# West Rocks Middle School Behavior Expectations as Governed by the Middle School Code of Conduct

Rights Responsibilities Respect

West Rocks is a safe, calm, and orderly school where everyone can learn and teachers can teach. We believe in Rights, Responsibilities, Respect. "I have a right to be safe at school. I have the responsibility to follow the rules so that everyone will be safe. I have a right to be treated with respect. I have the responsibility to treat myself and others with respect."

# DISRESPECT/DEFIANCE TO ADULTS

Not tolerated. Immediate referral to the Office.

# **FIGHTING**

You will be suspended for up to 10 days if you are involved in a fight. You may be referred to the police. Violence is not tolerated.

# **BULLYING/HURTING OTHERS/MAKING FUN OF OTHERS**

Not tolerated by State law and District policy. You will have a consequence which could include suspension. Bullying form will be completed. Parent contact.

## **BACKPACKS**

Backpacks cannot be carried to class. Please put gym clothes in a separate plastic or canvas bag.

#### **PROFANITY**

Not tolerated.

## **RUNNING, YELLING**

Not tolerated.

### HORSEPLAY

Not tolerated. You will have a consequence.

#### **FOOD ITEMS**

Throwing food is an immediate referral to the office and could mean suspension. Food is not allowed outside, in classrooms, in halls. This includes lollipops, gum, water bottles, juices, hot drinks. You will be asked to put the food item in the garbage.

## LOCKERS

You will follow the locker policy of your grade level. You will not be able to go to your locker after each period. Locker access for grades 7 and 8 will be before Homeroom, before and after lunch, before and after P.E., and at the end of  $7^{th}$  period. The  $6^{th}$  grade students will receive a specific locker schedule on the first day of school.

## TOYS AND DEVICES

IPODS, CD, Mp3, tape players, cameras, etc. are not allowed. Laser pens, cell phones, pagers, electronic devices/toys are not allowed. We ask that you do not bring your own sports equipment or toys to school. For the first offense, the item will be returned to the parent. For the second offense, the items will be placed in the "June Box" to be taken home on the last day of school. Disposable cameras are allowed only on field trips with the permission of the staff.

# **OUTSIDE BEHAVIOR**

Students cannot go into the building without the permission of staff. In cold weather, students are to dress in appropriate clothing for outside lunch recess and while waiting for morning entry into the building.

## **DRESS**

Please refer to the Dress Expectations document. Pants are secured at the waist with a belt. Clothing which is too short, too sheer, too tight, too revealing is inappropriate. Students will be asked to change if wearing inappropriate clothing.

# **PASSING TIME (Four Minutes)**

Students are to go directly to class. This is the time to use the bathroom and to get water. Passing time is not play time. Many classes are only one minute away.

## **EXCESSIVE ABSENCES AND TARDIES**

You will be given detentions and other consequences. You could be referred to juvenile court or to DCF.

# POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

You may be given a team detention, a class detention, or an office detention. You may be suspended in school or out of school. In the case of police matters, (such as fights, assault, theft, weapons), you could face a court appearance, Superintendent's or Expulsion Hearing. This may mean removal from school.

WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A GOOD PLACE TO LEARN. RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND RESPECT ARE FOR ALL OF US.