Pine Level Elementary School Discipline Guidelines

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Positive Behavior Support

The faculty and staff of Pine Level Elementary School (PLES) desire to create an environment of learning that supports all aspects of each child’s development. In order to do so, we have implemented several school-wide strategies designed to help all students achieve important social and learning goals.

Students are taught four overarching rules of our school and we recite them together every day as part of our morning announcements. These rules are:

**C**-Come prepared

**L**-Listen and learn

**A**-Act respectfully

**W**-Work hard

Students learn what is expected of them to successfully follow the CLAW principles.

Expectations and procedures for the behavior we expect in all areas of our school are taught by all staff to include the halls, playground, cafeteria, gymnasium, media center, restrooms and classrooms. These expectations are posted throughout the building and teachers spend time teaching appropriate behaviors so that students will know what is expected of them.

Expectations and procedures specifically address respecting others in an effort to minimize bullying behaviors, provide for a safer school environment and give more time for instruction. Faculty and staff implement positive reinforcement and consistent consequences for all students. By detailing expected behaviors and teaching those to our students in a positive way, we provide a common language for everyone in our building, including students, teachers, front office staff and our paraprofessionals. We will reward students frequently for their great behavior with praise, special activities and other incentives.

By helping students practice good behavior, we will build a learning community which students can succeed and grow. Teachers utilize grade level discipline plans in their classrooms so that students remain safe and learning time is protected. You should receive a copy of the plan for your child’s grade.

You will have noticed the painted paws on the hall floors. Students walk on the painted paws in an effort to maintain orderliness throughout our building. If you are in the building, you will likely hear, “Get on the paws, please.”

Project Wisdom (character education program) is implemented on a daily basis. Students are taught positive character traits and learn from the examples of good role models.

This year PLES will implement Before School Detention to replace In School School. Guidelines will be sent home on an as needed (assigned) basis.

Students will excel academically if teachers are able to maximize instruction due to minimal behavior issues.

Parents, we ask you to support our efforts and help us keep your child safe and maximize learning time.

Thank You!!

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Principal