

Keller Elementary School

Mesa Public Schools

- Student Code of Conduct -

Thank you for taking time to read and discuss this packet with your child. Maintaining a safe and caring environment is very important to Keller staff and students.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions regarding Keller's Student Code of Conduct.

****PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO YOUR CHILD'S
TEACHER****

I have read the Keller Student code of Conduct Booklet and understand the information presented in this packet.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

MISSION STATEMENT

The Keller Elementary School community believes every child is unique and capable of reaching high levels of academic and social success. We will provide learning opportunities that are based on academic standards and are relevant to our students' lives. We will provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their learning and we will celebrate their accomplishments. Students at Keller Elementary will develop strong personal character traits along with respect and appreciation for all individuals in a diverse learning environment.

BELIEFS

1. Students need standards based curriculum and sequentially articulated programs that are consistent with high expectations.
2. Firm, consistent discipline and positive school environment are an integral part of education.
3. Children need the knowledge and the skills to be productive members of a diverse society and constantly changing world.
4. Educating children is a shared partnership in learning among the teachers, parents, and students.
5. Continuous monitoring of student achievement and program effectiveness is paramount to the ongoing process of school improvement at Keller Elementary.

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KELLER ELEMENTARY BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

All members of the Keller School Staff care about the rights and safety of our students.

It is our goal to teach and help students use appropriate behavior while in classrooms, on the playground, in the lunchroom, on the bus, and during performances and presentations.

Students should be aware that Keller Campus is a diverse learning environment and they have a responsibility to be sensitive to the needs and rights of others.

Please contact your child's teacher or the Keller Office if you have questions regarding the Keller Student Code of Conduct.

GENERAL RULES:

- No student has the right to interfere with the safety or learning of any other student or staff member
- Students and staff should show respect for all – themselves, other students, teachers, and other staff members
- Follow the directions of all staff members
- Arrive on time every day
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Walk quietly while in building and courtyard areas
- Walk on sidewalks when possible
- No fighting, hitting, kicking, or rough play
- No teasing, harassing, name calling or “put downs”
- No littering or defacing of school property
- No spitting
- No gum
- No candy unless approved by a teacher

- Snacks may be eaten only in designated areas. Failure to take care of snack wrappers or trash may result in loss of snack privileges
- Bicycles, scooters, and skateboards must be walked on campus
- Roller blades and “wheels in the heels” shoes will not be permitted
- Valuable items and large amounts of money must be left at home. Keller Elementary cannot be responsible for items lost or stolen at school
- Electronic devices are not allowed (including, but not limited to, cell phones, pagers, walkmans/radios, ipods, mp3 players, game devices)
- Cosmetics are not to be brought to school

PLAYGROUND RULES:

Students should listen to the directions of Playground Aides at all times. Playground Aides have the right to regulate equipment and activities on playground areas as well as enforce additional rules for the safety of students.

- Respond to bell/whistle immediately
- Use playground equipment properly
- Play only in assigned/designated areas
- Closed games are not allowed (only a few can play and no one else)
- No climbing up or on the outside of slides, students must go down slides
- No jumping from swings or tall playground equipment
- No tag on or around playground equipment
- No climbing on the top of equipment
- No use of hard bats or balls on playground
- No playing in bathrooms
- No throwing rocks or other harmful objects
- Balls or other objects are not to be thrown at other students at any time

DRESS CODE:

General Standards

Personal appearance and dress are the responsibility of the student and the student's parent or guardian. Students will not dress or groom themselves in a manner that, in the judgment of the school administrator, presents a risk to the health, safety or general welfare of the student, other students or staff, or that is counterproductive to the district's educational objectives.

Students will refrain from displaying tattoos or wearing clothing, jewelry or other accessories that communicate, whether through language, images, symbols, artwork, color schemes or clothing styles:

- a message related to tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs and other items that cannot be legally purchased or possessed by minors
- a message that advocates or promotes violence or terror
- a message that is sexually suggestive, vulgar, obscene or plainly offensive
- a message that would cause a reasonable person, as a student or staff member, to feel insulted, demeaned, threatened, intimidated or harassed because of the person's race, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation
- message expressing gang membership, affiliation or support

The foregoing standards regarding "message" clothing will be interpreted and applied by school administrators in a manner that avoids infringement on a student's First Amendment rights.

Dress Standards

Without limiting the general standards, students must comply with the following standards at school and school events:

- Jeans, pants and trousers must be worn at the waist area and must not drag excessively on the ground. No sagging is allowed.
- Clothing must cover the abdomen, back, buttocks, chest and genital areas. Tops that expose cleavage are prohibited. When standing, tops must completely cover the midriff to the skirt, shorts or pants. See-through clothing is prohibited.
- Skin-tight outer clothing, such as spandex, is prohibited unless it is worn for a school-sponsored extra-curricular activity (for example, dance or wrestling).
- Tube tops and halter tops are prohibited. Tank tops and other sleeveless tops are permitted only if the straps are wider than 1 inch and the armholes are no lower than 2 inches from the armpit.
- Shorts must have at least a 2-inch inseam and extend to the tip of the student's fingers.
- Dresses and skirts must extend at least 1 inch beyond the tip of the student's fingers.
- Clothing or attire by which an adolescent female student does not wear a bra or underwear, wears a bra or other garments as outerwear, or wears clothing in a manner such that underwear is visible through outerwear is prohibited.
- Clothing or attire by which an adolescent male student does not wear underwear, wears underwear as outerwear, or wears trousers or shorts so that underwear is visible is prohibited.
- Pajamas and other sleepwear are prohibited.
- Bandannas, hairnets and do-rags are prohibited.
- Jewelry and accessories with studs, spikes, sharp objects or heavy chains are prohibited.
- Sunglasses may be worn indoors only if there is a medical need to wear them.
- Hats or other head apparel may not be worn inside school buildings unless for religious, medical or safety purposes. Students will not be prohibited or discouraged from wearing hats or other clothing designed to reduce sun exposure while outdoors.
- Trench coats and other oversized clothing that can conceal contraband are prohibited.
- Shoes with laces must be worn at all times. Sandals will not be permitted unless there is a strap attached to the back (flip flops are not allowed). Shoes, such as "wheels in the

heels," that pose safety hazards and shoes, such as cleats, that may damage flooring are prohibited.

- Safety dress requirements for specific classes must be followed. Gym/running shoes should be worn on P.E. days.
- Unnatural hair color will not be allowed. (no orange, red, purple, green, blue, etc.)

MEDICATIONS:

Mesa District Policy JHCD restricts student possession of prescription or over-the-counter medication. Medication must be administered by school personnel designated by the principal. Students will not carry or self administer medication or dietary supplements unless an Individualized Health Care Plan [JHCD-R-F (20)] has been developed and approved by the school nurse and principal. Any student who carries or self-administers medication or dietary supplements in violation of the regulation will be subject to disciplinary action.

CAFETERIA RULES:

- Speak in conversational voices (no yelling)
- Do not throw food
- Walk inside the cafeteria
- Sit with class unless otherwise directed
- Remain seated while eating
- Throw away trays and clean your space when finished eating
- May be required to sit at a consequence table if not following cafeteria rules

BUS RULES:

Bus riding is a privilege, which may be lost by not following district rules. Inappropriate conduct on buses, at bus stops, or in the process of boarding and disembarking from a bus may result in the loss of bus riding privileges.

- Obey driver's instructions
- Keep aisles clear
- Remain seated until the scheduled stop
- Keep hands, arms, feet, legs, and head inside the bus
- Speak quietly, do not yell
- Do not use vulgar or abusive language
- Keep hands and feet off others (be courteous)
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or from the bus
- Do not eat or drink unless allowed to do so by the bus driver
- Do not carry skateboards, glass objects, animals, weapons, tobacco, alcohol, or drugs on the bus
- Sit in assigned seats if assignments are made
- Do not abuse or deface bus equipment
- Band/Orchestra instruments and cases should be kept under the seats

SCHOOL WIDE CONSEQUENCES:

When a student chooses not to follow school wide rules:

- The student is given a chance to explain his/her actions
- The student is encouraged to reflect on what happened and why it happened
- Students are asked to identify and commit to making better choices in the future
- Students may receive specific consequences related to the rule or procedure not being followed

A “Discipline Note” may be given for failing to follow Keller’s Student Code of Conduct. A copy of the Discipline Note is given directly to the student to take home and must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the child’s teacher or office (as stated on the notice).

Failure to return a Discipline Note, Detention Notice, or Disciplinary Action Form may result in additional disciplinary action.

GENERAL CONSEQUENCES:

- Official warning
- Loss of privileges in the classroom
- Loss of recess privileges
- Time spent in another classroom
- After school detention
- Parent contact and/or conference
- Other logical consequences associated with the inappropriate behavior

SEVERE CONSEQUENCES:

Repeated Misbehavior or ***Severe Misbehavior*** such as fighting, extreme disrespect, causing or attempting physical harm to another person, verbal abuse, sexual harassment, racial slurs, vandalism and/or possession of alcohol, drugs or weapons will result in severe consequences which may include:

- Parent conference
- In-school suspension
- Suspension from school
- Expulsion from school

The safety of our students is very important to us. Thank you for making Keller Elementary as safe and positive as possible.