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Code of Conduct (Pre-Kindergarten-Kindergarten)

The Early Childhood Center is committed to the ideal of academic excellence. This ideal can be attained only in a safe and orderly environment that allows teachers to teach and students to learn. Good behavior and academic achievement are closely related. Hence, we expect all students to behave in that will reflect favorably on themselves, their school, and their community. Respect for the right of all students to receive a quality education requires faithful hearings to school rules and regulations. Fortunately, Palisades Park students have traditionally displayed the finest traits of school citizenship. It is our hope that this document will enable all students to continue along the path of success.

The rules and regulations listed below comprise the school's Code of Conduct:

1. Students should practice good school and classroom attendance and report to both on time.

Students may enter the school building at 8:10 AM and must be in their homerooms by 8:20 AM. Students who are repeatedly absent and/or tardy will be referred to the principal. A parent conference will be requested for the student who is absent and/or tardy on a frequent basis.

2. Students should dress appropriately. No hats or flip-flops are to be worn in the building. Students may not bring water guns, toys, radios, ipods, cell phones, skateboards, game boards, dice, playing and collectible cards, electronic games, fidget spinners, or other disruptive items to school. DO not bring valuables and large sums of money to school. Lunch money should be secured by the individual student and not left in the student's desk, backpack, or classroom at any time.
3. Disrespect or defiant behavior towards a staff member is not tolerated. Students are expected to follow all reasonable requests and directions given to them by staff member.
4. An adult will accompany students when leaving the classroom for any reason.
5. Fighting and bullying are not permitted and may lead to penalties.
6. Students should respect their school and take pride in it. Vandalism and graffiti in the building or on school grounds can lead to serious penalties. To maintain a clean environment, food and beverages may not be taken out of the cafeteria. Food and beverages bought in the cafeteria should not be brought into the hallways, and classrooms.
7. Obscene language is unacceptable in a school setting.
8. Possession of controlled substances, and weapons, of any kind, are strictly forbidden on school grounds.
9. Students may only leave their table when given permission by lunchroom supervisor personnel. Ball playing is strictly prohibited in the cafeteria during the lunch period. Students are required to clean up their areas of all food and debris

that is on the table and floor. When the bell rings ending the period, students should immediately stop all activities and prepare to line up to return to their homeroom class. Failure to comply with lunchroom rules and procedures will result in lunch detention and exclusion from lunch program activities.

10. The selling or trading of collectible cards and other objects is prohibited. Students may not sell candy or other items for profit or reason otherwise in the school building.
11. Good sportsmanship should be exhibited at all athletic and competitive events. This includes physical education activities, field day events, and activities that take place during the lunch period. Good conduct and manners must be exhibited on all field trips and student visitations. Students must demonstrate good behavior and the proper decorum at all assemblies, concerts, and after school programs that are conducted in the school building.
12. Cheating of any kind is a forbidden behavior. Students are responsible for their own work at all times.
13. Threats to others through verbiage, gestures or notes will not be tolerated.

We believe that Palisades Park students are the best. We continue this tradition by applying **the Code of Conduct** daily along with a good attitude and school pride.

Levels of Disciplinary Action Based on the Number of Offenses

1. After school or before school conferences between teacher and parent.
 2. Teacher consequences. Teacher-student conference and parent notification.
 3. Parent-Teacher-Administrator conference to resolve situations. The principal makes recommendations.
 4. Referral to principal for disciplinary action, which may include office detention, lunch detention, suspension, and/or follow-up parent conferences.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Homeroom: _____ Teacher Name: _____

As parent/guardian, I have read the **Code of Conduct** approved by the Palisades Park Board of Education and have explained these to my child. _____

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

This document will be filed and maintained in the student 's record folder on file in the office.