



KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

SAFETY

This is our...

Student Handbook

As students of Samuel Staples Elementary School, we believe that...

- All students can learn even when it may be difficult.
- Different people have different methods for learning.
- All students should be kind, respectful, responsible, and safe.
- Everyone makes and can learn from their mistakes.
- All students should be included.
- Teachers should be patient and kind.
- Teachers should inspire and encourage students.
- Teachers should adapt and respect students' learning methods.
- Every teacher should believe in their students and try to teach them the best that they can.
- A good teacher does not only teach.
- A good teacher is an inspiration to their students.
- School culture helps students connect.
- Every student and teacher has the right to feel safe in their school.
- Parents should encourage their child and be positive.
- The community should support their students, teachers, and the entire school system.

Our SSES Community

As member of Samuel Staples Elementary School, you are part of a large community that includes more than 540 students and 60 teachers and staff members. As you grow, we want you to learn how to:

- Interact with adults and peers in a respectful manner
- Show kindness to others
- Accept responsibility and learn from mistakes
- Solve problems in a respectful and safe way

Being a Good SSES Citizen

At SSES, we believe that each student should be kind, respectful, responsible, and safe.

Your positive behavior inspires those around you throughout the school. By being a good citizen and behaving responsibly, you help keep SSES the place to be!




Behavior Guidelines




1. Responsible student behavior supports teaching and learning.
2. Responsible student behavior supports positive relationships.
3. Responsible student behavior shows respect for people and property.
4. Responsible student behavior solves problems in a respectful and safe way.

Our Mission Statement

We are a community of learners. We educate students to be successful in acquiring the knowledge, skills and intellectual virtues needed to become caring, responsible citizens who value learning for a lifetime.

As students of SSES, we hold ourselves and our peers to high expectations. Below are a list of expectations that we think are important to every student.

	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Respect</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Safety</i>
<p><i>Bathroom</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use whichever stall is open. • If there is a line, wait your turn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give people privacy. • Remember that the bathroom is not a playground. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash your hands to prevent the spread of germs. • Do what you need to do and go back to class promptly. • Use indoor voices. • Only go to the bathroom when you need to. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk, as the floor may be slippery. • Avoid splashing water.
<p><i>Cafeteria</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your best to include other people that may not normally sit with you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the cafeteria quiet, no need to yell or scream. • Listen to the lunch staff. • Wait in line. • Say please and thank you to the staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay in your seat and raise your hand if you need to go somewhere. • Sit at your own table with your classmates. • Throw away your trash and other trash you see on your way to the garbage. • Your food should remain your food as some students have allergies. • Make sure to recycle all recyclables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk and save dancing for recess. • Line-up quietly for recess.
<p><i>Hallway</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to your teacher when he or she gives you instructions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait to be invited into the classroom. • You should be quiet so as not to disturb active learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk in a straight line. • Avoid jumping and trying to touch stuff, it may result in injuries or damage the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always walk. • Always move to the right to keep from bumping into those walking toward you.

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<p><i>Playground</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be nice to everybody! • Share the equipment with everyone. • Include friends who wish to play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be patient when waiting to use equipment. • Use all equipment properly. • Listen to the recess supervisors. • Leave personal belongings inside. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure that everybody has someone to play with. • Ask somebody to play who is on the Buddy Bench. • Play appropriate games. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep your hands and feet to yourself. • Leave the trees alone. • Wear proper clothing, especially in the snow.
<p><i>Classroom & Specials</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be open and share. • Include everyone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the teacher or guest teacher. • Follow all directions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put your materials away when you are done with them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push-in your chair. • Pick-up stuff you dropped on the floor. • Always walk.
<p><i>Bus</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to make sure everyone is sitting with somebody. • Make good choices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect your bus driver. • Be respectful of everyone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use indoor voices. • No eating on the bus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk to the bus. • Stay seated when the bus is moving.

Restorative Practices

If the expected behaviors are not being met, the students will be involved in a restorative conference in which the goal is to build social capital and achieve social discipline through participatory learning and decision making.

SSES Student Behavior Agreement

To ensure that all students and parents/guardians at Samuel Staples Elementary School have a common understanding of our expectations, kindly review the attached handbook.

Please sign and return this page to your classroom teacher.

I have read and understand these expectations. I promise to inspire others at SSES by being kind, respectful, responsible, and safe.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____