

# School-Wide Behavior Expectations

## Introduction-Philosophy

At Solana Highlands Elementary, we strive to maintain a positive environment where students and staff enjoy school and treat each other with mutual respect. All teachers follow the school-wide behavior plan in their classrooms because we believe: \*All students have the right to learn. \*All teachers have the right to teach. We believe that all students have the potential for making good choices and behaving in a positive manner. To this end we have developed the following behavior expectations and discipline plan. To help accomplish this, we use the Six Pillars of Character from the Character Counts© program: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship.

## I. GENERAL SCHOOL RULES: Be Respectful, Make Good Decisions, Be Problem Solvers.

### Trustworthy

- I will be honest, truthful, and sincere.
- I will be reliable so others can count on me.
- I will have the courage to do the right thing.
- I will build a good reputation.

### Respect

- I will respect myself and be proud of my accomplishments.
- I will be respectful of everyone at Solana Highlands and of their property.
- I will use polite and courteous greetings and follow the golden rule.
- I will deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.

### Responsibility

- I will do what is expected of me.
- I will strive to do my best in whatever I do, persevere, and keep on trying!
- I will have good classroom behavior and follow the rules of the school and my classroom.
- I will be responsible for my actions, use self-control, and be self-disciplined.

### Fairness

- I will listen to other's point of view.
- I will play by the rules.
- I will take turns and share.
- I will not take advantage of others or blame others carelessly.

### Caring

- I will use kind words and help others in need.
- I will be courteous and considerate of others at all times.

- I will be compassionate towards others.
- I will do good deed without expecting a reward.
- I will forgive others.

### **Citizenship**

- I will do my share to make Solana Highlands and my community better.
- I will cooperate with others.
- I will obey all of our school rules.
- I will respect authority.

## **II. ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE**

1. Students can arrive at 8:10 AM in the morning when supervision begins.
2. Upon arrival, students should go to the back playground and not loiter inside the school unless accompanied by a parent or staff member.
3. Students must exit the building after school by going outside and not walking through the school hallways.
4. For Specific Drop-Off/Pick-up procedures, please see [Traffic Circulation Plan](#).

## **III. ASSEMBLY RULES**

1. Always enter and leave assemblies quietly.
2. Be orderly and follow the directions of your teacher.
3. Quietly sit or stand with your class in the assigned area.
4. Always be courteous. Applause is the only appropriate response. It is inappropriate to “boo”, whistle, blurt out, “hoot”, etc.

## **IV. OUTSIDE RULES**

1. Supervision begins at 8:10 AM. Please do not arrive before this time.
2. Follow adult directions the first time.
3. Remain on the playground unless you have a written pass from a teacher.
4. When the bell rings - ALL play STOPS. Be sure to not shoot basketballs (or continue playing any sport) after the bell. Walk quietly to your line.
5. Recess is a privilege which is earned through making appropriate choices.
6. No physical contact of any kind. This includes pushing, kicking, hitting, biting, or play fighting. Absolutely NO FIGHTING - you will be sent to the principal’s office and your parents will be called. At Solana Highlands we know how to solve our disagreements in a positive, peaceful, and respectful manner.
7. Snack and lunch are to be taken and eaten at the lunch tables only - not the playground. Always clean up after yourself. Keep our school looking clean!
8. No gum.
9. No playing or loitering in the restrooms.
10. Play in designated areas only (not past lines, not on the hillsides, not past the fences, not inside the red line located near the building).
11. Do not bring equipment from home.

12. Be a good sport. Everyone is welcome when playing games - No closed games.
13. Always use appropriate language. Name-calling, put-downs, threats and/or slurs of any kind are not tolerated and are not a part of the Solana Highlands' culture.
14. Play games that are safe (at adult's discretion):
  - a. Flag or touch football only.
  - b. Physical contact sports are not to be played.
  - c. Tag will be played on the grass.

## **V. LUNCH RULES**

1. Eat first before playing. Wait for the bell or aides to blow whistles prior to lining up.
2. Students are not allowed inside the school building unless accompanied by a staff member.
3. Wash hands and sit at assigned table.
4. Do not share food, lunch cards, or purchase ice cream for other students.
5. Talk quietly while eating. Remember to be polite and use your manners.
6. Raise your hand to use the restroom or get a drink.
7. When excused to clean up your area, do so quietly and quickly come back to your table.
8. Table areas must be completely cleaned prior to being dismissed to your teacher.

## **VI. PLAY STRUCTURE RULES**

1. Pull-up/Monkey Bars - No skipping bars, no sitting, standing, or flips off of bars. One direction on the bars; no chasing, tag jumping, or pushing others. Not climbing or crossing on top of the monkey bars.
2. Slide - Slide down feet first only; no running or crawling up the slide or across the slide. One person at a time.
3. No throwing sand, wood chips or rocks.

## **VII. GAMES NOT ALLOWED**

1. Pushing and pulling on bodies.
2. Tackle football.
3. Handball against the school.
4. Hard baseballs or golf balls.
5. Any toys from home - e.g. cars, dolls, hand-held video games or electronics of any kind, including music devices, cards (baseball/trading), sticker albums, skateboards, or **weapons of any kind, toy or real, are ever permitted. DO NO BRING TO SCHOOL!**
6. No gymnastics on the grass or pavement.
7. Any game that endangers another student (at adult's discretion).

## **VIII. CELL PHONES**

Cell Phones may be brought to school, but must be turned off and placed in student's back-pack until the conclusion of the school day. All calls need to be made through the office.

## **IX. BICYCLE RULES**

1. Helmets must be worn to and from school.
2. Bicycles are to be walked on school premises. Sidewalks must be used while in the parking lot areas.
3. Bicycles must be parked in the bike locks and locked.
4. One person only on a bike.



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