

# Code of Conduct

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## **ABOUT US:**

Southland Elementary is an exceptional school offering students a safe and comfortable learning environment. Southland teachers and staff are dedicated to see that all students develop academically, socially, and emotionally.

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

At Southland, we are a community of leaders. We recognize, honor, and celebrate the leaders within us!

We love learning,

We excel in all we do,

We achieve goals together,

We do what is right!

## **VISION STATEMENT:**

- We believe all students can learn at high levels.
- Every teacher, student, and parent is clear on the knowledge, skills, and expectations students will acquire in each grade level and unit of instruction.
- The learning of each student is monitored on a timely basis. When students experience difficulty, the school has structures in place to provide students with additional time and support for learning.
- We support learning through working collaboratively. Students at this school are EVERY teacher's responsibility.
- We are committed to establishing clear and effective communication.
- The school environment will be respectful, nurturing, and a safe place to be.

## **EXPECTATIONS OF CONDUCT:**

Regardless of where they are in the building, Southland Sabertooths are..

Safe

Respectful

Responsible

Kind

### **IN THE OFFICE:**

- Wait Your Turn
- Follow Directions
- Please and thank you

### **IN ASSEMBLIES:**

- Good Audience Member
- Sit on Pockets
- Enter & Exit Quietly

### **DURING ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL:**

- Walk
- Use Sidewalks
- Keep Body to Self

### **IN THE CAFETERIA:**

- Be Polite
- Stay Seated
- Enter & Exit Appropriately

### **ON THE PLAYGROUND:**

- Play Fairly
- Be Kind
- Follow Directions

### **IN THE BATHROOM:**

- Be Quick
- Be Quiet
- Be Clean

## **DURING ROTATIONS:**

- Quiet
- Follow Directions
- Use Equipment Appropriately

## **IN HALLWAYS AND PASSING AREAS:**

- Quiet
- Walk Facing Forward
- Keep Body to Self

## **DURING INSIDE RECESS:**

- Inside Voice
- Stay in KIVA
- Follow Directions

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Be in school regularly and arrive on time.
- Collect and complete work that was missed during absences in a timely manner.

## **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Ensure that your student regularly attends school, and arrives to school on time.
- Notify the front office of legitimate absences on the same day that the absence occurs.
- Check your student in and out of school through the front office if arriving/leaving at times other than the beginning and end of the school day.

## **TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Greet students at the door.
- Be the first to notify parents and guardians of issues concerning tardiness or truancy.

- Provide rewards and incentives for attendance and punctuality.
- Send students who arrive late, or leave early, to check in and out at the school's front office.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY:**

- Be present in the halls before, during, and after the school day.
- Be involved in tracking student attendance.
- Develop procedures and guidelines that promote good attendance.
- Provide rewards and incentives for attendance and punctuality.
- Notify parents and guardians of attendance and tardiness problems.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Regular attendance is key to academic success. To ensure that concepts and skills are consistently learned, regular attendance and punctuality is critical. Utah's Compulsory Education Law states that all school aged children must be in attendance at school unless there is a valid and legitimate excuse (Utah Code 53-A-11-101). The goal of the attendance policy is to increase student success.

### **DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY:**

The law prohibits students' use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, and/or drugs. Violations will result in discipline according to the guidelines set forth by Jordan School District Policy (AS90). The school's administration can provide a complete copy of that policy upon request.

### **HARASSMENT/BULLYING POLICY:**

Harassment may include verbal abuse (propositions, comments, or insults), visual abuse (leering, embarrassing material or actions), and physical contact

(touching, pinching, pushing, hitting, etc). Students who feel that they are being harassed should tell the person to stop engaging in the behavior that is making them uncomfortable, or is making them feel unsafe. If the behavior continues that person should make a report to their teacher and/or the school's administration.

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY:**

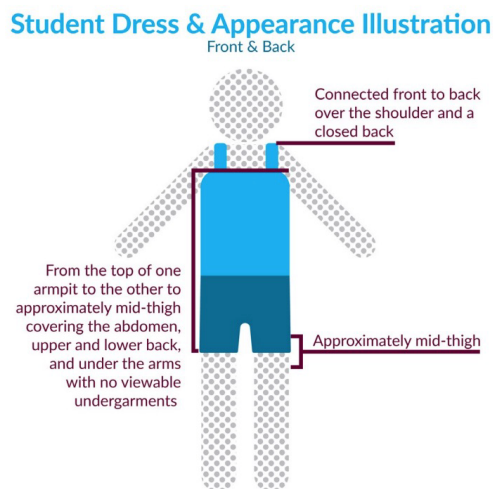
The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Southland Elementary is a learning environment that is free from sexual harassment and is in compliance with state and federal law. Any sexual harassment by staff or students is prohibited. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct that adversely impacts a person's educational opportunities, relationships, or environment. Students who feel they have been sexually harassed are encouraged to report the harassment to an adult such as a teacher, or school administrator. Disciplinary action will be taken against individuals who are guilty of sexual harassment.

### **DRESS CODE:**

School administrators are responsible for the implementation and enforcement of student conduct, dress and appearance standards contained in District policy AA419-Student Conduct, Dress, and Appearance and these guidelines. The legal concept of "reasonableness" shall be the guiding principle in the application and discipline of student conduct, dress and appearance. Adherence to the conduct, dress, and appearance standards and these guidelines will be the responsibility of the student and their

parent(s)/guardian(s). School administrators will have final judgement on all matters concerning interpretation of student conduct, dress, and appearance.

This helpful graphic was created by the district to help parents, guardians, and students understand which articles of clothing may or may not be acceptable:



Other important items to note are that: clothing needs to be kept in good repair, hats may be worn, any headwear that doesn't allow the student's face to remain visible is not allowed, clothing cannot include any writing or symbol that is lewd, vulgar, profane, obscene, or sexually suggestive.

Additionally, clothing cannot advocate, represent, or promote racism, discrimination, violence, or hate in any form. Clothing may not signify or depict gangs or illegal criminal activities, or show/reference tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any other illegal substance. Any dress or appearance item or practice that creates unhealthy, unsafe, or disrupts the school or a school activity are not permitted

## **SMART DEVICES AND OTHER ELECTRONICS:**

Cellular phones, smart watches, personal tablets, and other personal electronic devices are not to be used during school hours. This includes such unstructured times as lunch, or grade level recess. Any device that resembles a device governed by this policy will have the same restrictions and expectations associated with it. While we understand the desire for both parents and students to remain in contact with one another, any device that a student brings with them to school should be silenced and left inside of their backpack once the school day has begun. That device should remain there until the conclusion of the regular school day, including unstructured times such as recess. Crucial messages and other information that a parent or guardian believes that a student needs to know can still be relayed to the student through the school's front office staff in a timely manner. Likewise, students will have access to telephones during times when they need to contact their parents or guardians. The possession of a cell phone, or any other electronic devices, by student is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student that chooses to use that device inappropriately. Devices that are used inappropriately at school may be confiscated and held by a teacher until the conclusion of the school day, or placed in the care of the school's administration until a parent or guardian can retrieve that device. At no time shall the school be held responsible for the prevention of theft, loss of, or damage to electronic devices that have been brought onto school property by a student. Any student who chooses to bring such a device with them to school must accept the inherent risk of doing so. Students found to be in violation of these guidelines will have disciplinary action taken against them in accordance with Jordan School District Policy AS67-Discipline of Students