

## **RINCON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **STUDENT CODE OF BEHAVIOR**

Character Education is an essential part of the elementary school's mission. It is required by state law and is woven throughout the curriculum in an effort to inspire children to be moral citizens. Schools that take moral education seriously foster an atmosphere of respect for others, for property and for oneself. Respect is demonstrated by the use of appropriate language, dress and manners.

The following Rincon Valley Union School District's Student Code of Behavior acts as a guiding force in establishing character development throughout our school system.

#### **1. Classroom Behavior**

All students have a right to a classroom that is free of disruption. Students who disrupt the learning of others and keep the teacher from teaching will be removed from the classroom until they are able to function harmoniously. Students may possess but may not use personal cell phones during school hours. No other electronic device is allowed at school, and at no time may personal cell phones disrupt the educational program or school activity and may not be used for illegal or unethical activities such as cheating on assignments or tests. If a disruption occurs or a student uses a cell phone for improper activities, a school employee shall direct the student to turn off the device and/or shall confiscate it until the end of the day.

#### **2. Respect**

Children are expected to treat all individuals with respect. Name calling, put-downs, inappropriate nicknames or nicknames that are unwelcome by the individual are unacceptable. Hurtful name-calling or name-calling with sexual overtones will be considered harassment.

#### **3. Respect for Property**

All students will respect school property and the property of others. The school will require students who damage or lose school property, or the property of others, repair the damage or pay for replacement. Students may not bring toys or electronic equipment, etc. to school without authorization from their teacher. Weapons, or items that are used as weapons, are not permitted at school.

#### **4. Language**

Polite patterns of speech are required and modeled. Profanity and vulgarity will not be tolerated.

#### **5. Manners**

Common courtesies such as saying "thank you" and "please" and holding doors open for others are emphasized. Punctuality, such as being on time to school, is expected.

## **6. Dress**

The district expects students to come to school neat and tidy. Hats may not be worn indoors. Clothing which has printed messages of a profane nature, is gang related, is related to substance abuse, or is of a sexual nature is not acceptable. Logos should be respectful of school values. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments. See-through tops and bare abdomens are prohibited. Footwear should be of a type that is secure on the foot and can be worn safely on the playground.

Make-up or Hair may not be worn or colored in a way that is distracting to the instructional mission of the school or is symbolic of gang membership.

Students shall not be prohibited from dressing in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression or with their religious or cultural observance.

## **7. School Rules**

All students are expected to follow the school rules. All schools will have specific rules on:

- Fighting
- Profanity
- Defiance of Authority
- Willful Destruction of Property
- Intimidation or Harassment of Others
- Theft
- Bullying/Cyberbullying

## **8. Consistent Enforcement**

School rules will be enforced consistently from classroom to classroom. It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the rules and procedures adopted by their school. (Education Code 35291.5a)

## **9. Review**

The district shall review this Code of Behavior annually, and will require each school's principal, staff and parent representatives to review its rules biannually.

Each principal shall develop a process by which pupils and parents, who have questions about the application of the dress code, may have those questions heard and resolved in a consistent way before any disciplinary action is taken against the student.

Please keep this for your reference.  
Sign and submit the "Student/Parent Acknowledgement of Agreements" form.