



MCDONOGH LOWER SCHOOL

*Positive Behavior Expectations*

## RESPONSIBILITY

Demonstrate the values on the McDonogh Moral Compass:

Responsibility, Respect, Kindness, Honesty, and Service.

Be responsible for working hard and learning all that you can.

Be quiet in the hallways so others can work without being distracted by noise.

Choose actions that are safe and don't hurt yourself or others.

Ask for adult help when something goes wrong.

Accept responsibility for your behavior.

Be prepared to accept a consequence for any wrong you have done.

Accept that losing a privilege is a fair consequence for unacceptable behavior.

Be responsible about dress code rules; keep shoes on at all times.

Be the best of whatever you are.

## RESPECT

Bullying and teasing will not be tolerated.

Respect yourself, your teachers, your classmates; and respect McDonogh school.

Respect the rights of other children to be treated fairly and with dignity.

Respect others' property and personal space; do not trade your personal belongings for another student's.

Pay attention to what others say to you – be a good listener.

Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas.

Be patient while others are speaking; do not interrupt unless it is very important.

Practice good community manners (holding doors, picking up trash, walking on one side of hallway).

## KINDNESS

Be an ally if someone is being treated unkindly.

Be polite and say "hello" by word and smile.

Say "please" and "thank you."

Make eye contact when shaking hands.

Be thoughtful and considerate in words and actions.

When making decisions, ask yourself, "Is it safe? Is it fair? Is it kind?"

Help others make appropriate choices.

Be fair, take turns, and share.

## HONESTY

Tell the truth at all times.

Admit when you have made a mistake.

Do the right thing even if no one is watching.

## RESPONSIBILITY

"Whispering Walkways" should be observed during the academic part of the school day: 8:20 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Be on time.

Walk slowly and stay in line.

Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Stay with a teacher at all times.

Leave a building only with a teacher or a teacher's specific permission.

Keep the inside of your locker tidy and the top of your locker clean.

## RESPECT

Enter buildings quietly and calmly.

Keep to the right of the stairwell and use banister for holding only.

Close locker doors quietly.

Remember that each student's locker is private.

Shake your teacher's hand and make eye contact at the end of the day.

## KINDNESS

Greet others by saying "good morning" or "hello."

Hold the door for others.

Say "thank you" when someone holds the door for you.

Keep your own place in line; don't "butt in."

## HONESTY

Be where you are supposed to be.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Play where the teachers on duty can see you.

Throw nothing but playground balls.

Work out problems with words, or get adult help.

Ask permission to leave the playground and to enter buildings.

If a ball goes near the parking lot, ask a teacher to help.

On the slides, go down feet first.

Use the swings safely.

Use and return equipment appropriately.

Line up quickly and quietly when the whistle blows.

## RESPECT

When conflicts arise, remember the "SAFE" strategy.

S – State your feelings  
A – Ask for help  
F – Find a friend  
E – Exit the area

No tackles of any kind.

Share equipment and give other people a turn.

Take proper care of swings, pirate ship, climbers, turf, and playground equipment.

## KINDNESS

Invite others to play.

You can't say, "You can't play."

Play safely; play fairly; play kindly.

Offer words of encouragement to peers.

Let a teacher know if someone is hurt or needs help.

Take pride in a win, but do not brag. If you lose, you may feel disappointed, but be a good sport.

## HONESTY

Create balanced teams.

Follow agreed upon game rules.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Display your best manners in line.

Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Walk at all times.

Socialize only at your own table.

Only take what you will eat; don't waste food.

Keep food on plate and plate on tray.

All food stays in the dining hall.

Clean up personal space and push in your chair.

Walk all the way to the crosswalk.

## RESPECT

Display your best table manners.

Use indoor voices.

Respect your body by feeding it well.

Say "please" and "thank you" to people who are helping you.

Ask adult permission to leave the table.

Use utensils properly.

Ask someone, by name, to pass napkins, utensils, food and water.

Follow the proper routes from table to tray cart.

Remove hats when eating lunch.

Pause for the blessing, and only resume walking, talking, and eating after it is over.

## KINDNESS

Use kind words with peers and adults.

Start a conversation with the other people at your table.

Offer to clear the center tray and pitcher.

## HONESTY

Leave the table only when necessary.

Sit and wait until your table is called to dismiss.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Sit straight and keep feet off the furniture and railings.

Enter the chapel in silence; enter the theatre in a quiet, calm manner.

## RESPECT

Sit quietly throughout the duration of the chapel or assembly.

Clap politely at appropriate times.

Exit the chapel silently beginning with the front pews.

## KINDNESS

Practice good audience manners. Pay attention, listen carefully, and applaud with appreciation.

Comment on performances only when your feedback is positive.

## HONESTY

## RESPONSIBILITY

Follow the bus driver's rules and instructions at all times.

Stay seated while the bus is in motion.

Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Keep head, hands, arms, and objects inside the bus.

Keep the bus clean.

Use electronic devices appropriately and according to technology and bus rules.

Violent games or videos may not be played on the bus.

## RESPECT

Use indoor voices.

Use respectful language.

Follow the bus driver's food and drink rules.

## KINDNESS

Greet bus driver by saying "good morning" or "hello."

Say "thank you" when leaving the bus.

Greet teachers in the morning when exiting the bus.

Allow anyone to sit next to you.

## HONESTY

If a conflict arises, be honest with the bus driver and teacher.

## RESPONSIBILITY

All hand-held devices must be switched off and remain in backpacks between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Keep all personal information (your name, address, phone number, school, etc.) private.

Tell a teacher right away if you see or hear anything that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.

Violent games or videos may not be played at school.

## RESPECT

Do not change or delete another person's work.

Respect and carefully use all technology equipment as if it were your own.

## KINDNESS

Use positive language when communicating electronically.

## HONESTY

Log in using your name and password only.

Use only the software, files, and sites which have been approved by your teachers.

Use the Internet only with permission.

Print only with permission.

Do not download or install games or other programs on any computer.