



## School Rules

### General Behavior

1. Be kind to others.
2. Keep hands, feet and body to yourself.
3. Use appropriate and respectful language. Students should
  - a. Discuss concerns/issues.
  - b. Not yell, scream or argue with one another or adults.
4. Parents and students should not discuss issues pertaining to other students on school grounds. Please see the *Confidentiality Policy* in the CNS Parent Handbook.
5. Wear shoes.
  - a. Shoes must be worn on the playground.
  - b. Shoes may be removed to play in the big sandbox near the gazebo.
6. Use good judgment/manners pertaining to spitting.
7. Students should not throw anything over the perimeter fence unless given instruction by a staff person.
8. Walk in the buildings.

### Playground Boundaries and Play Areas

9. Stay within the school boundaries, which include:
  - a. the perimeter of the fence.
  - b. 6 feet from the fence off Pleasant Hill.
  - c. the front of the building ONLY for 4-8th grade students.
10. Stay within the modular building boundaries.
  - a. Students may
    - i. sit on the front porch/steps – not on railing.
    - ii. only sit on back stairs closest to playground.
    - iii. sit but not play in garden area.
  - b. Students may not
    - i. crawl or go near the back of the modular building
    - ii. play on the deck without teacher permission
11. Tree House
  - a. PreK-3rd graders may use the lower level.
  - b. 4th-8th graders may use the upper level.
  - c. No climbing between levels.
  - d. It is not safe to walk on the outside edges or sit on the railing of the tree house.
12. Swings
  - a. Use appropriate height for your size.
  - b. Swing appropriately. Do not twist the chains, swing crooked, jump out, throw balls or stand on the seats.
  - c. Swing on bottom only.
  - d. It is unsafe to stand or run in front of a swing.
  - e. It is dangerous to hit your feet on the bottom of the tree house while swinging. Face away from the tree house when swinging on the tree house swings.
  - f. Only one person may sit on a swing at a time.
  - g. When all swings are occupied, students should limit time on swings to 5 minutes per student.
13. Forts

- a. Forts are to be available for use by all students and belong to everyone on the playground.  
Therefore, all forts can be enjoyed by all students EXCEPT while under construction.
- b. Students may ask to have a picture taken of their forts and/or draw forts.
- c. Students may not go off bounds to gather building materials.
- d. Students may not stand, climb, or jump on forts, even while constructing forts.
- e. Playground staff should check the safety of forts before students play in the forts. Forts deemed unsafe will be dismantled.
- f. Students wishing to dismantle a fort should first discuss it with the students who constructed it.
- g. The Playground Supervisor may ask students to dismantle a fort, especially if the fort has been up for a long time with no one using it.

14. Gazebo

- a. It is important to stay within the rope railing.
- b. Jumping out of the gazebo windows and off the outside of the rope railing is unsafe.
- c. Students should not sit in the gazebo windows.
- d. Scarves and musical instruments should stay in the box in the gazebo.

15. Slide

- a. Slide down only on bottoms.
- b. No climbing up on the slide.
- c. Only one person may be on the slide at a time.

16. Dirt Hill

- a. May be closed at the discretion of the playground staff.

15. Bars

- a. One student on the bars at a time.
- b. An adult must supervise and be able to spot, if students are getting on top of bars.

16. Puddles & Mud

- a. Students aren't allowed to jump in puddles unless they are wearing watertight rain boots and have an extra pair of socks, shoes, and pants.
- b. No rolling in or throwing mud.
- c. Can use mud with hands to create pies, etc.
- d. If students have clothes to change into, they may be required to change their clothes before returning to class, especially if they are very muddy and/or wet.

## The Main Building

17. All students must enter and exit the main building through the side door when entering/exiting the playground for recess.

18. Students must inform a supervising adult before entering the main building, (for a drink of water, bathroom break, etc.).

19. Students may not be in the Main Building unsupervised.

20. Basement Common Room (Playroom)

- a. Pick-up toys, and put away games and books at the end of a play session. Make sure the floor is cleaned up.
- b. Food and drink are not permitted in the common room unless sanctioned by the Director.
- c. It is unsafe to run, practice gymnastics, in the play room.
- d. During indoor recess students **may not** use sports equipment in the PE closet (jump ropes, scooters, noodles, etc.) located in the Common Room. This equipment is to be used during PE under the direct supervision of the PE instructor.

## Activities

21. Equipment

- a. Any sports equipment taken outside should be returned to the building.
  - b. All outdoor sports equipment, gardening and sandbox tools should be picked up and returned to their respective sheds at the end of each day.
  - c. Shovels are only to be used under direct adult supervision.
22. Sticks should be used only for walking, digging or building.
- a. Students should not sharpen sticks or have sticks while on playground equipment.
23. Running games should be limited to the field areas to avoid interrupting other students' play.
24. Balls and flying toys are the only items which may be thrown.
25. Ropes are for jumping purposes only.
26. Balls
- a. No hard balls may be used for baseball.
  - b. If playing a game with a ball, only soft balls should be used and may be thrown only below the waist.
  - c. Balls should be bounced outside and not inside.
27. Snowballs
- a. Snow is not to be thrown at a person; only throw snowballs at non-person targets(not the building).
  - b. When a teacher takes their students out to play in the snow, that teacher may allow snowball throwing.
28. Climbing
- a. Students may not climb poles, fence or trees.
29. Water
- a. Students may not fill cups or buckets from the water fountain or faucet outside or inside the building without permission from an adult.
  - b. Water may not be used in the sandbox or mixed with dirt when digging except under direct teacher supervision.
  - b. No water from faucets except with adult supervision to clean plexiglass or chalkboards.
30. Electronics and Toys from Home
- a. Personal electronic devices such as iPods, tablets, laptops, cell phones, gaming devices, etc. may be used after school on Fridays (Electronic Fridays) and any day students are made to stay after school.
  - c. If Toys from home are brought to school they are only allowed on the playground, and are the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
31. Food
- a. ***Students should sit at picnic tables when eating on the playground.***
  - b. No soda or candy is allowed and sugary foods should be limited.
  - c. Gum is allowed only for students in 5th-8th grades.
  - d. Eating of edible plants during recess/playground times only when supervised/approved by a classroom teacher.
  - f. Snack at 3:45 is always outside unless inside due to weather.

These rules don't encompass everything. Interpretation of rules and anything not covered at the discretion of the Playground Staff.

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