



Norwood students are cool;
We follow every rule!!

Philosophy

We must work together as a team to teach and enforce school rules and procedures. Discipline is a developmental process. By encouraging students to behave appropriately and become self-disciplined and self-reliant, we believe they will grow up to be individuals with social consciences who are spared the consequences of misbehavior in society.

The rules and procedures found in this pamphlet are designed to maintain a safe and orderly environment conducive to learning. We also hope to teach children the valuable life lessons they will need for the rest of their lives.

Please refer to the district-wide "Elementary Discipline Policy Handbook" for general procedures and expectations in all schools. The following guidelines are designed to be in addition to that handbook and specific to the Norwood community.

- The Norwood Shared Decision Making Team, 2009

Rules for All the Time

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Hats may not be worn inside the building
- Electronic devices are disruptive to the educational process and should not be brought to school. If devices are needed for after-school activities, they must be stored at all times in the backpack, at all times turned OFF, and students and parents understand that items lost, stolen, or damaged are not the school's responsibility. In other words, those who ignore the recommendation to leave items home do so at their own risk. Items seen or heard during the school day will be confiscated.
- Respect all school property
- Clean up after yourself in any environment
- Respect teachers, staff, other students, and yourself
- Socks and sneakers are required on all PE days, but are recommended every day. Remember that students participate in recess up to twice per day, and they don't think about what footwear they have on before chasing each other around.
- Listen to and follow all instructions

Rules for School Dress

- Clothing should be comfortable and safe, **and appropriate for school**. No clothing should have words or graphics pertaining to drugs, alcohol, profanity, or sexual situations. If you are unsure of the appropriateness of something, it shouldn't be worn.
- For Halloween, wax museum, or any occasion where "dress-up" is involved, costumes still must be appropriate. It does not matter what occasion it is, this always is a school first.

Rules for Recess

- Remain in designated areas
- Use equipment safely and with its intended use
- Include everyone who wants to play
- Choose games and activities that are safe and fun for everyone
- Report any problems to an adult immediately

Rules for Field Trips

- Pay careful attention to teachers and chaperones
- Set a good example as a representative of Norwood Avenue
- Remember that all school rules are in effect even when you are away from school

Rules for The Cafeteria

- Line up quietly and wait your turn patiently
- Remain seated until called
- Never throw food or other items
- Clean up after yourself
- Use your "inside voice"

Rules for Buses

- Remain seated with your belt fastened at all times
- Keep hands, feet, and all possessions out of the aisle
- Use a quiet voice when talking to friends
- Food and drink are not allowed
- Do not leave any trash behind
- While waiting for the bus at dismissal, wait quietly on line and follow directions
- Show respect to the bus driver, as your safety depends on it

Rules for Walkers

- Always walk on sidewalks
- Never walk between cars or buses
- Cross with the crossing guard
- Look both ways and cross safely where the guard is not available
- If you use a bicycle, always wear a helmet and walk your bicycle on school grounds
- Go directly home at dismissal and **stay away from strangers!!**

A Message for Parents

- Please wear your visitor's pass so it can easily be seen
- Do not park in the circle at any time
- Park in marked spaces only
- Adhere to signs and all traffic laws; safety must be the priority
- Assist your child in arriving at school on time, **every day** that your child is not sick. When absences occur, call the Nurse and provide a note upon your child's return
- When you follow the rules, it sets a good example for your own children, as well as all children at Norwood Avenue
- The faculty and staff is here to play our part in helping to raise your child. Communicate any classroom concerns to the teacher and any general concerns to the Principal, Counselor, or Psychologist
- A limited number of parent-run activities are approved during after-school hours (Brownies, basketball & soccer leagues, Cub Scouts, etc.) Please ensure students are following all school rules. Also, do not allow students to go to the bathroom, etc., unaccompanied. Remember that the building is not necessarily secure after regular school hours. ****Note that any damage or misuse of school equipment or supplies will result in loss of building usage.**