

DRIFTWOOD PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

2020 - 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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2CJ MISSION STATEMENT

The District will provide ALL students with curriculum and programs to enable them to be proficient and to allow them to excel as ethical, responsible, and successful members of a global society.

DRIFTWOOD SCHOOL

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OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday)
Closed Holidays

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to Driftwood School. We are excited to launch a new year of school. In this new time, we are committed to working with our families to provide the best education we can in the environment we have.

We thank you all for your patience as we navigate this school year. We will be using the online platform of Edgenuity to help our teachers and families partner in teaching and learning.

Our motto remains the same, "One Team, One Goal, No Limits". Our goal is to provide the education and opportunities for our students to help them reach their potential. We will explore all options and resources available to make that happen.

Once again, welcome!!!

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PREFACE

Port Orford-Langlois School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, disability, marital status, sex or age in providing education or access to benefits of education services, activities and programs in accordance with Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and other civil rights or discrimination issues; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Superintendent has been designated to coordinate compliance with these legal requirements and may be contacted at the district office for additional information and/or compliance issues.

DRIFTWOOD SCHOOL STAFF

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Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grade 6

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VISITORS TO DRIFTWOOD

Due to COVID – 19, for the 2020 – 2021 school year, Driftwood will not allow any visitors into the building, unless deemed essential by administration.

CONTACT US

Email: You can reach any staff member through email by using their firstname.lastname@2cj.k12.or.us.

When emailing staff:

- Remember that email is **not** confidential.
- Be concise.
- If the concern is lengthy or involved, please request a conference.

Phone: All teachers can be contacted by phone by calling the school office at (541) 332-2712. Unless it is an emergency, classroom phones will not be answered during instructional times.

Teachers are unable to meet with parents/guardians five minutes before the start of school until school ends unless an appointment is made through the front office. Drop-ins may not be able to meet with the teacher the same day.

ARRIVING AT DRIFTWOOD

Students are not to be on campus prior to 7:45 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Supervision is not available until then. Students are to report to their classroom when entering the building. They will be served breakfast there.

The students who ride buses will be allowed to enter through the bus door. Students who are dropped off or walk to school will enter through the front door. No students will enter through playground doors.

It cannot be stressed enough how important it is that students are at school on time, both to ensure the maximum benefits of school, and to prevent disruption of the class.

Parents will not be allowed in the buildings without the written consent of the building administrator.

DISMISSAL

If your child is not riding the bus, please make arrangements to have him/her picked up promptly at 2:50 dismissal each day.

If waiting for your child, please wait on the front lawn of Driftwood. Parents are not allowed to enter the building without written consent of the building administrator.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS

Communication between families and teacher is imperative to student success.

Using Edgenuity, parents will be able to track student progress every week.

Progress reports will be distributed at parent teacher conferences after the first and fourth six weeks and mailed home after the second and fifth six weeks. Report cards will be mailed home at the end of each semester.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

A conference provides for productive two-way communication that can set the stage for a great school year. Parents who are concerned can schedule a conference at any time during the year by calling the teacher or using email.

Driftwood schedules conferences in both the fall and spring. Please be sure to attend both conferences. This year, it is highly likely that conferences will be conducted virtually.

Conference tips:

- Before the conference, spend a few minutes talking with your child about things he or she likes and doesn't like, problems or concerns.
- Prepare some questions in advance. These could be about subjects, homework, assignments, or how you can help at home.
- Share things about your child, like favorite subjects, outside interests/hobbies, medical/health needs, or other concerns.
- At the conference keep an open mind. The teacher shares your wishes for your child's success, and the goal is a partnership. Ask to see your child's work. Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand. If necessary, ask to meet again.
- After the conference, follow up. Stay in touch with the teacher, and if you think of a question you forgot to ask, write a note or call.
- Know what the expectations are for your child's success.

Parents should notify the teacher several days in advance if they need a translator for the conference.

Parents or teachers may request that a third party join the conference, and it is helpful to inform the conference participants in advance. If any participant feels that a conference is threatening, an administrator will join the conference. If an administrator is not available, the teacher will terminate the conference and an administrator will contact the parent to arrange a follow-up conference at a later date.

LUNCH

At Driftwood, lunch behavior expectations are as follows:

- Follow adult directions.
- Sit on your bottom while eating.
- Inside voices in the line and at the tables.
- Manners and courtesy practiced at all times.
- Clean up your messes.
- Hands, feet and objects to yourself.

SCHOOL MEALS

Breakfast and hot lunches are available everyday. Menus are sent home each month, available in the school and are available online www.2cj.com. Free and reduced lunches are available to qualifying students, and we encourage all parents to apply in the office.

District schools have "closed campuses", and students are not allowed to leave the school campus unless escorted by an adult. Once a student is on campus, they cannot leave without parental or school permission

School breakfast is free to all students.

Students who are on free / reduced lunch status may receive the full meal, which includes a milk, at the free or reduced price. Any extra milks will be charged to the student.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

A student who must take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day **must** bring the medicine and a written request to administer medication signed by his/her parent to the office. For over-the-counter medicine, the request must include the parent/physician's written instructions, dosage, time interval, and method of administration. All prescription medication **must** be in its original container, and the container label must clearly show the student's and physician's names, and instructions. Parents must deliver all medicines to the school. Students may not bring their own medications.

Written permission must be given for students to be administered non-aspirin pain relievers.

All medication will be taken in the school office under supervision of office staff.

We are unable to provide your child with any over the counter medication.

SCHOOL PHONES

Phones are for school business ONLY. Due to the volume of calls and limited phone lines, student usage of phones is for extremely important or emergency situations. If a student has an emergency they may come to the office and the secretary will call home for them.

CELL PHONES

Students are permitted to bring cell phones to school for emergency use, **but they must be turned off and put away unless they are being used for class with permission of the instructor.**

The school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged cellphones. Students bring cell phones at their own risk.

Students may **not** take photos or send text messages using cell phones during school hours as per district policy JFCEB.

Violation of this policy will result in confiscation of the phone to be returned only to the parent.

Parents, please refrain from calling or texting during school hours.

STUDENT VISITORS

For the 2020 – 21 school year, Driftwood will not allow nay student visitors.

PETS AT SCHOOL

Animals may not be brought to school or school sponsored events without prior approval from the principal and may not be transported by school bus.

LOST AND FOUND

Any items found at school should be turned in to the office for placement in lost and found.

Your student's name should be on articles of clothing, school supplies, or other possessions brought from home, then found items can be returned to the owner.

The school assumes no responsibility for a child's personal belongings beyond teaching responsibility and honesty.

Students are urged to check with the office for lost articles. Clothing items left unclaimed at the end of the school year will be donated.

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HOME

Students are not to bring personal items from home unless they are cleared by the teacher, and are for educational purposes.

The school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged personal items. Students bring personal items at their own risk.

WE ARE A TITLE I SCHOOL

Driftwood has Title I programs in place that serves all of the students in our school. Our district receives federal grant money that is used for supplies and personnel to provide students with supplemental instruction focused on reading and math.

Federal law now allows parents to ask for certain information about the adults working with your children, and requires the district to respond in a timely manner. Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers. This could include information about the teacher's licensing for grade levels taught and whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional status. Parents may request what baccalaureate degree and other graduate certification is held by the teacher and subject area, if any, of the certification or degree. Parents can also learn whether their child is being provided service by a paraprofessional (instructional assistant) and if so, their qualifications.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

In case of hazardous or emergency conditions, the superintendent may alter district and transportation schedules as deemed appropriate to the particular condition. Such alterations include closure of all schools, closure of selected schools or grade levels, delayed openings of schools, and early dismissal of students. We will do our best to notify parents of these situations and local radio will broadcast timely school information. This is posted on the district website and our Facebook page. We will use the local media that will be used in the event of emergency closure are radio stations 107.3 or 107.7 (KACW FM) and 94.9 (KOOS FM), and local TV, KCBY Coos Bay or KOB Medford.

We will also be using REMIND for emergency communication. Please sign up at the office for this service.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

SMART Reading is available for elementary students. Students are selected by their teacher to participate. SMART is a volunteer program.

RTI is a K-6 reading support program provided by district staff. Students are placed in groups based on their mastery of literacy skills and are exited when they meet their grade level benchmarks.

Grades and completed assignments are an important part of athletics and activities. Students must pass all classes. Behavior can also impact participation.

SCHOOL CLOTHING

2CJ Board Policy [JFCA] was adopted to ensure students' dress and grooming does not cause:

- disruption or interference with the classroom learning environment
- threat to the health and/or safety of the student concerned or of other students

Examples of inappropriate dress include, but is not limited to:

1. Clothing promoting alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, gangs, or inappropriate words or pictures;
2. Short shorts, skirts or dresses, tight yoga pants, leggings, or pants/shorts that fit like spandex, and "low-rider" pants. ;
3. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, mid drift tops, see-through material, low necklines, large scoops under the arms, pajamas, and dress that allows undergarments to show;
4. Any dress that could be gang related. "Sagging" pants, chains, scarves, bandanas, hoods, etc.
5. Soft soled shoes or shoes that may be deemed unsafe by the administration

Head coverings of any kind are not to be worn in the school building except on special occasions. Eye contact is important in the teaching/learning process, hats can be related to gang activity, and it is a respectful courtesy in our culture to **remove** hats in a public building.

Students on field trips or other school sponsored events are expected to follow dress guidelines as directed by the teacher. Students involved in sports or other voluntary activities may be required to meet additional dress and grooming standards.

Students in grades 7 and 8 will be held to the dress code in place at Pacific High School. It includes shorts and skirts shall be an acceptable length (fingertip length may be used as a guideline). If leggings are worn, shirts must cover the midsection of the body and be at least fingertip length all the way around.

The administration reserves the right to determine if dress and/or grooming is inappropriate. In the event of an infringement of the dress code, parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing.

CANDY-GUM-BEVERAGES

For sanitary and clean up concerns chewing gum is **not** allowed at school.

Candy is permitted in small amounts as part of cold lunch.

No pop or energy drinks will be allowed during lunch hour. Students who bring coffee like drinks to school are responsible for clean up and any costs occurred for damages if they should spill those drinks.

DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

It is normal for elementary and middle school students to be attracted to each other, and we certainly encourage friendships among all students. We feel that our students are not ready for a serious relationship with another boy or girl, and that school is not the appropriate place for intimate gestures.

Hand holding, kissing, hugging or other physical displays of affection are not allowed at school or school functions.

STEPS TO RESOLVE CONCERNS

Board policy outlines a hierarchy of contact when parents have concerns. Concerns should be addressed in this order, if needed:

1. Teacher
2. Principal
3. Superintendent
4. Board of Education

For more serious concerns, a formal complaint procedure is available to parents, and these will be responded to in a very timely manner.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Parents of students with a communicable disease are asked to contact the school so that other students who have been exposed to the disease can be alerted.

Students with certain diseases are not allowed to attend school while the disease is contagious. These diseases include, but are not limited to, chicken pox, diphtheria, measles, meningitis, mumps, lice infestations, whooping cough, rubella, staph/strep infections, and tuberculosis.

Call the school office if you have concerns or questions.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Students enrolling in Oregon schools must have been immunized for certain diseases. Parents must submit documentation showing their child has had the required immunizations or proof that they have followed the proper protocol for exemption as set forth by the state of Oregon.

School administrators are required by Oregon law to deny admission to children who have not been immunized or whose parents/guardians have not shown proof of the exemption protocol by the statewide exemption date.

Parents with questions should contact the office, the Curry County Health Department at 541-247-3377 or go to www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption for new immunization laws.

COMPUTER LAB – INTERNET

Driftwood works to having a one to one ratio of computers to students in each classroom. This that allows teachers to spend instruction time teaching computer skills, keyboarding, email, and internet use.

We take every precaution to protect students from material on the internet that could be considered inappropriate or objectionable, and we feel the educational benefits far outweigh any risk.

Along with this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. It is important that parents and

students read and discuss the District Electronic Communications Agreement. This permission form is given to parents at the beginning of the school year. (Board Policy IIBGA-AR)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A list of school supplies is available at the front office. Teachers may require that additional supplies be purchased during the year for special activities and/or projects. We sometimes have donations of supplies that help those in financial need.

FIELD TRIPS

**Due to COVID – 19, Driftwood will not sponsor any off – campus field trips until further notice.

Field trips are an important part of our school program. Information specific to the field trips will be sent out prior to the trip.

Students are considered “in school” while participating in district sponsored activities. This means students are subject to the rules, district policy, and other rules deemed necessary by the field trip supervisor.

DRILLS

The safety of our students is the top priority. Drills are conducted on a regular basis both to comply with the law and to prepare our students in case of an emergency. Fire drills occur monthly. Earthquake, tsunami, and lockdown drills take place 2 times per year.

Students are taught proper procedures for evacuation, and we are proud of our ability to get to safety quickly and quietly.

DISTRICT/SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Go to www.2cj.com to view the district website. There is information about the district, calendars, menus, school news, and much more. Please also like us on Facebook to get up to date information about the happenings at our school!!!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Sometimes the student may require special education and related services because of a significant disability that adversely affect his or her ability to learn. Parents and teachers can refer students for evaluation of needs.

Services for talented and gifted students are provided upon determination of eligibility through district procedures.

We ask that if parents/guardians have forms that teachers must fill out that discuss student behaviors and/or health during school hours to please contact Bonita Stout, Special Services Coordinator, to help facilitate this process.

TIME TO LEARN AND DEFINING DISCIPLINE

“WE CARE TOO MUCH TO LET PROBLEM BEHAVIOR INTERFERE WITH LEARNING.”

Students learn best when they feel safe and respected at school.

Discipline is a process that uses teaching, modeling, and other appropriate strategies to maintain the behaviors necessary to provide a safe, orderly and productive learning environment by changing unacceptable behavior to acceptable behavior.

Here are beliefs related to discipline at Driftwood

1. *The misbehavior of a student will not excuse him/her from successfully completing learning objectives.*
2. *Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.*
3. *Every discipline is an opportunity to teach expected behavior.*
4. *Expected behavior must be communicated, taught, and modeled throughout the school year.*
5. *Parents have a responsibility to ensure their child's behaviors do not take away from a safe, orderly, and academically productive learning environment of others.*

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are responsible for conducting themselves properly in accordance with the policies of the district and lawful direction of staff. The district has the responsibility to afford students certain rights as guaranteed under federal and state constitutions and laws.

The district has the authority and control over a student at any school – related activity, during the regular school day, regardless of time and location, and while being transported in district – provided transportation. Students will be subject to discipline including loss of privileges, detention, suspension, expulsion, and/or referral to law enforcement officials as deemed appropriate by school administration.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

At Driftwood, we do not allow hurtful, mean, or threatening words and/or actions at our school.

With that being said, there is a difference between being rude, being mean, and being a bully.

The 5 facets of bullying are:

1. Targeted
2. One – sided (once the target engages, it becomes a conflict)
3. Over time (we consider three or more incidents, not in the same day)

4. Power differential (size, gender, social, etc.)
5. After adult intervention (usually, after the PRINCIPAL intervention)

Bullying must be documented actions, not hearsay. Acts of bullying may result in student discipline.

We encourage Driftwood students to discuss issues with adults immediately when those issues arise so that they can be taken care of immediately.

Please remember that not every action is bullying. We encourage parents/guardians to communicate with the school about any concerns regarding behaviors. Please refer to District Policy JFCF.

We will never totally prevent all bullying, and a strong component of this policy is teaching coping skills to our students.

Students feel empowered when they are able to solve their own problems, but also know when they need an adult's help.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Among these student rights and responsibilities are the following:

Civil rights – including the right to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination, the responsibility not to discriminate against others:

1. The right to attend free public schools, the responsibility to attend school regularly and to observe school rules essential for permitting others to learn at school;
2. The right to due process of law with respect to suspension, expulsion and decisions which the student believes injure his/her rights;
3. The right to free inquiry and expression, the responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights;
4. The right to assemble informally, the responsibility to not disrupt the orderly operation of the educational process, nor infringe upon the rights of others;
5. The right to privacy, which includes privacy in respect to the student's education records;
6. The right to know the behavior standards expected, the responsibility to know the consequences of misbehavior.

ASBESTOS NOTICE

Federal law requires that we notify the public of the presence of asbestos in the buildings. While asbestos is a concern, it poses no significant problem unless it is damaged.

The district has complied with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) by having its buildings inspected by accredited inspectors and the development of a management plan for the control of this substance.

The management plan is available for public inspection in the district office. Any questions, concerns, or reporting of possible problems are to be directed to the district at 541-366-2111.

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| LEAD BASED PAINT PROGRAM |
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The Port Orford/Langlois School District, in accordance with EPA regulations, would advise all parents to read the EPA pamphlet "Renovate Right" regarding lead based paints. This pamphlet is available online at the 2CJ website (under Safety Committee heading) or by going directly to the EPA website at: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>