

Irvington UFSD
Elementary Plain Language Version - Code of Conduct
Dows Lane Elementary School



This is the plain language version of the Irvington UFSD Code of Conduct; Board Policy 7310 adopted August 25, 2020. This document reflects the Irvington UFSD Code of Conduct and is available on the District website and also in the Main Office. We provide a plain language version of the Irvington UFSD Code of Conduct to support conversations with our younger students, staff, and families. Please take time to review this document with your child.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

MANAGE IMPULSIVITY

- ☺ I will act in ways that do not interfere with the teaching and learning of others.
- ☺ I will not make up mean stories or spread rumors about students and adults.
- ☺ I will not use words to threaten others.
- ☺ I will not bring to school any object that can intimidate, threaten, hurt or harm others.

PRACTICE SELF-RELIANCE

- ☺ I will be truthful.
- ☺ I will dress appropriately in school.
- ☺ I will tell an adult if there is a problem.
- ☺ I will come to school every day prepared to do my best, leaving any physical items at home that might distract me or others from learning.

SHOW KINDNESS & RESPECT

- ☺ I will treat others the way I would like them to treat me.
- ☺ I will not make hurtful comments about someone's race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, ability, sexual orientation, gender or sex; or treat others differently because of any of these characteristics.
- ☺ I will use kind and respectful words and not inappropriate words.
- ☺ I will refrain from fighting, name calling, or any other behavior that could be called bullying. Bullying means any behavior which occurs repeatedly that causes harm to another person in a physical, emotional or verbal way. This includes cyber-bullying.

COOPERATE

- ☺ I will follow the directions of adults who work in the school.
- ☺ I will not use computers, emails, instant messages, cell phones, texting, etc. to cause emotional distress towards other students or staff members at school or at home.
- ☺ I will respect the personal space, rights and properties of others and the school.
- ☺ If I need medication at school, my family will bring it to the school nurse.

We expect students to demonstrate these responsibilities throughout the school including in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, on the playground and bus, as well as on field trips and at all school related events.

GENERAL CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT MEETING STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

When students fail to follow the above responsibilities there may be consequences, including one or more of the following:

- Conversation with an adult about student responsibilities
- Verbal warning
- Time out as determined by the teacher
- Family contact
- Referral to a building administrator
- Family conference
- Administrative alternate learning location
- Loss of privilege
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension
- Superintendent's hearing
- Immediate removal from setting if student behavior threatens the health and/or safety of self or others

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN RIDING THE BUS

- ☺ I understand that the school bus is like being at school and I am responsible for my behavior in the same ways that I am at school.
- ☺ I understand that riding the bus is a privilege; by not fulfilling my responsibilities I can lose this privilege.
- ☺ I will remain seated and use a quiet voice on the bus.
- ☺ I will keep my hands, feet, and all belongings to myself.
- ☺ I will listen to the adults on the bus.



BUS CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT MEETING STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conversation with an adult about student responsibilities
- Verbal warning
- Family contact
- Change of seat
- Administrative conversation and/or bus suspension

It is our hope that by acting responsibly and with kindness that students will be able to problem solve and learn how to best handle challenging situations in positive ways. We encourage students to live by the golden rule and always treat others how they themselves want to be treated.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

- ☺ I understand that regular school attendance is important for success in school.
- ☺ If I struggle to get to school, I will ask my teacher or another adult at school for help.