Character Revolution

Character Education is teaching basic human values. Our goal is to become morally responsible, self-disciplined citizens. Following the “Golden Rule” is expected and will be stressed everyday because...... it’s the Waunakee Way!

Bottom Lines

Greeting...we choose to:
- Use eye contact.
- Respond to a greeting positively.
- NOT exclude anyone.

Lunchroom...we choose to:
- NOT exclude anyone.
- Use our manners.
- Respect each other’s personal space.
- Clean up after ourselves.
- Walk and stay in our place in line.
- Use appropriate indoor voice level.

Recess...we choose to:
- NOT exclude anyone.
- Be safe!
- Use the equipment correctly.
- Respect each other’s personal space.
- Express ourselves in a non-violent manner.
- Come in at appropriate time.
- Stay within appropriate area.

Bus Line...we choose to:
- Walk & stay in our place in line.
- Respect each other’s personal space.
- Use our manners.
- Be safe!

Assembly...we choose to:
- Walk & stay in our place in line.
- Respect each other’s personal space.
- Actively listen.

In the hallway...we choose to:
- Have a quiet passing time.
- Respect each other’s personal space.
- Walk & stay in our place in line.
- Use the designated routes.
- (ex. Doorways & stairways)
- Respect school property.
- (ex. Displays & artwork)

Greeting...we choose to:
ACADEMIC HONESTY: It is expected that all work submitted represents the original effort of each student. Any form of dishonesty will result in disciplinary action.

APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE is expected of each student. Use of inappropriate language will result in loss of privileges.

ARRIVAL: You may enter school only through the doors by the dining room after 7:45 a.m. You should not arrive before this time please. Go directly to the playground unless weather is bad. You may only be in the hallways with a pass. Before school, go to the office if you need to see a teacher, or if you need to go to the LMTC sign up on the clipboard in the library.

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK: You will be responsible to list your assignments in your assignment notebook each day.

BICYCLE RULES: Watch out for cars. Make sure you stop at all stop signs, and walk your bike across the crosswalks and on the sidewalks in front of school. We strongly recommend that you wear a helmet and LOCK your bike once you arrive at school.

BULLY PREVENTION: We have a pro-active program to prevent bullying from happening. Activities and events include: school wide presentations, student organized activities, guidance lessons and more. We also have a bully reporting system developed by our students. When bullying is reported, the school counselor or principal will follow-up on each written report. Often times a student doesn’t realize that his/her behavior was bullying. Repeated bullying is harassment and will result in disciplinary action.

DETENTION: Detention is held M, T, Th after school from 3:30-4:00. Students are issued detentions for the following reasons: fighting, teasing, chronic or serious behavior problems, cruelty to others, injury to others, repeated breaking of rules, etc. When a detention slip is given to you, it is the student’s responsibility to notify the parents. You will always have 24 hour to notify your parents and arrange for transportation. Students report to the detention room and complete a behavioral report. After finishing the report you will do homework. A note will be sent home to explain the problem.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY: You should dress appropriately for a working and learning environment. Any type of attire that is obscene, attracts undue attention to the wearer and causes a disturbance or safety concern for the wearer, or others, is not acceptable. You are expected to wear pants which fit appropriately, insure that no underclothing is showing, and that there is not a risk the pants will fall down. Shirts must cover all underclothing (tank top straps should be at least “three fingers wide,” stomachs should not be showing and halter tops are not allowed). Clothing with advertisements for controlled substances (drugs including tobacco and alcohol), sexually explicit, gang related, or vulgar decorations, are not compatible with the school environment and are not allowed. If you wear something inappropriate, you will be asked to change.

Also, remember that we go out for recess unless the temperature is below zero, or the wind chill is -10°. Please dress appropriately.

ELECTRONIC/ELECTRICAL DEVICES: Students are prohibited from using electrical devices or equipment of any kind during school hours, i.e. pagers, cell phones, IPods, etc. If you bring these devices to school, they need to stay in your desk or pocket. If a DEVICE IS SEEN, IT WILL BE TAKEN TO THE OFFICE.
GUM CHEWING: Chewing gum is not allowed except for special occasions.

HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/BULLYING: We are committed to a safe educational environment for all students, free from harassment, intimidation and bullying.

Harassment, intimidation or bullying can take many forms including: slurs, rumors, exclusion, jokes, innuendo’s, put downs, drawing of cartoons, pranks, gestures, physical attacks, threats, etc. Harassment can take place online as well as at school. Parent contact, corrective discipline, and/or referral to law enforcement will be used to change the behavior. Retaliation for harassment, intimidation or bullying also constitutes violation of this policy.

Students who feel they have been sexually harassed should speak to an adult immediately.

HATS: You are not allowed to wear hats in school except on special days, or if you have a special circumstance. Please remove your hat when you enter the building. When wearing hats outside they must be worn forward.

HOMEWORK: You are responsible for getting homework done. For work not completed you have the following choices:
- Before & after school help in the LMTC
- Help Room during noon recess
- After school homework club

If you cannot finish it with these choices, we will make the choice for you.

BOOKS: You may check out four books for a three week period. Students may renew their books for another three weeks if necessary.

LOCKERS: A student locker is provided to you by the school for your convenience. However, you must remember that the locker is school property and may be opened and inspected at any time. The school cannot assume responsibility for money or valuables lost or stolen when left in lockers. Please leave valuables at home.

LOST AND FOUND: All lost items are located in the dining room.

MEDICATION: If you are taking medication at school, your parents and doctor must sign a form. You may not keep medication with you. Please bring it to the office.

HELP ROOM: You will be assigned to the help room during lunch recess for late or missing homework, work that needs to be redone, or incomplete work. You should go to the front of the lunch line with your slip in order to eat first. You have ten minutes to eat and then report to the LMTC. You must bring all necessary materials with you to the help room. Help room is meant to be a quiet study area. Parents will be notified with the reason for the help room slip.

PASSES: You need to have a yellow pass if you are in the halls at any time except during passing times.

TAKE HOME FOLDERS: Every Thursday you will take your work home to your parents.

WEAPONS or FACSIMILES: We have a “no tolerance policy” for weapons. Guns, knives, look alike items, or any other dangerous weapons are not allowed on school grounds or in school. These items are not conducive to a safe, orderly environment. These items, plus anything else which could cause problems are not allowed. School Board policy states specific consequences for such action.

ASSIGNMENTS: Most assignments turned in to a teacher must be done in cursive or with word processing.
NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Waunakee Community School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, religion, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its educational programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or handicap. The Wisconsin Fair Employment Law also prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of creed, marital status, ancestry, arrest record or conviction record, or sexual orientation.

Anyone with a complaint should contact the District Compliance Office. Phone number is (608) 849-2000.

STUDENT ACTIONS

Words can be poison. We believe in a nourishing environment. We have chosen an atmosphere free of the flagrant five.

We ask students not to:
1. Swear or use other offensive words
2. Complain, whine, moan or groan
3. Use put-downs, mean-spirited and hurtful words
4. Use rude and inconsiderate language
5. Gossip (especially the vicious kind)

Instead we use words that:
1. Give encouragement
2. Express thanks
3. Give compliments
4. Praise
5. Express care and much more.