

# Kensico “CARES” Behavioral Expectations

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Cooperation

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Valhalla School District  
2024 - 2025 Version

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## School Student Expectations



Kensico School is dedicated to promoting responsible behavior and respect for others. Students must be accountable for their actions, understand the consequences for their behavior and learn from their experiences. Working together, we can provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children.

Kensico “CARES” is our school belief that was developed to encourage a positive code of conduct and embrace a set of core values that include: Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-control.

Students who demonstrate one of the Kensico “CARES” characteristics receive a Kensico “CARES” bracelet. Recognition is given to a class that collectively demonstrates the Kensico “CARES” values. The class receives a large Golden “C” to display in their classroom for a week. Recognition will be given to the class during weekly morning announcements. The Special “K” is a large maroon “K” magnet placed on a school bus when those students are behaving properly traveling to and from Kensico School.

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## Attendance Expectations



1. Regular school attendance is essential.
2. Our instructional school day begins at 8:40 a.m.
3. Our school day ends at 3:00 p.m.
4. If for any reason a student is going to be absent, parents/guardians should inform the school that morning.
5. Students should not be signed out of school after 2:15 p.m. If a student is being picked up early, please avoid disrupting the last period of the day.
6. The school administration will review attendance each trimester and families of students who are absent or late excessively will be contacted by the school.

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## Cafeteria Expectations



1. Walk in the cafeteria at all times.
2. Sit while you eat breakfast, lunch and snack.
3. Use indoor voices.
4. Clean up when you are finished.
5. Recycle and Compost all of your material.
6. Students should bring a reusable water bottle.
7. Respect adults supervising and follow the directions that are given.

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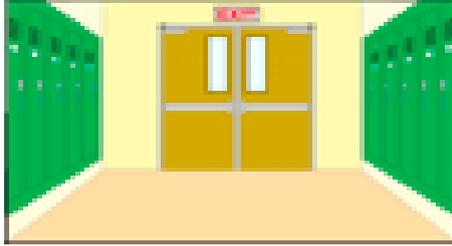
## Bathroom Expectations



1. Wash your hands before returning to class.
2. Remember to flush.
3. Respect others' privacy.
4. Respect the physical space.
5. Do not write graffiti in the bathroom.
6. If you witness inappropriate behavior, report it to an adult immediately.
7. Only drink water from water fountains or water bottle fillers.

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## Hallway Expectations



1. Walk safely at all times.
2. Walk on the right side of the hall.
3. Keep your hands to yourself.
4. Wave and smile to your peers in other classes.
5. Talking in the hallway will disrupt classrooms.
6. Respect student and teacher work that is displayed on the walls.

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## Behavior Towards Others



**Be Kind**

1. Treat other students with kindness and fairness.
2. Be respectful of others' differences.
3. Respect the personal space of yourself and others.

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## Assembly & Performance Expectations



1. Enter and exit by walking quietly.
2. Respect the space of others.
3. Be a respectful and courteous audience member.
4. Applaud appropriately.

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## Use of Electronic Devices



1. Electronic devices should be turned off and kept in your school bag during the school day.
2. Electronic games are not permitted in school.

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## Student Toys



1. Please keep all toys and trading cards at home unless prior approval is given by the classroom teacher.
2. Students should not bring their own equipment to recess.

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## Playground Expectations



1. Play safely at all times.
2. Be kind and caring to others.
3. Be a good sport – include others in your play.
4. Congratulate your opponent and give positive feedback.
5. Listen to all directions given by the adults at recess and line up when you hear the signal.
6. Use all equipment appropriately.

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## School Bus Expectations



It is important that all children follow the rules.

1. Walk onto the bus.
2. Sit in an empty seat
3. Buckle your seatbelt and stay seated.
4. Use a quiet voice.
5. Be kind and caring to your peers, and keep your hands to yourself.
6. Respect the bus driver.

\*Students who have difficulty demonstrating expected bus behavior will receive a written bus report.

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## Bus Misconduct



If we receive a discipline referral form from your child’s bus driver or if your child breaks rules on the bus, one or more of the following consequences will be administered:

- Student meeting with an administrator.
- Bus referral sent home and signed by a parent/guardian.
- Parent/Guardian phone call.
- Loss of bus privileges for 1-5 days (parent/guardian is responsible for providing transportation to and from school).
- Suspension from bus for the school year.

Consequences are determined by the administrator based on the severity of the infraction. A serious infraction may result in an immediate bus suspension, even on the first referral.

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## Range of Consequences

Discipline will be administered as soon as possible and be consistent with the severity of the infraction.

*Discipline is progressive, and the following factors are taken into account: age, discipline record, offense, and other relevant circumstances.*

### Verbal Warning

Conflict resolution discussion with staff

Student statement form completed by student

Parent/Guardian notification by staff member

In-school community service

Temporary loss of an activity/privilege/sport

Modified lunch and recess (one day or multiple days)

Classroom removal (another space)

Conference with Administration (parent notification)

In-school suspension (one or multiple days)

Out of school suspension

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## Bullying Prevention Policy

In line with the Dignity for all Students Act (2010) which went into effect on July 1, 2012, bullying, harassment or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated at Kensico. This includes harassment and discrimination based on a person’s race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, disability, gender or sexual orientation. Bullying, harassment, or discrimination will not be tolerated on school property or at school functions (any school sponsored or PTA event).

In addition, the school will investigate and have the ability to impose consequences for off campus bullying (cyber-bullying), harassment or discrimination that is brought to its attention, particularly if it is disruptive to the school environment or a child’s experience in school.

The Dignity For All Students Act Coordinators at Kensico School are as follows:

Rob Schliessman, Principal  
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914-683-5030

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## Discipline Report

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Reporting Faculty/Staff: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Behavioral Expectations at Kensico School are based on the pillars of Kensico **CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-Control.)** Your child has been involved in a disciplinary incident. The check mark indicates the pillar that has been breached.

A brief description and applicable consequences are listed below. Please assist us in helping your child understand the implications of their actions in accepting the related consequences.

- Cooperation** - I will work together with my classmates and all others.  
 **Assertion** - I will respect my school and encourage others to do the same.  
 **Responsibility** - I will take responsibility for my actions and not blame others for my behavior.  
 **Empathy** - I will think about how my actions make others feel.  
 **Self-Control** - I will be honest and dependable and be considerate of others feelings and their things.

### Reason (s) for Referral

- Bullying     Bus misconduct     Fighting     Disrespectful behavior and/or attitude  
 Recess Misbehavior     Damaging school property     Aggressiveness     Other

### Please describe the incident in which the student was involved with:

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### Administrative Action

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference with student | <input type="checkbox"/> In School Alternative Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Apology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Principal   | <input type="checkbox"/> Out of School Suspension          | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Contacted  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recess/Lunch Detention  | <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Warning                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Conference |

### Parent/Guardian Comments:

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Principal Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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My child/children and I have read and discussed the “Kensico CARES” Behavioral Expectations, as well as the Valhalla UFSD Code of Conduct. We understand the behavioral expectations that are outlined and realize there will be consequences for misbehavior.

Our signatures indicate our commitment to uphold the values, expectations and rules of Kensico School.

**Please sign below where indicated, and send this form in with your child.  
Thank you.**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read these rules and will cooperate with them. \_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature above

I have read these rules with my child and I will have continued conversation to support the school expectations with him/her at home.

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Parent/Guardian name above

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Parent/Guardian signature above

Thank you for your support and for making Kensico School  
a safe and fun place to learn!!