



Dear Parents,

The administration, faculty, and staff of St. John's Episcopal School are committed to providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and Christian living. A 2009-2010 Elementary School plan has been developed in order to help us reach this goal with regard to behavior on the outside play areas. A copy of the desired expectations is attached.

Administration, faculty, and instructional aides were involved in establishing these School standards. Our intent is to enhance the quality of our School environment by letting both students and parents know expected outside behavior. We encourage students and parents to review this together so that a complete understanding may be reached. Parents and students indicating receipt of this information must sign the bottom of this letter. **Please return the tear-off to your child's teacher.**

This program has been established with the safety of your child in mind. Working together in partnership, we can best address your child's needs. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Melissa Christian

Elementary School Principal
Dean of Academics

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(Please Return to Classroom Teacher)

We, the undersigned, have read the St. John's Episcopal School Elementary School Guidelines for Outdoor Play and understand them. We have discussed them with our student and will support St. John's Episcopal School and adhere to these standards.

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Student's Signature

Print Student Name/Teacher

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR PLAY**

GENERAL RULES:

Follow directions the first time they are given.

Use good common sense.

Kindergarten – When the whistle blows three times, all play stops and children freeze for several seconds. The next whistle signals that it is time to clean up and **WALK** to line up.

Grades 1 through 5 – When the whistle blows three times, all play stops immediately. A single whistle then signals that students **WALK** to line-up quickly. Students with balls are to return them to the basket before lining up.

Drinks and restroom needs are to be taken care of during recess. Emergencies and special needs will be handled by the classroom teachers.

Absolutely no fighting or inappropriate language.

Nutrition break - Recommended snacks: fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers. Sit on the seats at the lunch tables, not on the table tops. Always clean-up your paper and food scraps. Absolutely **NO GUM, CANDY OR SODA!**

Tables are used for eating. Be sure to clear away all of your trash.

Benches are used for sitting only (on the bench seats and not on any other part of the bench).

If you are injured on the playground, let the teacher on duty know before you go to the appropriate area for treatment.

Refrain from intentionally kicking dirt on the baseball field.

Rock, wood chip or sand throwing, biting, fighting with another student or hitting another student are serious infractions. The Principal and Headmaster will be involved in the disciplinary action taken for such offenses.

No throwing balls at other students. No kicking balls, except on field. No balls allowed in wood chip area. No footballs. Children may not use the climbing wall without approval.

There is no running along the outside corridors or climbing the trees along the walled area. There is no running or playing (sitting only) on the benches in the Grandparents' Retreat area.

Play is not allowed near the windows, doors of classrooms, lockers or backpacks.

Handball may be played against the handball walls and not against the building. Throwing balls onto the roof is not allowed. Kindergarten students do not kick balls in their play area.

BOUNDARIES:

Students are only allowed in the Grandparents' Retreat area before school. They are not allowed in this area during recess and lunch.

Before school, students may not play on the grass.

During recess, you may play on the blacktop, grass area, and chip area.

There is no running or ball playing in the chip area.

You may not enter a classroom or the hallways during recess.

Kindergarten Only –

The fire truck is for climbing only. Running on, jumping from or hanging from the fire truck is not allowed. Sitting on top of the rock climbing wall is not allowed. Jump ropes are for jumping only. Using ropes for lassos or body wrapping is not allowed. Tag games are not allowed.

Bicycles – **no speeding, bumping or standing on bikes is allowed.** Bikes are for riding only. Students may not walk in the riding area. Bikes must be ridden within the red lines.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:

No running or playing tag on the play structure.

Slide – Each person may slide one at a time. Stay seated, feet first, with your entire body between the sides of the slide. You may only go down the slide while seated. Do not walk up the slide. Do not swing from the top bar onto the slide. Do not use the slide if wet.

Middle School/Upper Elementary Bars – Lower Elementary students are not allowed to use this equipment.

Swings (Kindergarten playground) - If waiting to use a swing, please do so beyond the fence. You may count to 25 while waiting, then let the person on the swing know that it is now your turn. No jumping off of swings.

GAMES:

Please do not bring balls, toys or any other play equipment from home for recess play.

Balls - If the ball you are playing with goes over the wall or into the parking lot, a teacher or custodian will have to retrieve it, if possible. Outside building walls including the modular, are not to be used as backstops for ball games.

Ball Games – Games will be played according to the rules established by the P.E. instructors.

Soccer (when field is available) will be played at the discretion of faculty and staff.

Handball courts are assigned by grade level. Handball is to be played with SJES rules only.

RESTROOMS:

Appropriate behavior in the restrooms is expected. The following ***are not allowed:***

1. Loitering
2. Playing with water in sinks
3. Clogging drains with sand or any other items
4. Putting inappropriate materials in sinks or toilets
5. Turning off lights while others are still in the restroom
6. Purposely blocking restroom doorways
7. Playing in and around the bathrooms

The following ***will*** result in partial or one day suspension:

1. Rock Throwing
2. Biting

Other behaviors, which may result in serious disciplinary measures, are listed in the Parent/Student Handbook.