

Student Code of Conduct

Catholic education must include an emphasis on the whole child, which includes the development of moral character. For this reason, a code of conduct is necessary in cultivating a sense of Catholic values, encouraging students to think independently in order to make sound judgments, and developing the self-discipline and self-control to live Gospel values. All students at St. Joseph School are expected to behave in accordance with the school mission statement and to act as a Catholic young lady or a Catholic young gentleman at all times. Christ's values of love, truth, and service are lived values in our school. With every right the students are given, there is a responsibility to our school community. Students can be held to strict standards of conduct whether inside or outside of the school and on or off the SJS campus.

At SJS, we have one main rule to guide behavior:

The students at SJS are free to make choices that do not cause a problem for anyone else.

As a guide, general expected behavior includes, but is not limited to:

Hall Behavior

- Observe a reasonable quiet demeanor
- Walk at all times with your hands to yourself

General Classroom and School Behavior

- Obey classroom rules and school policies
- Treat all adults and students with respect and courtesy
- Follow all safety rules
- Follow directions of teachers, principal, and all other supervising adults

Lunchroom Behavior

- Use proper table manners
- Speak in a reasonable voice
- Walk at all times
- Clean up after yourself

Consequences: When a child makes a choice that requires guidance, the teacher or staff member in charge will do something about it. Each child will be treated as a unique individual and each situation a unique case. The staff member will try to be fair to the situation and the child(ren) involved. What is fair is not always equal.

Teachers/Staff members will involve parents, as needed, in order to develop a strong and continuing relationship between school and home regarding the growth of each of our students. Parents may be contacted by a teacher, principal, or their child to discuss choices that have been made and the consequences of those choices during their time at SJS.

Consequences exist in order to assist students in developing an awareness of their own behavior. Our aim is to teach students to make appropriate choices and develop personal responsibility. When students make a choice inconsistent with the shared values of our school and faith, there is an opportunity for growth and the development of a conscience. The staff here at SJS will support this development by guiding students through solutions when a problem arises.