

Pompton Lakes Public Schools

Elementary School Student Code of Conduct

We believe that elementary school is a time to grow and learn from mistakes. Therefore, we utilize a progressive discipline philosophy and also seek to make any required discipline focused on students' learning from the experience.

An essential aspect of our approach is to promote positive student development and reinforce expected behaviors. Each elementary school implements a schoolwide positive behavioral support system.

Our discipline standard requires that we address any action of which we are made aware by investigating and, if necessary, implementing discipline. Our philosophy of progressive discipline focuses on teaching a student to behave properly. Consequences are logically applied and take into account the age of the child, the circumstances surrounding the incident, and the child's previous record of behavior. Possible consequences include:

- Discussion with student and/or parent
- Lunch/recess detention
- Alternate discipline
- Suspension/expulsion (suspension is quite rare and only employed if there is grossly dangerous or unsafe behavior or repeated acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, theft or vandalism.

We do not discriminate based on gender, age, religion, sexual orientation or any other protected class and our policies and practices are implemented without regard to membership in such groups. We do not make public the disciplinary actions we impose on a student. We respect the privacy of all students.

To access the Pompton Lakes Board of Education's Student Code of Conduct Policy and Regulation (P/R 5600), please visit: www.plps-k12.org and then Click on "Parents" and then "Student Code of Conduct."