



2007-2008 DISCIPLINE PLAN

Dear Parents,

Our discipline plan is effective in maintaining and monitoring the progress for each student as one strives to become a civil, courteous and considerate citizen. Through assemblies, class presentations and staff discussions, the discipline plan is clearly understood and maintained by staff members. Cultural diversity is valued and respected. After you have read this discipline plan with your child, please sign at the bottom of the reverse side. Have your child return the tear-off with the packet.

BASIC LEARNING EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

1. Attend school everyday unless too sick to perform.
2. Listen to all adult staff and do exactly as told the first time.
3. Do all work neatly, accurately and completely.
4. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
5. Speak respectfully of and to others.

SCHOOL WIDE RULES – BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE

To ensure a positive and safe environment the following standards have been established. All students will demonstrate courtesy, civility, and consideration toward peers and adults on campus.

- Show respect for and fully cooperate with all adults; this includes action as well as language.
- No fighting, play fighting or threatening to fight or cause injury to another student.
- No rude comments, name calling, teasing, “bagging,” negative “body language,” cursing or obscene language/gestures.
- Students are expected to work and play in a cooperative manner.
- School and private property is to be valued and respected – not damaged or stolen. No graffiti on property.
- Students will keep hands, feet and other objects to themselves.
- Use of radios, electronic equipment, toys, trading cards, etc., is not allowed on the playground and is limited to classroom use and special occasions as determined by the classroom teacher. Victor Elementary School District and Challenger are not responsible for personal items.
- Students will not bring toy weapons or any type of device which resembles a weapon on campus.

POSITIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Students who choose correct behaviors at Challenger are continually being rewarded. Classroom rewards will vary from teacher to teacher; school wide activities are as follows:

- Staff gives “Challenger Champion” slips to students for proper behavior in the cafeteria, on the playground and throughout the school. Students are also rewarded for attendance, clean classrooms, and cafeteria cleanliness.
- Citizenship Honor Roll assemblies at the end of each trimester feature a special treat for students who meet the established grade level criteria.
- Most importantly, students exhibiting appropriate behavior will be more successful and enjoy school more.

SPECIFIC RULES

These actions and games are considered unsafe or at times promote ill feelings among students and will not be allowed.

- Tackle football
- Touch football (teacher supervised only)
- Throwing rocks, dirt, etc.
- Playing with sticks or any sharp objects
- Play fighting or rough play
- Climbing trees or fences
- Playing in and around restrooms
- Running between wings, in cafeteria, in the library, around the office and in the restrooms
- When walking by rooms, no knocking on doors or peeking into windows

PLAYGROUND RULES

The playground is an area where safety concerns are very important. Children need to play safely to avoid injury or hurting others. Here are some guidelines for a positive safe playground.

- Balls are to be bounced on the playground – never between or on the buildings or in the hallways.
- No gum
- Walk, don't run on sidewalks. Yellow circles on the sidewalk indicate areas where a door may open; don't walk in this area. Use playground equipment as intended.
- No chasing or tag games
- Kick balls on grass – not on the blacktop

CAFETERIA RULES

- Keep voice low (whisper when you talk)
- Always walk
- No throwing food or other objects
- Pick up all of your trash before leaving cafeteria
- Raise hand to be excused or if you need assistance
- Do not take or share others' food (health issue)
- All students are expected to eat lunch and remain in the cafeteria approximately 10 mins, before being released.
- Do not bring breakable containers or drinks in cans
- No candy, gum, sunflower seeds or soda
- Sit at assigned tables

RESTRICTIONS

1) Certificated staff may restrict a student's recess time when he/she believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate. 2) Parents may be required to accompany their child on field trips due to their child's behavior. This would be a request of the administration. 3) If a student is suspended from school he/she must not be on or near any campus, including school sponsored activities of the Victor Elementary School District.

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING

Our staff believes that appropriate dress and good hygiene contribute to a productive learning environment. We strongly encourage that tennis shoes be worn every day for all physical fitness activities. Students must dress and groom themselves in a way that is modest, ensures safety and does not detract from the learning process. Challenger considers the following items inappropriate:

- Items that promote hate and intolerance
- Unsafe jewelry such as dangling earrings and accessories including wallet chains and belts hanging from the waist and false fingernails
- Undergarments showing
- Clothing that is too tight or revealing or too loose to reveal chest/midriff/underwear (i.e., low cut tops)
- Clothing with profanity, insignia or names for controlled substances (ex. beer, liquor, cigarettes, etc.)
- Open toed shoes, sandals, flip flops, or steel toed shoes
- Spandex, tight clothing should not be worn to ensure modesty
- Skirts/shorts/skorts should be worn at a non-distracting length to ensure modesty
- Shirts/blouses must fit under the arm pit to ensure modesty
- Hair color and/or hair style can not be unusual to the point of distraction, for example, no mohawks, high spikey hair, etc.
- Hats must be worn “bill forward” and put away upon entering the buildings or classrooms
- Make-up
- Tattoos

Parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothing if their child is dressed inappropriately

SEVERE DISCIPLINE

Students who choose to commit one of the following offenses, defined in Education Code 48900, will be subject to suspension, placement and/or recommendation for expulsion.

- A1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
- A2. Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.
- B. Possessed, sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.
- C. Possessed, used, sold or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kinds.
- D. Offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kinds, and then sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another substance and represented that substance as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
- E. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- F. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- G. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- H. Possessed, or used tobacco, or any product containing tobacco.
- I. Unlawfully offer, arrange, or negotiate to sell any controlled substance.
- J. Unlawfully posses, offer, arrange, or negotiate to sell any drug paraphenalia.
- K. Disrupted school activities, or willfully defied the authority of school personnel.
- L. Knowingly received stolen property.
- M. Possessed an imitation firearm.
- EC 48900.2 Committed sexual harassment (grades 4-6 only)
- EC 48900.3 Caused attempted to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence. (grades 4-6 only)
- EC 48900.4 Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against a student or group of students sufficiently severe or pervasive to disrupt class work, create disorder and invade the rights of said students by creating a hostile or intimidating education environment. (grades 4-6 only)

ATTENDANCE OF SUSPENDED CHILD, PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR PART OF SCHOOL DAY

Whenever a student is suspended from a class because he/she committed an obscene act, engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupted school or otherwise willfully defied a valid staff authority, a teacher of the class, from which the student was suspended may require a student’s parent/guardian to attend a portion of a school day in that class. After completing a classroom visit, and before leaving school premises, a parent/guardian also shall meet with the principal or designee. (EC 48900.1)

DUE PROCESS

The Governing Board shall provide for the fair treatment of students facing suspension and expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The administration and staff shall comply with procedures for notices and appeals as specified in regulation. The Governing Board believes that it is the parents who have the ultimate responsibility for their children’s in-school behavior. During school hours, the Board, through its designated administrators, acts in loco parentis or in place of the parents (BP 5131CA). “The administration reserves the right to implement any new procedures that would address unforeseen situations that may occur during the year for the safety and well being of the students and staff.”

Please sign and return this portion

Student: _____

Teacher _____

We have read the Challenger Discipline Plan and are aware of the expectations, rewards and consequences.

Student Signature

Parent Signature