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# SCHOOL-WIDE CITIZENSHIP POLICY

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**Meyerholz School Pledge: Today, I will show respect for myself and others by making good choices.**

Information pertaining to student conduct and school procedures are printed each trimester in the *Bulldog Bulletin*. Please review the following school policies with your child(ren). Parents and teachers work in partnership to help each child grow academically, socially and emotionally.

## **SCHOLASTIC AND SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS:**

### *Students will:*

- Arrive at school on time, prepared to study, with homework assignments completed.
- Solve problems calmly, using Conflict Resolution skills and school pledge, with consideration for feelings of other students or adults involved.
- Respect everyone's right to teach and learn, our commitment to education for all.
- Respect everyone's right to be safe and feel secure at school.
- Use good manners and courtesy with fellow students, staff, and visitors.
- Be a polite, intelligent audience at all assemblies and on all field trips.
- Play safely on the playground and with playground equipment.
- Be a positive participant in all sports events, on field trips and during classroom activities or community service projects.
- Say kind, encouraging words to support others.
- Be helpful when someone needs assistance.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE:**

ZERO TOLERANCE rules allow no exceptions and will result in automatic suspension or expulsion. Students will never bring weapons, knives, guns, explosives or other dangerous items to school (even pretend ones).

## **GENDER EQUITY:**

State and Federal laws prohibit actions involving harassment, intimidation, or insult on the basis of an individual's gender. Please read all Cupertino Board Policy information sent to every school family.

## **GENERAL SCHOOL POLICIES:**

- Observe attendance policies at the beginning and end of school days.
- Observe general safety policies in parking lots and streets surrounding our school at all times.
- Walk bicycles from the crosswalk to school and back each day; Never endanger the safety of others by riding in restricted areas. This rule is designed to protect all school community members and is in effect during safety policy hours on school days (7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and during evening/

weekend school related events. Students who break this rule may have their privilege of bringing a bike to school suspended.

- Rollerblades, skateboards, and portable scooters are not allowed at school. Read CUSD policy signs, posted around our campus.
- Immediate consequences result for fighting, threats, name calling or other acts of disrespect or defiance towards others, school property, or the property of others.
- No personal toys/games permitted on the school campus.
- No ball games are allowed on the black top or the grass before school.
- Students may NOT bring their own playground balls to school.

## **Food:**

- No gum or sunflower seeds at school.
- Treats for birthdays or other special events are not to be given to classrooms because of potential allergic reactions to peanuts and other foods by children and adults alike.
- No gel cups or other consumables publicly listed as dangerous are allowed for snack, lunch or parties.
- Do not trade food brought from home for snack or lunch with other students on any occasion.
- Respect use of peanut-free table at all times.

## **Student School Attire... Students should dress in a way which is:**

- Appropriate for an instructional setting and for our physical education program.
- Clean and in good condition.
- Not hazardous to student's safety or well being of others.

## **Our School Does Not Permit:**

- Bare midribs, spaghetti straps, halters, half-t-shirts, tube tops, swim wear.
- Shirts with inappropriate wording or pictures.
- Very short skirts or biker shorts (unless they are under dresses/skirts).
- Shoes that are not appropriate for school related activities or that are unsafe (fragile backless sandals, wheels built into soles).