

<p style="text-align: center;">Bridgeville School District - School Rules 2013-2014</p>

Let us all agree:

1. Students are here to learn. We believe appropriate student conduct is essential to assure a positive, productive learning environment for everyone. All students at Bridgeville School have the right to learn, as all teachers have the obligation and right to teach, and no person will be allowed to interfere with that exchange.
2. Students and staff have the right to respect and common decency. We expect all students and staff to be respectful and courteous to each other.
3. Finally, we must insure that all students and staff are safe from physical and emotional injury at school, while going to and from school, and at school events.
4. Bridgeville Elementary School does not discriminate on any basis regarding students, parents, or staff.

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Therefore, these are the rules. They apply from the moment your child is entrusted to us until he or she is again in your care; this includes field trips and other events that take place off campus. Appropriate behavior is expected everywhere and at all times: the playground, the lunchroom, the classroom, the school bus, and school bus stops.

Infractions of rules 1 to 10 may result in immediate suspension.

1. Students will use school equipment safely.
2. Students will not damage or destroy school property. (Parents and guardians are liable for willful damage to or loss of school property by their child.)
3. Students will not use their hands, feet, or any objects in a way that might result in injury.
4. Students will not use profane, obscene, abusive, offensive, or inappropriate language or gestures.
5. Students will not willfully defy the authority of the staff.
6. Students will remain on campus unless specific permission to leave has been given by a supervising adult.
7. Students will dress in accordance with the school dress code. (Dress Code is in Campus Rules)
8. Students will not litter.
9. Students will not have gum or unshelled sunflower seeds on school grounds.
10. Students will not fight, hit, kick, or otherwise physically abuse others.

Infraction of rules 11-15 shall result in immediate suspension.

11. Guns, knives, explosives, and other types of weapons or look-alikes (including toy weapons), or items that can cause property damage or bodily injury may never be brought to school. This is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
12. Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or look-alikes are not allowed on school grounds. This is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
13. Gambling is not permitted. This is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
14. Hazing or any form of harassment, initiation rites, and the formation of secret clubs are criminal offenses and will be prosecuted according to the law.
15. Theft of private or school property is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
16. Offering, arranging, or negotiating to sell a controlled substance or furnishing same, including alcohol. This is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
17. Extortion is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
18. Knowingly receiving stolen property is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
19. Being under the influence of a controlled substance is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
20. Using or possessing tobacco products is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
21. Stealing or attempting to steal school or private property is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted according to the law.
22. Habitual vulgarity, profanity, or obscene acts.
23. Repeated disruption of school activities in and out of the classroom including willful defiance of the valid authority of staff members engaged in the performance of their duties.

Expulsion

The District has an expulsion policy similar to other districts in the County. This policy recommends Board consideration of expulsion of a student who threatens, attempts or causes physical injury to another person; has possession of real or imitation weapons; has possession of, sells, or is under the influence of an unlawful controlled substance or tobacco; commits or attempts to commit robbery or extortion; causes or attempts to cause damage to school property; engages in an obscene act or habitual profanity; defies school officials; or engages in sexual harassment, harassment, or hate violence. A copy of this policy is in the school office.

DISCIPLINE COVERAGE: School rules and procedures are in effect as follows:

- (a) while on school grounds
- (b) while going to or coming from school
- (c) on the buses, or at the bus stops
- (d) during or while going to and from a school-sponsored activity, including all field trips.

Campus Rules

1. Motorized vehicles, bicycles, skates, skateboards, and animals are not permitted on the school grounds unless authorized by a teacher for a specific purpose.
2. Students may not use personal electronic devices such as i-pods, mp3 players, cellular phones, gaming devices, or radios at school unless requested to do so by the teacher. Electronic devices with headphones may be used on the bus to and from school or field trips.
3. Cell phone use at school is prohibited. During the school day cell phones should be turned off and stores in the student's backpack or locker. Cell phones that ring or are visible throughout the school day will be confiscated. (Students who need to make a call home during the school day may use the phone in the school office with permission.)
4. Dress Code: Shoes and clothing: Students shall come to school and attend all school functions dressed appropriately and neatly. The administration reserves the right to decide if clothing detracts from the education environment. Students will not wear clothing with inappropriate messages or images relating to drugs, tobacco, alcohol or sex: racial, ethnic or religious prejudice; gang affiliation or representation. Shoes or sandals are to be worn at all times. Students must have shoes appropriate for physical education with them at school each day. Shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh. Halter and tank tops, which expose cleavage or bare midriffs, are not allowed. Shirts, blouses or tops must be of sufficient length to meet the top of the pants, skirts or shorts when the student's arms are by their sides. See-through or fishnet clothing is only permissible over clothing that meets the previously described criteria.
5. Dress code: Hats, Hoods, and Sunglasses: Hoods, hats, and sunglasses are not permitted in the classrooms or cafeteria. Students may wear hoods, hats, or sunglasses when outside if they do not obscure their face in a disrespectful manner when communicating with staff members and students.
6. Personal items brought to school are the responsibility of the student, not the school.
7. Students are to walk in the classrooms, on the sidewalks, on the ramps and within the yellow lined areas.
8. Students are not allowed in the bus garage without adult supervision.
9. Students are not allowed to use the copier without adult supervision.
10. Students must have the Head Start staff's permission to be in the Head Start building.
11. Students must have permission from a teacher to use the phone.
12. The primary bathrooms are for primary students only.
13. Please arrange timely transportation for your child. The school is not responsible for supervising students before and after school hours unless they are enrolled in after-school activities or special arrangements have been made through the office. Students are not allowed on school grounds before 8:15 a.m. and after 3:15 p.m. on regular school days unless supervised by a parent or special arrangements have been made through the office. Students participating in the after school program must have prior permission from their parent or guardian. If the gates are locked, no one is allowed on school grounds; this is trespassing and is unlawful.

14. Students attending dances or performances must remain in the gym during the event. Students leaving school grounds will not be allowed to return to the dance or performance. Students may not attend these activities if they were absent from school or were on suspension the day of the activity. Students may only attend evening events (except dances) if accompanied by an adult. If students are not picked up in a timely fashion after an event, the sheriff's office will be called to escort them home.

Playground Rules

1. One student is allowed on a swing at a time. Children are to swing straight ahead, not side to side, and are to exit the swings safely, no "bailing". Pushing may not involve grabbing or holding of others. No "under doggies." No hanging from the swing superstructure. Students who are not swinging are to remain away from the apparatus.
2. Students are to slide down the slide feet first.
3. Students using the firefighter's pole are to wait until others are out of the way before sliding down.
4. Students are not to jump from the top of any play apparatus.
5. No running below the yellow line including the stairways and hallways.
6. Hanging from the basketball nets and rims is prohibited.
7. Students are to stay off the field when it is wet.
8. Students are not to play "King of the Tire".
9. The plastic play equipment in the primary playground is for preschool, kindergarten, first grade and second grade students only.
10. Intermediate students are not allowed in the primary playground at any time, and primary students are not allowed on the big swings during shared recesses.
11. During shared recess the full court closest to the field is open to grades 4-8 on a first comes first serve basis. The middle court is open to all grades on a first come first serve basis. No one may hold a "spot" open for another student. Teams should have equal numbers of students when possible. Students may join the team with the fewest students while the game is in progress. Maximum 10 players are on a court, 5 on each team.
12. Students are not to play tag on the equipment.
13. When a motorized vehicle enters the playground the students on the primary playground are to remain there with the gate closed. All students on the blacktop portion of the playground are to proceed to the grassy area beyond the chain-link fence, and remain there until the vehicle is no longer on school grounds or follow the directions of the adult on duty.
14. The area behind the Sea-train storage is out of bounds.
15. Staff may discontinue sports allowed during recess and lunch when safety issues arise or sportsmanship problems occur.

Gym Rules

1. On rainy mornings students are to report to the gym. Students are only to enter the gym when a supervisor, other than the cook, is present. Otherwise they are to wait in the sheltered area by the drinking fountain.
2. Students are not to use the back door of the gym unless instructed to do so by a teacher.
3. During rainy day recesses, and/or before school, basketball is allowed half court on the "scoreboard end" of the gym if approved by the supervisor.

Lunchroom Rules

1. After being served, students are to sit at their assigned tables until the lunchroom monitor excuses them.
2. Students are encouraged to taste all the different foods on their plate.
3. Students are expected to eat everything on their plate if they want seconds, unless they have a note specifying food allergies.
4. Good table manners are expected of all students.
5. Students are responsible for cleaning their places and throwing away their garbage and papers.

Bus Rules

While Riding the Bus:

1. Students are to sit in their seats facing the front.
2. Students are to keep their legs, feet, and personal possessions out of the aisles.
3. Students are not to create distracting noise.
4. Students are to behave in a safe and orderly manner at bus stops.
5. Students may not use the bus to transport live animals, reptiles, or insects.
6. Students are not allowed to eat or drink on the bus.
7. Students are to remain silent at all railroad crossings.
8. Students are to keep hands, legs, feet, heads, and any objects inside the bus at all times.
9. The school bus driver is completely in charge of the bus and all students riding on it and may exclude students who misbehave from riding on the bus and may assign work details to students who create messes on the bus.

School Bus Loading and Unloading Zones:

1. Students are to line up when the bus approaches.
2. Students are to wait in line in an orderly fashion.
3. Students may not move toward the bus until the school bus door is opened.
4. Students are to leave the danger zone around the bus upon exiting the bus and either go directly to their classrooms or directly home.
5. Students are never to go under the bus for anything. They are to ask the bus driver to help them.
6. Students must get off the bus at their designated stops unless parents have made other arrangements in writing or on the phone. (Example: to go to a friend's house, or to be picked up at a bus stop by a friend's parent.)

Red Light Crossover Bus Stops:

The Bridgeville School Board has kept "red light crossings" to a minimum. These are stops at which the bus driver escorts students across the road. Students may not get off the bus at an earlier stop and cross the street to their home, or cross the street to a different bus stop.

1. Students are to arrive at the bus stop early.
2. Students are to cross the street only when told to do so by the bus driver.
3. Students must walk between the school bus and the bus driver when crossing the street.
4. Students are to go straight toward the bus when loading, enter and go directly to their seats. When leaving the bus, students must go directly home and not play near the street.
5. Students should always follow the directions of the bus driver.

Walking to School or to Bus Stops:

1. Students are to use sidewalks where possible.
2. Students are to look both ways before crossing a street.
3. Students are to cross only at crosswalks.
4. Students are to obey all traffic signs and signals.
5. Students are to walk facing oncoming traffic and be alert if they must walk on a roadway without sidewalks.
6. It is safer for students to travel in a group than by themselves.

