

Paws Code and Discipline at CES

Paws is our school mascot. He is loved by all and carries an important message about the way we treat others. Paws teaches us the **Golden Rule!** CES is a caring place for children to learn and grow.



“Our **Golden Rule** is, treat others how you want to be treated!”

Discipline at CES

Discipline is a learning process and not simply an event where consequences are applied. Discipline is about preparing children for all the choices they will be making and ensuring they are ready to handle them, taking responsibility for their actions. CES students are expected to respect everyone in and outside of our building.

Classroom rules are developed by each teacher with their students. They discuss the reasons why we need rules, what would happen if we did not have rules, and then students and their teachers determine and rules for their classroom.

Our school-wide discipline program has a positive focus. After teaching the rules to all of our students we positively reinforce and recognize students for following the school rules. Students are given PAWSitive Awards Certificates in recognition of good choices and caring behaviour.

Bullying vs Peer Conflict

It is important to keep in mind the difference between bullying and peer conflict. Peer conflict is a normal part of growing up. It happens when there is a problem between two or more students. It is important for students to develop skills to deal with disagreements in order to be happy and successful in the world today.

Paws teaches CES students how to play fair using the following rules.

Playing Fair Rules:

***Talk**

Ex: "I don't like it when you follow me."

***Listen**

What does the other person have to say?

"I just want to play with you."

***Be Responsible**

Most friendship problems have two sides.

"I'm sorry, I didn't know that, next time just ask to play with me."

Rude vs Mean vs Bullying

It is also important to remember that not all student conflict is bullying. **Rude** behavior is inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else. **Mean** behavior purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once maybe twice. **Bullying** is intentionally aggressive behavior, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power. Paws teaches CES students how to evaluate their own behavior and then make appropriate choices using the Golden Rule.