

*Bonnette Junior High School*  
*Do Your P. A. R. T.*  
*Polite, Accountable, Responsible, Tolerant*  
*2008-2009*

**A Student Contract Ensuring Success**

We want learning at Bonnette to be a success for you. We want you to feel that you have an important place here at school, and that you feel welcomed, loved, and safe. We want your parents and you to feel as though you are part of the school. We want you to leave Bonnette with confidence and skills needed to be successful in life. To be successful, we have to be certain that everyone is following rules and procedures. We know, however, that we cannot do this alone and the only way we can all achieve our goals is through a strong partnership between the teachers, parents, and YOU, the student. We want Bonnette to be the very best place for YOU.

*Everything you ever wanted to know about being successful at Bonnette!*

## **Bobcat Basics**

### **10-10**

Students will not be permitted to leave any class period the first ten or last ten minutes of class.

### **Before School Each Day**

- The cafeteria will open each day at 7:15 a.m. You will enter from the east side of the building and not the front door.
- Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:40 a.m.
- Students will not be allowed outside on the school grounds after 7:15 a.m. If you are on Bonnette property anytime before 8:15 a.m., you will be required to come in.
- Students have 4 choices as to where they may go beginning at 7:45 a.m. Those choices are:
  1. grade level pod area (6<sup>th</sup> grade – front foyer, 7<sup>th</sup> grade – athletic hall by pool, 8<sup>th</sup> grade – cafeteria)
  2. classroom tutorials – every morning (except Wednesdays) from 7:45 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
  3. library – every morning (except Wednesdays) from 7:45 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
  4. cafeteria to eat breakfast (7:40 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.)

- Do not arrive at school until 8:10 a.m. if you do not choose any of the above options.

### **Breakfast/Lunch Procedures**

- You can eat breakfast from 7:40 - 8:00. You will sit at assigned breakfast tables.
- You will report to grade level pod, library, or classroom tutorial after finished eating. Students will not be allowed to sit at breakfast table until bell rings.
- At lunch, you will sit at an assigned table by your 4<sup>th</sup> period teacher.
- You will remain in the cafeteria the entire length of lunch. We will not go outside so bring a book to read, homework to complete, or visit quietly at your assigned table.
- You will be dismissed by rows – not by the bell.
- You must clean up after yourself. This includes the table and the floor around you. You are not responsible for picking up for anyone but you. If a student is purposely leaving trash for you to pick up or is throwing food on the floor/table for the staff to clean up, please let an adult know immediately. This behavior is not tolerated.

### **Cell Phones**

- Cell phones are not allowed at school. Deer Park ISD follows the Texas Education Code law.
- A phone heard or seen anytime during the school day (not just in the classroom) will be confiscated by any staff member and sent to the office.
- Parents must pick up phones from the office.
- 1<sup>st</sup> time – student warning, parent pickup
- 2<sup>nd</sup> time – 2 after school detentions, parent pickup after paying a \$10 administrative fee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> time – A 3-day CIA assignment and parents may pick up at the end of the semester after a \$15 administrative fee is paid

### **DRESS CODE**

- Shirts are to be appropriately sized and preserve modesty. Shirts should not be longer than the wrist line. No shirt should be low-cut and no belly, backs, or behind should be revealed. No tanks or halter tops, even if layered. Necklines for tops CAN NOT reveal cleavage.
- **No hoodies in the building!** These should be placed inside your locker. Wear a light jacket if you stay cold during the school day.
- Pants – They must be appropriately sized. This means: not too baggy, not sagging, and cinched at the waist – not on the hips. No shorts/pants with writing across the seat/bottom area.
- Skirts/Shorts/Skorts – The rule for length is simple. Look in the mirror and make sure the length is halfway between the end of your fingertips and your kneecap. The skirt/shorts should not be fingertip length! Waist of skirt may not be below hipbone. Wearing leggings under these garments does not put the student in compliance.
- Shoes – No flip-flops/beach sandals – like Old Navy brand.

- The following list of items are prohibited: pajama pants or sleepwear, blankets, house shoes, athletic shorts, body suits, bike pants, leggings, tights or cotton sweat pants.
- No tattoos, no earrings on boys, no facial piercing on anyone
- No drawing on the skin with pen/marker will be allowed. All students will be asked to wash off the drawing.
- “Clothing, decoration on clothing and or pictures, emblems, or writing on jewelry exhibiting implicitly or explicitly suggestive words, phrases, or pictures” is unacceptable. Examples include but are not limited to: alcohol, tobacco, profanity, etc.)
- “Clothing, apparel, or jewelry that signifies death, suicide, torture, Satanism, or occult” is unacceptable. Clothing or accessories depicting skulls is prohibited.
- Clothing, pictures, emblems, or writing on jewelry that show possible evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang, unauthorized club or organization is prohibited. Some examples include bandanas, shirts or pants with known gang member pictures and/or gang emblems.
- Hair shall be clean, neatly groomed, and non-distracting. This includes, but not limited to, ANY unnatural hair coloring, NO designs cut into the hair, and NO Mohawks.
- Clothing shall be clean and in good repair with NO HOLES. This includes jeans/pants with holes.
- Sunglasses, hats, bandannas, gloves or any head/hand coverings are not allowed indoors. Head/hand coverings worn indoors will be confiscated.
- **The principal, principal’s designee, or other administrators shall have the final authority to determine the suitability of student dress and the right to add prohibited items to the list if the need arises.**

### **Gum**

Gum is not allowed at Bonnette for any reason – any time. If a teacher asks you to kindly spit it out and you do not or you place another piece in your mouth, it will be viewed as insubordination. The teacher will address this issue with you in their classroom.

### **Lockers**

- **You will only be allowed to go to your locker at four designated times: before 1<sup>st</sup> period, before/after lunch, and end of school day. This is non-negotiable! The exception is 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes.**
- Backpacks must be placed in your locker.
- No padlocks on your locker.
- You must have a pass from your teacher if he/she gives you permission during class to go to your locker.
- No food or drink can be placed in your locker after lunch.

### **Late Work Policy**

Assignments are expected to be turned in on time. Late work will not be accepted.

#### **Interventions**

1. Lunch in the classroom

2. After school tutorial
3. Morning tutorial
4. Pulled from elective class
5. Offered a make-up day in class

### **Medicine**

- All medications must be left with the nurse. This includes over-the-counter medicine such as, headache relief, throat/cough lozenges, etc.
- Make sure your parents supply the nurse with a note.

### **Morning Grade Level Pod Expectations**

#### **Grade Level Pod Areas:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade – front foyer
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade – athletic hall by pool
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade - cafeteria

#### **Rules and Expectations of Grade Level Pods**

- use inside voices
- remain seated at all times
- no use of the restrooms
- be seated near the walls (out of walkways)
- no electronic devices
- no food or drinks
- cannot leave pod once you have arrived

### **MP3's, Ipods, PSP's and other electronic devices**

- These items aren't allowed in the building at any time. They will end up lost, stolen, or broken.
- They will only be returned to parents.
- Continued violations will result in detentions or CIA.

### **Off Limits**

- Elementary, other junior high or high school campuses
- Outside of building during day
- Out of cafeteria during assigned lunch
- Off school grounds once arriving at school
- Curfew violations (ticketed by DPPD)

### **Profanity**

- Offensive is in the ear of the beholder.
- In the hall, first offense will be detention. Second offense will be CIA.
- In the classroom, each offense will be IHP or CIA.
- Aimed at any adult will be a DAEP assignment.

## **RESPECT**

- It is not acceptable to be disrespectful to anyone at Bonnette. This includes teachers, office staff, custodial/cafeteria staff, aides, and/or students.
- Any adult employed at Bonnette can turn in a student for being disrespectful.
- Make sure you think before you speak!

## **Running**

- For your own safety and those around you, running will not be tolerated.
- You will receive a **minimum** of an after school detention if you are written up for running.

## **BJH Security**

- Security cameras – new and very detailed
- Police presence – Officer Pocs and other DPPD officers are needed
- “Drug dogs” – medication, alcohol, weapons, ammunition, illegal drugs
- Crime Stoppers 713-222-TIPS
- Incident Reports – You may get a form from any teacher, counselor, and office staff.
- YOU!!!!

## **Skateboards**

- Skateboards are not allowed at Bonnette! This is a safety issue.
- If a skateboard is confiscated, it will be held in the office until your parents pick it up.

## **Stealing**

- Stealing is an automatic CIA assignment.
- What does this mean? Obviously if you took an item that was not rightfully yours, it would be considered stealing.
- But, what if you find an item and you were holding for a friend because you were going to give it to them later? This will also count as stealing.
- So, what do you need to do to avoid this situation? If you find an item, do not hold onto it. Give it to your teacher, the office, or counselors immediately after finding it to avoid getting into any trouble.

## **Tardies**

- Tardies are monitored by six weeks. Teachers will greet students at their doors at the start of every class period. They will call you into class if it is quickly approaching the bell ringing. If you are tardy, the teacher will address the tardy with their classroom consequences.

## **Tutorials**

- Teachers offer morning tutorials every morning except Wednesdays from 7:45 to 8:10. On Wednesdays, you will need to report to your grade level pod or do not come to school until 8:10 a.m.

- You must have your supplies with you when you come into the building.
- You are not allowed at your locker before school unless you have a pass from your teacher stating that they sent you to your locker for something you need.
- Tutorials are a time to work - not visit. Please be courteous of those coming in to make up work, correct failing assignments, or receive extra help. If you are a disruption, you will be asked to go to your grade level pod.
- If you need to catch up on your reading, the library is open in the morning for some quiet reading time.

### **V.O.I.C.E. – Visiting the Office Instead of Completing My Education**

If you are sent to the office, you will need to fill out a V.O.I.C.E. form. After completing the form, you will visit with Dr. Langseth, Mrs. Chandler, or Mrs. Connors to discuss why you were sent to the office.

- A copy will be given to you, the teacher and the office. After meeting with an administrator, you will receive your consequence and then you will be walked back to the class where the disruption occurred and offer an explanation for your behavior.
- Parents will be contacted after 2 office referrals. If you were to reach a 3<sup>rd</sup> referral for the school year, an administrator may come sit with you in class. This is not meant as an embarrassment to you. It is simply an observation as to what the problem might be.

### **Tickets (Fighting)**

- Fighting will not be tolerated at Bonnette regardless if you say it was play fighting or not. We will not make that distinction.
- First fight is suspension and/or CIA for all participants
- Second incident is CIA or possibly DAEP
- Any other fight is automatically DAEP
- Some fights and/or other disorderly conduct will be referred to DPPD. Officer Pocs can write a ticket up to \$500. It will show up on a record for the DP Police.
- Persistent verbal conflicts will be considered as fighting after warnings have been given.

## **Bobcats Prowl with Pride! – Good News**

### **ABSOLutely Awesome Celebrations**

- Each six weeks on the day that report cards are given out, students that have all A, B, S, O's on their report card will have a small celebration from 3:00 until the end of the day as a reward for a job well done.
- Students with all A, B, S, and O's for an entire semester will be rewarded with an off-campus type field trip.

### **Bobcat Bucks**

- Bobcat Bucks are given to students who take part in a **“random act of kindness”**.
- Examples might be picking up items that a student dropped, helping a student with a problem, helping clean the cafeteria during lunch, turning in a lost item to the office, and giving a pat on the back to a student that is having a bad day, etc.
- Teachers will also give bucks in their classroom for excellent bobcat citizenship!
- Each Friday, 2 students per grade level will have their bobcat buck drawn at random to receive our BJH “Do Your P.A.R.T. t-shirt.

### **C3 - Character Connections Count Student of the Month**

- Each month, teachers will be asked to select one student that best exemplifies the character trait of the month.
- Each student selected will receive a certificate and have their picture taken.
- In May, all students that received a C3 award throughout the school year will be honored with a before school breakfast. Parents are invited to attend.

### **Ceiling Tile Project**

- Fourteen students are chosen each semester to design a ceiling tile that depicts one of the forty developmental assets centered on character education. The ceiling tile remains in the library hallway.

### **Out of this World Award**

- This award is given to the top girl and boy per grade level with the highest GPA for the four core classes each six weeks.
- The students will receive a certificate, medal, picture taken and Do Your P.A.R.T. t-shirt.

## **Discipline Basics**

- **Stay out of the office (for discipline reasons).**
- **Know the school and classroom rules and procedures.**
- **Follow them.**

### **Lunch detentions**

- First level of discipline
- Not serving assigned lunch detentions results in a CIA assignment

### **After school detentions**

- Second level of discipline
- Failure to serve assigned detentions results in a CIA assignment
- Offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:20 – 4:30.
- Students may not attend athletic events on a day that a detention was served.

### **IHP Placement (Partial Day in-school suspension)**

- In-school suspension for a partial day
- You are responsible for missed work.
- Repeated IHP assignments will lead to a longer CIA assignment

### **CIA Placement (Full Day in-school suspension)**

- In-school suspension for full days
- Assigned in one to five day lengths
- Most serious consequence on the campus
- Behavior problems in CIA result in suspension from school and/or DAEP
- No UIL activities

### **Suspension**

- Very serious consequence
- Counts as an absence
- Assigned for 1,2, or 3 day lengths

### **DAEP (Discipline Alternate Educational Placement)**

- Assigned for a minimum of 15 days; can also be 30 day, rest of semester, or even rest of the year
- Assigned for major discipline problems or persistent minor behavior problems

### **Expulsion**

- This means you no longer attend public school in Deer Park. Your school will be in Houston at the JJAEP (Juvenile Justice Alternate Education Placement) school for a length of a semester or a year.
- Certain violations require expulsion (weapons, selling/delivery of drugs, etc.)