

Seven Hills Charter Public School

The SHCPS code of conduct is:

Be kind.

Be safe.

Be responsible.

Start now to build a common language between home and school. First, help your child define the words “kind,” “safe” and “responsible” by listing actionable items for home and school.

Create a list of behaviors that ARE and ARE NOT kind, safe and responsible. For example, being responsible at home might mean going to bed on time or doing their chores. Being responsible in school might mean doing their homework or showing you their agenda each night. Not doing this might result in poor grades or having to finish homework during recess time.

After creating these lists, discuss natural consequences (positive or negative) for their actions. For example, a natural consequence for going to bed on time is waking up feeling ready for a great day. Not going to bed on time may result in him / her feeling tired and grouchy the next day. A natural consequence related to homework is an ability to participate in a classroom activity or to do well on a test or assignment.

Throughout the summer, refer to this chart and reinforce the language by discussing every day interactions. For example, say “That was a very kind thing you did. Thank you for helping your little sister when she fell down.” Likewise, you might say something like “Running out into the street was not a SAFE thing to do. You could have gotten hurt. Next time, ask me to help you.”

At Seven Hills, we see every behavior (positive or negative) as a teachable moment. Help us build a strong foundation for success in school, and life by reinforcing these messages and serving as role models for our children.

(Remember, you can do similar exercises with our core values. By pointing out when people, or characters (in books, on TV or in movies) demonstrate, or fail to demonstrate, one of our core values, point it out and have a discussion about it. For example, “What core value did he show when he told the truth about what happened on the playground?)

Be kind.

Being kind looks like ...	Being kind sounds like ...	When you are kind ...	When you are NOT kind ...
sharing	“Please” and “Thank you”	children will want to be your friend.	children will not want to be your friend.

Be safe.

Being safe looks like ...	Being safe sounds like ...	When you are safe ...	When you are NOT safe...
walking while indoors.	saying “excuse me” if you need to get by someone.	you will be less likely to fall down or get hurt.	you may be more likely to fall down and get hurt.

Be responsible.

Being responsible looks like ...	Being responsible sounds like ...	When you are responsible ...	When you are NOT responsible ...
doing a job that is assigned to you.	asking questions when you are not sure what of what to do or how to do it.	people trust you and give you fun things to do.	people do not trust you and will not ask for your help.

