

# The Harrison Central School District

## Code of Conduct



### *How Students Are Expected to Behave in School*

The Harrison Central School District has developed a District-wide, comprehensive Code of Conduct that is detailed in a twenty-eight-page document. It is available for review in each school's main office.

This version of the Code of Conduct is abbreviated, and written as an elementary school student-friendly description of the District's expectations for school behavior.

### Students Have Rights

Every day that you come to school, you have the right to learn in a safe, caring environment. This means that no one has the right to disturb the class and make it hard to learn. This means that no one has the right to bully you or to be mean to you.

This also means that people can't make fun of you because of your race, the color of your skin, your family's heritage, your religion, the way that you learn, whether you are a boy or a girl, or the way that you look.

### Students Have Responsibilities

You are responsible for helping to keep school a safe and caring place. This means that you are nice to everyone and you are respectful to everyone. You treat other people the way you want them to treat you.

You are also responsible to come to school each day ready to learn, which means you come on time, do your best, pay attention to your teachers and ask good questions.

You are also responsible to admit when you make a mistake, and to find a way to fix the mistake.

### Students Have To Dress Properly for School

You are expected to come to school looking clean and wearing proper clothing.

This means that you cannot wear clothing that is too brief, like shorts or shirts that don't cover your body. You cannot wear clothing that shows your underwear. You cannot wear clothing that has inappropriate words or messages written on them. You must have safe footwear on your feet. You may only wear a hat when you are outside.

If you are a participant in a concert, you must dress appropriately: white shirt or blouse, black pants or black knee-length skirt, black footwear.

### Students May Not Bring Weapons to School

A safe school is not a place for weapons. Weapons are dangerous and could hurt someone. These are examples of weapons that are not allowed in school: guns, rifles, pistols, knives.

Students who make the mistake of bringing a weapon to school may be suspended for up to a year.

Students may not bring toys to school that look like real weapons. If a student brings a toy to school that looks like a real weapon, the toy will only be returned to the student's parent.

### Students Must Settle Problems Using Words

There are times when students disagree with one another. This could happen over taking turns in a game, or over who was first on the lunch line. Disagreements need to be solved using words that are polite and caring. Fighting, either with words or by using any part of the body, is not allowed.

### Students Must Use Electronic Devices Responsibly

If you bring a cell phone to school, you may only use it outside of the school day. You may not text or instant message during school time. Electronic games may be used with permission before or after school and during recess. Electronic devices may not be used for picture taking. If a student does not use a device responsibly, he or she will not be permitted to bring it to school.

### What Happens When Students Forget to Behave Responsibly

When a student doesn't behave responsibly, here are some things that may happen:

- The student may have to explain his or her plan to fix what happened, and what he or she will do to make sure it doesn't happen again.
- The student may receive a warning, either orally or in writing.
- The student may lose recess.
- The student may have to take a time out.
- The student may have to see the principal.
- The student's parents may have to be told about the behavior.
- The student may be suspended from school.