

TOPANGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CODE OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR
2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR

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We ask that together students and their families read and discuss our Code of Student Behavior. Parents and students, please sign the bottom, tear off and return it to your classroom teacher.

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I have read and understand the Topanga Elementary School Code of Student Behavior and will do my best to follow it.

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Student Signature	Date	Parent Signature
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STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. Whenever possible, include all students who want to play with you or your group. Welcome them in.
2. Respect the authority of your teachers and all the adults at the school.
Show it by treating them courteously.
3. Respect and be kind to all other students. We are one.
4. Respect ALL personal and school property and treat your school as you would your home.
5. Before school, at recess, and at lunch freeze and stop all activities when the first bell rings. When the second bell rings, WALK to your class line, and follow your teacher to the classroom in an orderly manner.
6. Be patient and respectful while waiting in the cafeteria line. Use appropriate table manners while eating in the cafeteria area.
7. Eat lunch and play in supervised areas. Remember put all trash into containers.
8. Follow the rules of the games you play and practice good sportsmanship.
9. Help keep our school grounds clean. If you see trash, pick it up and place it in a trash can, even if it's not yours.

STUDENTS WILL NOT:

1. Fight.
2. Play roughly, push, shove, or hit other students.
3. Use profane language and/or gestures.
4. Tease, intimidate, extort, harass and/or do bodily harm to any person.
5. Be disrespectful.
6. Trade or sell any kind of items on the school grounds or bring such items to school.
7. Throw trash of any kind, anywhere, except into a trash can on the school grounds, or anywhere to and from home.

- 8. Play or congregate in unsupervised areas.
- 9. Play exclusive games, form “cliques” or ‘gangs’.

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CONSEQUENCES

For severe cases or if you repeatedly break the rules in the classroom or on the playground, a teacher or teacher’s aide will fill out a behavior journal explaining what rule or rules you broke and send you to the school office. In the office, you will be asked to write (or draw as needed) on the journal why you were sent to the office and what you intend to do about it. Your parents will be notified by telephone that you were sent to the office and that you will be bringing home your Behavior Journal for them to read, discuss with you, sign and return to your classroom teacher the next day. On the journal, your teacher may request a conference with you and your parents. If appropriate, the principal will see you and your parents, and then write his comments on the journal.

For repetitive behavior problems, your teacher may request a classroom suspension on the behavior journal, in that case, you will stay in the office until your parents can pick you up. In very severe cases, your teacher and the principal will suspend you from school until you and your family can meet with the teacher and principal to make a plan for improving your behavior.