

STUDENT POLICIES

2009-2010

DRESS CODE

As with most any item of clothing, shorts can be worn at appropriate times and chosen in good taste. Shirts must always cover the midsection, even when hands are raised. Spaghetti straps and halter-tops are not acceptable unless worn under another shirt that meets guidelines. Any article of clothing that portrays (by word, graphic, or picture) sexually suggestive or explicit material, references drugs, tobacco, alcohol, gangs or profanity is not allowed. Students wearing improper clothing that is disruptive to the learning environment will be asked to change or cover the clothing. Hats may be worn outside, but not in the building, except for specially designated school wide dress-up days. Please refer to the district policy "Student Dress" (JICA) for further clarification.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bicycles: Bicycles must be walked on school property (from the stop signs to the front of the building and on the west side of the building) and must be parked in the bike racks provided. It is strongly recommended that primary-age children not ride their bicycles to school alone or for long distances. It is recommended that all bicycles be licensed with the police and locked in the racks. Upon arrival at school, bicycles are to be placed in the bike racks and are off limits until school is dismissed. The school does not accept responsibility for the loss or damage to bicycles brought to school. All riders are requested to wear helmets!

Valuables and Toys from home: Students are strongly discouraged from bringing valuables, toys, sports equipment, trading cards, jewelry, CD players, iPods, PSP players, electronic games and other personal play items to school. The school does not accept responsibility for the loss or damage of such items. If these items are out in the classroom, they will be confiscated and delivered to Mr. Allen in the main office. He will call the parent(s) or guardian(s) to arrange a time to come and pick up these items. Special precautions or arrangements can be made with the classroom teacher if brought for "show and tell."

POSSESSION AND USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

For purposes of these rules, "personal communication device" or "PCD" is defined to include all cell phones, pagers, personal digital assistants, cameras, audio/video recorders, and other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.

Students may possess and use PCDs at school, except under the following circumstances:

Students shall not use PCDs at any time they are in class, in the hallways or participating in or attending education-related activities, unless expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.

Students shall keep PCDs out of sight at all times they are in class, in the hallways and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.

Students shall keep PCDs turned off or dormant at all times they are in class, in the hallways and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee. In this regard, “dormant” means elimination of all vibration alerts, alarms, ringtones, flashes, and other methods of notification of incoming calls or messages.

Students shall not use PCDs when they are in class, in the hallways or when they are not otherwise participating in or attending education-related activities if such use results in disruption of the educational process or of school operations, as determined by the principal or his/her designee.

Students who violate any of these rules are subject to one or more of the following consequences for each violation:

Discipline, including suspension or expulsion from school.

Receiving a failing grade with respect to any test or assignment during which the student has possessed or used a PCD in violation of the rules.

Confiscation of the PCD possessed or used in violation of the rules for a period of time to be determined by the principal or his/her designee, up to and including the remainder of the school year. Confiscated PCDs shall not be returned until after a meeting to discuss the violation is held between the student’s parent/guardian and the principal or his/her designee.

School officials shall not view the content of or any information on a student’s PCD without the consent of the student or the student’s parent/guardian, unless expressly authorized by the appropriate assistant superintendent of school services.

BIKES, ROLLERBLADES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, AND HEELIES

Students (and parents) are not to use roller blades, skateboards, ride bikes or use heeries on school property. Once reaching the campus, bikes, scooters, skates, skateboards, etc., should be dismounted or taken off so that walkers will not be in harms way. Scooters and bicycles should be locked up at the bike rack. Violation if this policy will result in the immediate confiscation of the bicycle, scooter or skateboard. The confiscated item will be returned only after a meeting between the principal, the student and the student’s parent/guardian.

COMPUTER and INTERNET USAGE

Students will have access to computers and can apply for an Internet account. PSD has many filters and screening programs on the Internet to protect children from inappropriate sites. Unfortunately, 100% of inappropriate material cannot be screened at all times so students need to assume responsibility for their internet searches. Please refer to the district Student Rights & Code of Conduct Booklet and policy “Student Access to Networked Information Resources (IJNDA/IJNDA-R) for further clarification regarding appropriate computer usage.

HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION

Harassment is defined as any behavior that: “Demeans the ethnicity, race, culture, religion, national origin, gender, or handicapping disability of individuals or groups. Behavior(s) that create(s) an intimidating, hostile, or demeaning environment for education will be considered harassment and/or discrimination.”

Students who feel they have been subjected to such behaviors should report the incident immediately to the principal, classroom teacher or counselor. Any student who engages in conduct defined above will be required to attend a meeting with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) and the principal or his/her designee. The student will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in Poudre School District policy. Please refer to district policy “Harassment of Students” (JBB) and the Student Rights & Code of Conduct Booklet for further clarification.

HOMEMADE FOODS IN THE CLASSROOM

Under Colorado’s State Health Department regulations for school food service, students **may not** bring homemade foods into the classroom for sharing among classmates.

Food prepared or served in classrooms is a significant concern of the Larimer County Health Department due to the potential for transmitting food-borne illness. With food prepared in students’ homes and in classrooms, it is difficult to assure proper sanitation and safe hygienic practices. There is also no way to thoroughly clean and sanitize food preparation surfaces, utensils, and other equipment used in a classroom.

Homemade food items and snacks are not permitted in schools with the intent of sharing these with others—including classroom parties, birthday celebrations, potlucks, etc. If it is necessary to have food in classrooms, only commercially prepared foods from retail stores should be served. For classroom parties and birthday parties, we ask that parents attempt to bring healthy items for all students. Our goal at Johnson is to help students to develop healthy habits and to choose healthy foods. If items are not individually wrapped, an adult using a serving utensil should provide a serving to each child. Children should not be permitted to put their hands into a common container to serve themselves—e.g., popcorn from a common bowl, cookies from a common package, etc. Please refer to district policy “Homemade Food in the Classroom” for further clarification.