

Greenmont Avenue Elementary School

# CODE OF CONDUCT and RESPONSIBILITY

## Agreement

2010 – 2011

*The objective of the Code of Conduct and Responsibility Agreement is to provide a safe and nurturing place of learning for every student and staff member of the Greenmont Avenue Elementary School. As a valued member of the Greenmont Avenue Elementary School, consistent with our school's Mission and Vision Statements, I have read with my parents/guardians the Code of Conduct and Responsibility Agreement and agree to the following expectations as I actively participate with my classmates and adults in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, bus, recess and any after school or PTO sponsored events or activities.*

### BE RESPECTFUL

(Treat Others the Way You Want To Be Treated, The Golden Rule!)

**Some ways I can give respect are:**

- ☐☐ Be considerate of all student, staff and school property
- ☐☐ Always walk in the school in a respectful manner
- ☐☐ Respect the opinions, abilities, differences and talents of all students and staff
- ☐☐ Wait my turn to speak ☐☐ Accept the friendship choices of others
- ☐☐ Always keep my hands and feet to myself
- ☐☐ Actively listen when others are speaking ☐☐ Always say "Please and Thank You"

### BE RESPONSIBLE

(Do the Right Thing!)

**Some ways I can be responsible are:**

- ☐☐ Always accept responsibility for my behavior ☐☐ Bring all necessary materials home and complete all homework to the best of my ability ☐☐ Follow the directions of all adults
- ☐☐ Take pride in the decisions I make and actions I take ☐☐ Pick up all trash, clean up any spills and recycle any plastic, paper or aluminum! ☐☐ Arrive at school on time, rested, and prepared every day
- ☐☐ Return Library books and all school materials on time and in good condition
- ☐☐ Dress with pride and safety as the key ☐☐ Believe that mistakes are valuable learning opportunities ☐☐ Be an Upstander and speak up for what is right and not necessarily the popular thing to do!

### BE A GOOD COMMUNICATOR

(Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say)

**Some ways I can communicate well are:**

- ☐☐ Always tell the whole truth ☐☐ Raise my hand to ask a question if I don't understand, there is no such thing as a dumb question ☐☐ Use appropriate language at all times ☐☐ Actively listen and show respect while others are talking ☐☐ Use terms such as: "please," "thank you," and "excuse me" at all times
- ☐☐ Use an appropriate voice when in the building ☐☐ Speak up if you, a friend, classmate or fellow student is teased or bullied and do what is right and not necessarily the popular thing to do!

## BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT

(Be an Active Learner)

### Some ways I can participate fully are:

- Give my best effort in all school related activities □□ Participate during recess in a safe manner
- Help others who would benefit from my assistance □□ Be willing to explore new games
- Share with others not just friends □□ Make sure games and activities are open to all of those who are interested
- Support all group members in being an active part of learning □□ Be willing and open to trying new things and hearing new ideas from other students and staff
- Speak up and defend those who are being teased, harassed or bullied by others

## BE SAFE

(Take care not to hurt anyone)

### Some ways I can ensure that no one gets hurt

- Follow all school, playground and recess Expectations □□ Always keep my hands and feet to myself
- Listen carefully to directions □□ Walk in the building at all times
- Sit in my chair and on the floor/rug correctly □□ Follow fire drills and emergency drill procedures and rules
- Resolve conflict with others using words or by asking a staff member to intervene □□ Be kind and positive in my words and actions at all times at school and on the bus

## BE TRUTHFUL

(Show honesty in both your words and actions)

### Some ways that I can be honest in my actions and words

- Always be honest with adults and peers □□ Tell the truth even when it's not popular
- Do not copy another student's work □□ Admit responsibility for inappropriate choices even when you know there will be consequences for your actions
- Learn from the mistakes that I make □□ Make decisions based on what is right and not the popular choice to make

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*As a member of the Greenmont Avenue School community I have read and signed the agreement with a parent/guardian and understand what is expected of me every day at school. This agreement reflects the expectations of every staff, student and volunteer in the building. My goal should be to strive to consistently follow the Code of Conduct. If I should violate the agreement in any way, I understand that consequences will accompany the choices/decisions I made. The consequences include the following:*

- A discussion with a teacher/supervisor with specific recommendations for improving
- A discussion and verbal warning from a staff member
- A genuine verbal and/or written letter of apology and explanation
- Loss of privilege (recess, enrichment program, field trip, specialist, etc.)
- Student calling his/her parents/guardians and honestly explaining incident
- Designated time in a time-out area
- An honest discussion with the Principal with specific recommendations for resolution
- Performing a specific community service related to specific incident
- Possible replacement or repair of damaged material or property
- A team meeting between student, teacher, Principal and parents/guardians to review and discuss incident
- Attending before or after-school detention
- Written agreement between student and teacher/Principal
- Attending in-school suspension
- Assigned to a new classroom
- Serving out-school suspension
- Expulsion

*The use of verbal or written threats and/or gestures is strictly against the Code of Conduct and will result in serious consequences. I understand if I have or bring a dangerous object such as a weapon, drugs, or alcohol to school, or if I intentionally hurt another person, my actions will result in immediate suspension. Teasing, harassment and bullying of any kind will be handled immediately. The school Principal and professional staff are responsible for determining the appropriate consequence.*

*My parent(s) or guardian(s) and I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and Responsibility Agreement at the Greenmont Avenue School. I will have one signed copy of the Agreement in kept in my Homework Notebook and a second copy will be held on file in the school office. Please note that this agreement is an integral part of the Greenmont Avenue Elementary School Student Handbook.*

Student Name (please print)	Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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