

Tamarac Elementary School

School Expectations

Be Respectful

- Listen to the teachers, staff members, bus driver and peers.
- Use inside voices.
- Play fair.
- If you make a mistake, apologize for it and don't repeat it.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Leave the classroom, cafeteria, playground and bus the way you found it.
- Live up to your Classroom Mission Statement.
- Think about how you can make Tamarac a better place for all students.
- On the bus, keep your backpack in your lap so there is room for others to sit.
- Sit in the area designated for your grade level.
- When students come on the bus, move in to make room for them to sit.
- Only 5th graders are allowed to sit in the back of the bus.
- Treat others how you would like to be treated.
- In the cafeteria, stay in your seats, clean up after yourself, raise your hand in you need assistance.

Be safe.

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Stay seated and facing forward the entire bus ride.
- Do not change seats.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Never put your hands or head out the window.
- Never play with the emergency exits.
- Never run, push or yell when on the bus or exiting/entering the bus.
- Do not bring inappropriate toys to school.
- Cell phones are not permitted in school. If you have one in your backpack, make sure it never leaves your backpack.
- No running in the hallways.
- When using the hallway bathrooms, do your business and go. Be respectful of your classmate's privacy. Wash your hands quickly and neatly. Make sure water doesn't get all over the floor. Do not waste paper towels or throw items into toilet that do not belong.
- Use playground equipment appropriated, stay in permitted areas, and play fair.

Be a leader.

- Lead by example! Do the right thing, even if others are not.
- Do NOT boss others around. Leaders are not bossy!
- Make the right choice even if nobody is looking.
- If something is wrong, tell the teacher, principal, an adult or the bus driver.
- Include others, don't leave anyone out.
- Play fair. Be a gracious winner and never be a sore loser.
- Treat other the way you want to be treated.
- In the hallway, face forward, hands at sides, remain quiet and move around the building safely. We always walk on the right side of the hallway.
- Play fair.

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School Contract

After reviewing the school and bus expectations with your child please help them fill in their name on the blanks below and sign this form. Once both you and your child have reviewed and signed this form please return this form to your child's teacher by Friday, September 16th. Your support and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

I _____ will be **respectful** to the
(Student's name)
bus driver, my peers, my classmates, my teachers at all times. I will treat school property and our buses with respect.

I _____ will practice **safe** behaviors at
(Student's name)
school. Whether I am in the classroom, playground, cafeteria or hallway I will follow the school rules bus at **all** times.

I _____ will be a **leader** by doing the right
(Student's name)
thing in school, on the playground and the bus even when others are not.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Thank you for your support!

September 12, 2016

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

In a continued effort to make the entire school experience for our children the best it can be, starting with the bus ride to school, to the classroom, special areas, the cafeteria, the playground and back home from school, safe and stress free, all Tamarac students will participate in grade level meetings to review student expectations while they are under our supervision, as well as, consequences that may result from inappropriate and unsafe behaviors. In addition, all students will receive a copy of these expectations and a contract to review and sign with their parent and/or guardian regarding appropriate school behavior.

It is our hope that these efforts will help eliminate any unsafe behavior on our buses and in our school to ensure a safe and enjoyable day for your child and all children attending Tamarac Elementary School.

Please know that ALL students will need to complete and return the Behavior Contract. All Tamarac students will meet with me and participate in a grade level conversation about our expectations. They will have an opportunity to ask questions and participate in our discussion. As such, it is imperative that you and your child are familiar with student expectations while under our care.

We have great students and families at Tamarac. All of us working together to make each day the best it can be for all children is why Tamarac is such a special place.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in this matter, as well as your dedication to making your child's elementary school experience the best one possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Saidens or me.

Respectfully yours,

Gina Mordente and
Principal's Aide
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Michael Saidens
Principal
msaidens@sachem.edu

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School Bus Consequences and Rewards

Meeting behavioral expectations can be rewarding!

Rewards:

- A safe, stress-free bus ride.
- A smile from your teacher, an adult or your bus driver.
- A great day in your classroom.
- You can participate in fun activities.
- Extra recess or special activities
- You will feel good!
- You can be a superhero and be recognized by your school and classmates.
- You can do your part and make the Tamarac Elementary School the best elementary school in Sachem! ☺

Failing to meet set expectations can result in the following

Consequences:

- A meeting with Mrs. Mordente and/or Mr. Saidens
- A phone call home
- Loss of recess
- Assigned seating on the bus (away from friends)
- In-school detention
- Suspension from the bus
- Suspension from school
- Other consequences as deemed appropriate by Mrs. Mordente, Mr. Saidens, and Parents of student(s) involved