*

### **SUSPENDABLE OFFENSES:**

1. Damage to or theft of school or private property. Parents/guardians are liable for damages
- \*2. Actual or threatened physical injury to another person (e.g., fighting or bullying other students) Both students involved in a fight may be suspended. Students are expected to seek adult assistance if a fight is possible
- \* 3. Possession or sale of weapons
- \* 4. Possession or sale of drugs, alcoholic beverages, or intoxicants
5. Unlawful possession of, or offers to sell, or arrange to sell drug paraphernalia
6. Possession or use of tobacco (this includes smokeless tobacco)
7. Commission of obscene acts or engagement in habitual profanity or vulgarity (e.g., swearing, or pantsing other students)
8. Disruption of school activities
9. Defiance of school authorities
10. Receiving stolen property
- \*11. Robbery or extortion
12. Possession of imitation firearm
13. Sexual harassment to another student

### **\*MAY RESULT IN RECOMMENDED EXPULSION**

*Certificated School Personnel have the right to suspend a student from class for any of the above reasons.*

Violent or unlawful conduct will result in immediate exclusion from school. The California State Laws relating to minors prohibit students from fighting and causing physical harassment while on school grounds, during school, or while going to or coming from school or a school sponsored activity. By law these incidents can result in immediate suspension for up to five school days. **All inquiries and clarifications regarding discipline should be directed to the office.**

**AFTER DISCUSSING THESE POLICIES WITH YOUR STUDENT, PLEASE SIGN ON THE SIGNATURE FORM**