

At Benson Public Schools, we believe that who we are matters just as much as what we achieve. Our actions shape the kind of school community we create together and the kind of people we become beyond it. The BRAVES expectations are more than rules to follow. They're the shared values that guide how we learn, work, and treat one another every day:

BE RESPONSIBLE • RESPECT • ACHIEVE • VALUE • EXCEL • SAFETY

Living the BRAVES way means showing up prepared, supporting others, and holding ourselves to a high standard of character. It means using our time well, choosing kindness even when it's hard, and taking pride in our work and our environment. When each of us brings these values to life, we create a positive, respectful atmosphere where everyone can succeed.

IN THE CLASSROOM

BE RESPONSIBLE	RESPECT	ACHIEVE	VALUE	EXCEL	SAFETY
• Bring all needed materials (pencil, device, homework) • Follow directions quickly and stay on task • Complete and turn in work on time • Keep your workspace clean and organized	• Listen attentively when others are speaking, and do not interrupt • Wait your turn to share ideas or ask questions • Treat your classmates and teacher with kindness and respect • Keep your workspace organized and avoid distracting others	• Complete all assignments on time with focus and quality effort • Stay organized with your materials and planner • Set goals for improvement and ask questions when needed to deepen understanding	• Value your learning and others' learning by being on task and participating • Treat classroom resources (e.g., books, computers) with care and respect • Show appreciation for your teacher's efforts by being prepared and following instructions	• Set personal goals for each lesson or assignment and work toward them • Always do your best on assignments, even if they are challenging • Take responsibility for your learning (ask questions, review materials, seek help when needed)	• Stay quiet and follow the teacher's instructions quickly and calmly • Keep chairs and feet out of walkways • Walk, don't run • Use classroom tools and supplies correctly and safely • Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself

IN THE HALLWAY

BE RESPONSIBLE	RESPECT	ACHIEVE	VALUE	EXCEL	SAFETY
- Walk directly to your destination without stopping or distracting others - Stay on the right side and keep hands and feet to yourself - Use SMART Pass always - Pick up after yourself (e.g., no litter)	- Walk quietly without disrupting others - Keep hands and feet to yourself - Use polite language when interacting with others - Wait patiently for your turn in line or at lockers	- Walk with purpose, knowing where you're headed - Use your time efficiently (arrive on time) - Be prepared and organized to meet the next class's expectations	- Value others' space by walking calmly and not blocking the path - Respect people's time by moving efficiently between classes - Show kindness and politeness when interacting with peers and staff	- Walk with purpose and confidence, maintaining a positive attitude - Use time wisely to be on time for class - Encourage others by greeting them politely	- Walk on the right side of the hallway, facing forward - Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself - Stay calm and listen for instructions during drills or real emergencies

IN THE RESTROOM

BE RESPONSIBLE	RESPECT	ACHIEVE	VALUE	EXCEL	SAFETY
- Use time wisely—go, flush, wash, and return promptly - Throw away paper towels in the trash can - Report any problems to an adult - Respect others' privacy and space	- Respect privacy of others in the restroom - Use quiet voices and respect space - Wait your turn for the sink or stall - Keep restroom clean and avoid unnecessary mess	- Use restroom time wisely—quickly and efficiently - Return to class promptly and be ready to continue learning - Respect the class schedule so you don't miss important lessons	- Value others' space by walking calmly and not blocking the path - Respect people's time by moving efficiently between classes - Show kindness and politeness when interacting with peers and staff	- Use your time effectively and return promptly - Be efficient with your actions (e.g., wash your hands, flush) - Help keep the restroom clean and organized	- Enter and exit the restroom calmly and quietly - Report any spills, hazards, or issues to an adult - Keep bathroom doors closed and locked for privacy

AT ASSEMBLIES AND ATHLETIC EVENTS

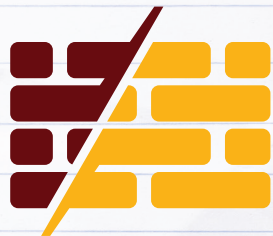
BE RESPONSIBLE	RESPECT	ACHIEVE	VALUE	EXCEL	SAFETY
- Sit in your assigned area quietly and promptly - Listen and participate appropriately - Stay with your class/group - Follow adult directions the first time	- Listen attentively to the speaker or presenter - Applaud appropriately, without shouting or whistling - Respect the personal space of those around you	- Stay focused on the event or speaker without distractions - Be ready to contribute to class discussions after the assembly	- Value the speaker's time by staying quiet and paying attention - Applaud and show appreciation in an appropriate manner - Participate actively by listening and being present	- Stay focused on the event and engage fully in what's happening - Use body language that shows attentiveness (e.g., eyes on the speaker)	- Sit properly and stay seated during the event - Listen to and follow the directions of staff for entering, sitting, and exiting - Respect others' personal space to avoid bumping or crowding

IN THE CAFETERIA

BE RESPONSIBLE	RESPECT	ACHIEVE	VALUE	EXCEL	SAFETY
- Get everything you need the first time through the line - Clean up your area, including under your seat - Use time wisely and exit when finished	- Wait your turn in line without pushing or rushing - Use polite manners when speaking to others (please, thank you) - Keep your voice at an appropriate volume - Clean up after yourself, including your seat area and tray	- Use lunch time to recharge so you're ready for the afternoon - Organize your tray, clean up after yourself, and stay on schedule to get back to class on time	- Value others' time and space by cleaning up after yourself and leaving the area tidy - Use appropriate table manners and be respectful when eating - Show gratitude to the cafeteria staff or their work	- Use kind words and actions. No teasing or excluding. - Use polite language. Say "please" and "thank you."	- Wait in line patiently without pushing or shoving - Handle utensils and food properly to avoid accidents - Walk while carrying your tray to avoid spills or accidents

IN THE LIBRARY

BE RESPONSIBLE	RESPECT	ACHIEVE	VALUE	EXCEL	SAFETY
- Return books on time and in good condition - Use equipment and furniture properly - Use a quiet voice - Follow check-out procedures	- Be mindful of others who are reading or studying - Handle books and materials gently and with care - Respect others' space by not crowding or disturbing them - Follow library rules for using computers or equipment	- Use time to find resources that help you with your schoolwork - Respect library rules and stay on task during quiet study time - Borrow books and return them on time for others to use	- Value the resources by treating books and materials with care - Respect quiet study time by keeping your voice low and staying on task - Follow borrowing rules and return items on time so others can use them	- Actively seek out resources that support your learning - Return materials on time to benefit others - Use library time for focused, productive work	- Walk quietly to avoid disturbing others - Handle books and library materials carefully - Follow library staff instructions for using computers and equipment safely



BUILDING WHAT'S NEXT

As we look ahead to the future of Benson Public Schools, the Building What's Next campaign reminds us that creating a stronger school starts with the choices we make each day. The BRAVES expectations are one way we put that vision into action by committing to behaviors that reflect responsibility, respect, and care for our community.

Our BRAVES Behavior Matrix makes these expectations clear and consistent, helping us hold one another accountable while supporting each student's growth. It's not just about following rules; it's about building habits and mindsets that prepare us to lead, contribute, and thrive long after we leave these halls.



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