

Kinnelon Public Schools Kiel School/Stonybrook School Code of Conduct

Our preschool, primary, and elementary learning communities work collaboratively to facilitate students' intellectual, social, and emotional growth. We believe in the inherent goodness of our students as well as nurturing the problem solving ability within each student. Our school environment promotes self-discipline, develops responsibility, and directs students toward good citizenship habits.

We combine various strategies to build a positive school culture that will enable our students to become lifelong learners, with an emphasis on the following Full Value norms:

- ❖ Be Here
- ❖ Be Safe
- ❖ Be Honest
- ❖ Let Go and Move On
- ❖ Take Care of Self and Others
- ❖ Create and Commit to Goals

We recognize that our students will make mistakes and need assistance in making good choices around their behavior. Consequences for making poor choices in the preschool, primary, and elementary grades will be implemented based upon the age, experience, and understanding of the child. Included will be a "teachable moment" designed to support social and academic maturity. We teach our students to accept responsibility for their actions while understanding the importance of identifying appropriate responses in the future. Developing empathy is crucial.

When students do make poor behavioral choices, the classroom teacher addresses the behavior in a timely manner. Natural consequences are implemented whenever possible. The consequences can include a verbal warning, loss of privileges, including, but not limited to a "time out" where the student(s) may be separated from his/her peers during class or snack time, recess or lunch; performing extra service for the school, either during, or outside of school hours; and missing school events, trips, or activities. We avoid consequences that affect an entire class.

Understanding that communication is key, parents/guardians may receive a phone call or note from the classroom or special area teacher depending upon the level of misbehavior.

Behavior Notice Form sent home (to be returned with parent/guardian signature)

Office Referral – Students will be referred to the principal for engaging in the following:

- ❖ Fighting – Physical contact where injury may occur – Examples: hitting, punching, kicking, hair pulling, scratching, biting
- ❖ Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying – See Policy 5512

- ❖ Intentional destruction of property
- ❖ Leaving school without authorization
- ❖ Making inappropriate gestures
- ❖ Verbal Abuse – Sustained use of profanity, put downs, and/or sexual comments directed towards staff or students
- ❖ Insubordination – Failure to comply or follow the direction of a staff member; refusal to do assigned work in class.
- ❖ Weapons – Knives, guns or other items used as weapons (imitation weapons should also be confiscated).

http://kinnelonpublicschools.org/K-5_handbook/page15.htm