

BIGFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CITIZENSHIP PLAN

MISSION: It is the mission of Bigfork Elementary School to provide our students with the means to become responsible, productive and confident citizens. We strive to foster a respect for self, classmates, staff, and school resources.

EXPECTATIONS: Clear communication is critical so that everyone knows the characteristics of good citizenship:



SELF RESPECT—Students have the basic responsibility to do their best at school. This can only happen if students wish to build personal success. To do this, each student at Bigfork School will:

1. Attend school every day if possible. Be to school on time. And, have the necessary school materials to complete school work.
2. Use language that will represent the student in a positive way. Swearing or inappropriate language negatively affects how others view you.
3. Show others you care about yourself. You should: comb your hair; brush your teeth; wear clean clothes; eat a balanced diet; and, make yourself look your best.



RESPECT FOR CLASSMATES—All students have the basic right to learn in a positive and caring environment. To do this, each student at Bigfork School will:

1. Use their hands, feet, and bodies in an appropriate way. Pushing, shoving, hitting and kicking are actions that hurt others.
2. Express thoughts, feelings and opinions in a positive way. Name-calling, criticizing, and laughing at others create hurtful feelings.
3. Treat others as you would wish to be treated. Before you act or speak, think about how you would feel if a classmate did the same to you.



RESPECT FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF—All school staff have the basic right to teach in, and maintain, a positive and caring environment. To do this, each student at Bigfork School will:

1. Do what your teacher (or staff person) asks you to do. Your teacher has daily plans designed to help you become successful. By following your teacher's instructions, you will be successful.
2. Use respectful and positive communication with your teacher. Arguing or being sassy forces your teacher to deal with your behavior, rather than talking to you about schoolwork. When teachers spend more time on behavior than schoolwork you and your classmates lose valuable learning time.
3. Show positive body language. Your posture and body language speak louder than your words. Show your teacher you are interested in being successful by sitting up straight; looking at your teacher when he or she is speaking to you; and, smile when communicating with your teacher.



RESPECT FOR SCHOOL & RESOURCES—Everyone has the basic right to work in a safe, clean environment. To do this, each student at Bigfork School will:

1. Use equipment and materials properly. All the tools we use in school (pencils, chairs, basketballs, computers, etc.) have a specific purpose. When we use items in a way they were not intended we risk damaging the item or hurting ourselves or others.
2. Speak positively about your school. When you say good things about Bigfork School, you show you appreciate your school and like to be there.
3. Show Huskie Pride! When you feel proud of your school you work harder and feel better about coming to school every day.

STEPS TO GOOD CITIZENSHIP: Good citizenship does not come naturally. Meeting the expectations of our plan will include the following action steps to ensure a successful plan, both for individual students and the entire school:

- ❖ Modeling/promoting good citizenship
- ❖ Teaching good citizenship
- ❖ Discussing good citizenship with students who are not displaying good citizenship
- ❖ Speaking directly with students about how they could improve their citizenship
- ❖ Communicating with parents about their child's development of good citizenship
- ❖ Using human resources to help build good citizenship (TAT Committee; SST Committee; Children's Mental Health; Human Resource Officer; Police Liaison Officer; School Counselor; and, School Principal)
- ❖ Differentiating strategies for students not able to demonstrate good citizenship

GOOD CITIZENSHIP IS A RESULT OF STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE SAME GOAL. TOGETHER WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN DEVELOPING GOOD CITIZENSHIP IN EACH STUDENT!

