



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Thank you for your interest in New Hope School. We are dedicated to academic excellence, character education, and partnership among home, school and community. The application procedure is as follows:

1. Submit the following documents:
 - Complete application form with nonrefundable \$50 application fee
 - Student essay (for applicants to middle school)
 - Copy of latest report card
 - Copy of latest standardized test scores
 - (B6T) Application for Private School Transportation
 - Immunization records
2. If space is available, and the student/school match seems appropriate, the student and parents/guardians are invited for a personal interview so that an informal assessment of the student may be conducted. Applicants for 6th-8th grades are required to take an admissions test.
3. The Admissions Committee reviews the student's file and test results. A written notice is sent of acceptance or rejection.
4. If the student is accepted, the remaining enrollment forms must be completed and submitted to the school within two weeks of acceptance or before the student's first day of attendance, whichever comes first.
5. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held for all new students and their parents/guardians soon after the start of the fall term as part of our Back-to-School Night (date and time to be announced).

Please call (973) 473-4144 to schedule a tour of the school and/or to pick up application materials.

You are welcome to visit our website at:
www.newhopeschoolnj.com

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Mr. Lincoln LaGrotteria
Principal, New Hope School
lincolnlag@newhopeschool.com

Dear Parents,

What an exciting time for New Hope School!

This will be our 29th year at New Hope School. Founded in 1996, Our Mission is committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and independent character development by teaching God-centered universal values and service to others as the basis for personal integrity, harmony in the family, and peace in the world. As we heard during graduation, our students sing "Peace Starts With Me."

Having spent much time teaching Psychology and Sociology at the university-level in Connecticut and in Hong Kong I believe deeply in the mission of our school - and especially the education of young minds from Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

As our society changes around us constantly, our community of parents are at the front-lines of the nexus of technology and culture, and we as parents see the ever-present online exposure of young eyes to television and social media, which allows for even young children to be mesmerized by society's shortcomings. For us as parents and educators, we encourage the students to turn off the device, tv or phone and spend quality time with our families. In the classroom, our staff works diligently to ensure that our students begin with a Character First mindset.

Lastly, as the new incoming Principal at New Hope School, I look forward to building upon the wonderful foundation of Dr. Robert Beebe and Ms. Jeanne Carroll as we grow into the beautiful space at the Boys and Girls Club of Clifton.

Enclosed, please find the list of school supplies that your child will need for the new school year, a Medical Authorization Form to bring on the first day of school, and the Student Code of Conduct. Please read all sections of the Handbook to acquaint yourself with our school policies and rules.

Note: the new school year begins **September 5th, the Friday after Labor Day** at our Back-to-School Outing at Weaselbrook Park. Please come to the park at **9am**.

Please see the enclosed flier for information on how you can order school uniforms. **All students are expected to wear the uniforms ordered through the Cookies website, including shirts, pants, jumpers, sweaters, and gym T-shirt. No other clothing will be accepted,** except for Race for Education T-shirts on gym days, which may be worn instead of the regular gym T-shirts. **Be sure to place your order soon, as it takes 3-4 weeks to receive your items.**

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Additionally, we will introduce **Drop-off in the Classroom from 8am to 8:25**, with class instruction beginning at 8:30 daily.

If there is a registration form in the packet, please fill it out and send it back to us as soon as possible if you are planning to return your child to New Hope this September.

New Hope School has a limited amount of scholarship money available to help families in need. If you would like to apply for a scholarship for your child, you may request a form from our office. **The deadline for the scholarship application is July 26th**. Recipients will be informed the following week.

Thank you, and I'm looking forward to a great year ahead!

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Lincoln

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MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM **2025-26**

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FOR _____
(Child's name) (Date of birth)

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, having legal custody of the above-named minor, hereby authorize the staff of New Hope School, into whose care said minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency medical treatment or hospital care to be rendered to said minor under the supervision and upon the advice of a physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act or by a dentist licensed under the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.

I further authorize the staff of New Hope School to have said minor released into the custody of a Day Program representative, should hospital care no longer be required.

MEDICAL INFORMATION (Please mention any information that may be helpful to hospital staff if an emergency should arise)

Allergies to medication or food _____

Medication in ongoing use by child _____

Health problems (asthma, heart condition, seizures, diabetes, sickle cell, etc.) _____

Other comments _____

By law, Day Program staff are not authorized to administer Tylenol or any kind of medication.

Child's regular clinic or doctor – Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Insurance Plan: _____ Membership No. _____

By my signature below, I attest to the fact that all the information above is true and that I have given approval for New Hope School to provide emergency medical treatment or hospital care for my child in the case that I cannot be contacted.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

PRINT NAME: _____

Address: _____ Home Tel: _____

Work Tel: _____

WITNESS: _____

NEW HOPE SCHOOL'S

MISSION STATEMENT

New Hope School is committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and independent character development by teaching God-centered universal values and service to others as the basis for personal integrity, harmony in the family, and peace in the world.

PROFILE OF GRADUATES

1. Our graduates will demonstrate academic excellence, personal integrity, and unique personal gifts as a child of God
2. Our graduates will live a life of respect and consideration for others as kindred children of God and exhibit the necessary social skills for building healthy loving families
3. Our graduates will live a productive and meaningful life, living in service to others and desiring to make a positive contribution towards creating a global community of peace and harmony
4. Our graduates will understand and respect the world's diverse cultures and religions

STUDENT ESSAY

Required of all New Hope School applicants for grades 6-8

In the space provided below, the student applying for admission should write an essay expressing his or her thoughts on one or both of the following topics:

1. Why I would like to attend New Hope School
2. What I think I can contribute to New Hope School

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New Hope School
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Release of Records

Dear Guidance Counselor or Students Records Officer:

Re: _____

Current grade _____

The student named above is currently applying to New Hope School. Please release a copy of all records, including permanent health records, immunization records, test results, grades, and psychological and/or child study team reports to the following address:

New Hope School
822 Clifton Ave.
Clifton, NJ 07013

Sincerely,

Robert Beebe, Ed.D.
Principal

I hereby grant permission for all school records, academic and medical, to be released to New Hope School.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Character Education Program

SCHOOL PLEDGE

Today, as a child of God, I pledge to do my best to respect myself and those around me, accept my responsibilities and strive for excellence in my attitude, my behavior and my character. I promise to work hard and be considerate of others. I will not waste this day because it will never come again.

The above pledge, which students recite every morning after the Pledge of Allegiance, reflects New Hope School's commitment to helping its students develop their full potential as God's children. We believe that the cultivation of their heart and conscience as well as instruction in moral and ethical norms through the promotion of universal values are the foundation for all of their subsequent education and is the key to healthy character development.

Such education best takes place in an environment of love. True love, rooted in the heart and conscience, is intimately connected to universal principles, which have been the foundation of every civilized society. These principles in turn are related to three basic life goals: 1) becoming a person of mature character; 2) building loving relationships with others, especially in marriage between husband and wife, and family; and 3) contributing to the health and prosperity of the natural and human environment in which one lives as the foundation for a peaceful world.

Character education necessarily raises the question of purpose and meaning. The three life goals mentioned above provide a comprehensive framework through which educating for character can be effectively understood and implemented. New Hope School's character education program seeks to support the spiritual and moral development of its students as a foundation for their eventual fulfillment of these three life goals. Elements of this program include moral reflection and discipline, service learning, and teaching conflict resolution skills as effective tools in building character.

The teachers of the school are committed to creating a loving moral and peaceful atmosphere in the classroom as a foundation to the success of this program. They understand their role as secondary parent, role model and mentor to their students. Thus, they seek to maintain a parental heart in the classroom.

The school works to integrate heavenly values into all aspects of the curriculum. Beginning with a 30-minute class meeting each day, and passing through lessons in mathematics, science, history/social studies, literature, and others, teachers look for opportunities to teach good values to their students. Even on the playground, students are encouraged to engage in cooperative team play during their recess period, show respect for each other, take responsibility for their behavior, and help and serve one another.

The basis of New Hope School's character education program is the *Discovering the Real Me* curriculum, created by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). Some of the supplemental materials used are *My Journey in Life*, developed by the International Educational Foundation (IEF), *Wiseskills*, *Kids With Character*, a literature-based program developed by the Heartwood Institute, *The Book of Virtues*, and others.



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NEW HOPE SCHOOL

ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Tuition

<i>Number of students</i>	<i>k-4th Grade</i>	<i>5-8th Grade</i>
First child	\$8000 or \$800/mo	\$8500 or \$850/mo
Second child	\$7000 or \$700/mo	\$7500 or \$750/mo
Third child	\$5500 or 550/mo	\$6000 or 600/mo
Each subsequent child	\$0	\$0 / month

- You are eligible for a \$100 discount if the Annual Tuition is paid in full by August 1.
- Scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis.
- All tuition and other fees may be subject to increases each year.

Other Fees

1. Registration Fee: A \$100 non-refundable registration fee per child is due by August 1. Applications for new students should be submitted with a \$50 non-refundable fee, with the balance due by August 1, in the case of acceptance.
2. Book Fee: There is an annual \$300 book fee per child. This fee may be paid in full in August or will be billed in ten monthly amounts of \$30 starting in August.

Fundraising

New Hope School asks that the family of each student contribute a minimum of \$200 to the school through various fundraisers during the school year. Such fundraisers help us to keep the tuition low as the cost of utilities, books, equipment, materials and salaries spiral upward.

PLEASE consider making a much larger donation. Your donation is an investment in your child's future as well as the future of our society. Non-public schools like New Hope School are educating leaders in all areas of culture. Our society needs not only intelligent leaders but leaders of good character who can inspire a positive and virtuous culture. **Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.**

Special Awards

As a small gesture of appreciation, New Hope School will award any family a 5% discount on the tuition after a student of a new family that you have introduced has been attending the school for 3 months.

We also offer a PAID in FULL discount of 5% if Full Tuition is paid by Sept 1st of the school year.

Additionally, families who choose to pay their full tuition by September 1st will receive a 5% early payment discount as our thank-you for your commitment and support.

Temporary & Foreign Students

New Hope School accepts students on a temporary basis if they meet the qualifications spelled out in the Application Procedure. Foreign students are those requiring F-1 visas.

<i>Number of students</i>	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Monthly</i>
First child	\$400	\$1200



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New Hope School 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

Date	Event	September 2025						
9/1	Labour Day - School Closed	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
9/5	1st Day of School Picnic 9AM at Weasel Brook Park		1	2	3	4	5	6
9/8	1st Day of School Instruction	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9/23	School Outing	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		28	29	30				
21 Days								

Date	Event	October 2025						
10/2	Yom Kippur (School Closed)	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
10/3	Club closed - No After School Programming				1	2	3	4
10/20	Diwali (School Closed)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29	30	31	
21 Days								

Date	Event	November 2025						
11/4	School Outing	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
11/6	NJEA Conference (School Closed)							1
11/7	NJEA Conference (School Closed)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11/26	Thanksgiving Eve (Half Day)	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
11/27-28	Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
15 Days		30						

No	Event	December 2025						
12/23	Half Day	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
-01/02	Winter Recess		1	2	3	4	5	6
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		28	29	30	31			
17 Days								

Date	Event	January 2026						
1/19	MLK DAY (School Closed)	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2	3
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31
19 Days								

February 2026							Event	Date
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Club closed - No After School Programming	2/6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	President's Day (School Closed)	2/16
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
17 Days								

March 2026							Event	Date
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Club closed - No After School Programming	3/6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Eid al Fitr (School Closed)	3/20
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30	31						
20 Days								

April 2026							Event	Date
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Good Friday (School Closed)	4/3
			1	2	3	4	Spring Recess	4/6-10'
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
26	27	28	29	30				
16 Days								

May 2026							Event	Date
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	School Outing	5/1
					1	2	Memorial Day (School Closed)	5/25
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	School Outing	5/27
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
31								
19 Days								

June 2026							Event	Date
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Juneteenth (School Closed)	6/19
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Half Day	6/22
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Half Day	6/23
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Half Day	6/24
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Last Day of School	6/25
28	29	30						
18 Days								



180 School Days



4 Snow Days



School closed



Half Day



Event Date



School Last Day



No After School Programming

Updated as of June 5, 2025

SCHOOL YEAR _____ RESIDENT DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE MONTH DAY YEAR

GENDER _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____
M or F AREA CODE + NUMBER

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY or TWP _____ ZIP _____

NEAREST INTERSECTION TO STUDENT'S RESIDENCE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

FULL NAME OF SCHOOL TO BE ATTENDED _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL _____

STUDENT'S GRADE FOR THE COMING YEAR _____

SHORTEST ONE-WAY MILEAGE BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL _____
(MEASURED VIA THE SHORTEST ROUTE ALONG PUBLIC ROADWAYS OR WALKWAYS IN MILES AND TENTHS)

DATE SCHOOL OPENS _____ CLOSING _____ SCHOOL HOURS FROM _____ MILES TENTHS AM TO _____ PM

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE IN PRIOR YEAR _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE * FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL USE ONLY

YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE RESIDENT DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE:

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION

INELIGIBLE

(REASON)

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (B6T) N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.5

1. IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO:

- ANNUALLY OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR EACH STUDENT FOR WHICH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ARE BEING REQUESTED. SUBMIT A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH STUDENT.

NOTE:

- IF THERE IS A CHANGE OF HOME ADDRESS, A NEW APPLICATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE.
- IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE, A NEW APPLICATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE.

- COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE MARCH 10TH PRECEDING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH TRANSPORTATION IS BEING REQUESTED.

LATE APPLICATIONS – ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 10TH WILL BE A LATE APPLICATION AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR LATENESS. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION OR AID IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION BASED ON THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

2. IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR TO ANNUALLY COLLECT THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FROM WHICH TRANSPORTATION IS BEING REQUESTED PRIOR TO MARCH 15TH.

3. IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR TO NOTIFY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN AS TO THE DETERMINATION OF EACH APPLICATION BY AUGUST 1ST.

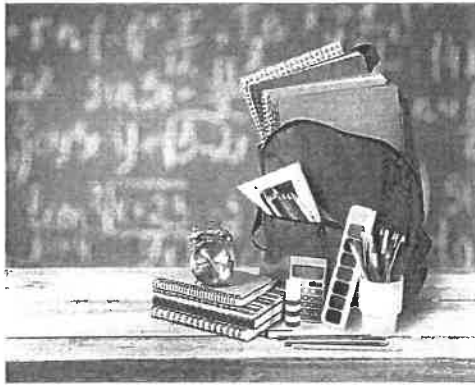
A DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PAY AID IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT ONLY AFTER RECEIVING A SIGNED "REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AID" VOUCHER AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

New Hope School 2025-26 Supply List

Grades K-4

Box of pencils (24)
Erasers
Box of colored pencils (24)
Glue stick
Scissors
Composition books (4)
Homework folders (4)

Pencil case
Red pencils (3)
Math/graph notebook
Binder with dividers
Ruler (cm & inches)
Water bottle
Pencil sharpener

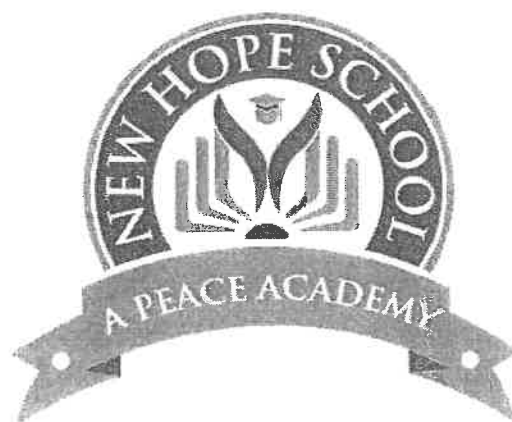


Grades 5 & Up

Pencils (mechanical preferred)
Erasers
Box of colored pencils (24)
Glue stick
Scissors
Composition book
Dictionary
Backpack/book bag
Compass
Notebook paper

Pencil case
Red pens (3)
Math/graph notebook
Binder with dividers
12" ruler (cm & inches)
Water bottle
Pencil sharpener
Pens (erasable, if possible)
Protractor with ruler
Science: folder with pockets & brads
& regular notebook paper

Teachers may request additional supplies



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TOTAL \$27.93

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982 Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11226 (718) 287-2300

1534 Westchester Avenue Bronx, NY 10472 (718) 991-9500

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New Hope Students Code of Conduct 2025-26



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New Hope School Pledge

Today, as a child of God, I pledge to do my best to respect myself and those around me, accept my responsibilities and strive for excellence in my attitude, my behavior, and my character. I promise to work hard and be considerate of others. I will not waste this day because it will never come again.

All New Hope School staff emphasize creating a positive learning environment; therefore, adherence to school rules is expected from all students at all school activities, both at the school and on field trips.

Part I: A Positive Discipline Approach

New Hope School has in place a proactive, school-wide system of positive discipline to support students in developing internal responsibility for their conduct, featuring:

A Morning Gathering to set the tone and foundation for each day. This includes:

- Offering greetings to God, teachers, and fellow students
- Pledge of Allegiance
- School Pledge
- Prayer
- Morning message in line with the Virtue(s) of the Month

Other class meetings to foster inclusion and belonging

Classroom system of recognizing and rewarding positive behavior

Student of the month to acknowledge positive actions

Training students in problem solving and peaceful conflict resolution

Ongoing training for school staff in positive discipline

All parents are expected to review this *School Code of Conduct* together with their children. Teachers will be referring to it throughout the school year. This document will be available on the school website for your reference.





In general, students are expected to respect the authority of adults in supervisory roles at all times. All directions and rules must be followed, even if not explicitly covered in the *School Code of Conduct*.

All New Hope School students recite the School Pledge each morning. The meaning of this Pledge is explained throughout the school year.

Today, as a child of God, I pledge to do my best to respect myself and those around me, accept my responsibilities and strive for excellence in my attitude, my behavior, and my character. I promise to work hard and be considerate of others. I will not waste this day because it will never come again.

Child of God

- As God created me out of love, I will love and care for myself

Respect myself

- I will do my best to say and do the right thing in all circumstances
- I will ask for help when needed
- I will listen to and follow my heart and conscience

Respect others

- I will be helpful, kind, and appreciate my fellow students
- I will respect the rights and property of others
- I will use appropriate language and tone of voice at all times
- I will listen carefully and follow the directions of those in authority without arguing

My responsibilities

- I will come to New Hope School ready to learn and grow
- I will be responsible to complete all my assignments on time
- I will take care of all school and personal property and materials

Strive for excellence, work hard

- I will take my school work seriously
- I will always do my best in whatever assignments I am expected to complete
- I will behave according to my best self

Considerate of others

- I will treat others the way I would like to be treated
- I will not hurt, hit, push, kick, tease, bully, exclude, or cause others harm in any way



Not waste this day

- I understand that my parents and teachers have high expectations of me
- Therefore, I will not spend time fooling around when at New Hope School

School Rules

Students are expected to behave in a courteous, orderly fashion at the school.

Appropriate behavior is the norm and high standards are maintained by the teachers. New Hope School is dedicated to character education, academic excellence and good citizenship. Children often excel in those areas when there is a strong partnership of home, school and community. Consistency of values between home and school liberates the creative energies of our students and offers a social environment in which children can practice the values they are learning. In order to facilitate this partnership, we ask parents to join the students and staff members in studying the New Hope School's *Code of Conduct*.

Academic Integrity

In the pursuit of academic excellence, students are expected to invest themselves sincerely in both their classwork and homework. They are expected to do their own work (unless the project involves group work and collaboration) without any cheating (copying from someone else or passing off someone else's work as their own. The latter involves not plagiarizing another person's material but to give credit by citing another's work if including it in one's own work.

Discipline Policy

Emphasizing prevention rather than cure, New Hope School's character education program will provide an environment that will naturally limit the need for corrective discipline. When it does become necessary, discipline will focus on the specific behavior, taking into account the child's motivation. When mistakes are made, they will be firmly but lovingly corrected. All disciplinary issues will be documented and submitted to the Principal for review.

Students will be expected to conform to the school's rules, moral standards, and social expectations. When they make mistakes, in disciplining them they will be treated with kindness and respect as children of God. There will be no corporal punishment, abusive language, ridicule, or harsh, humiliating or ostracizing treatment.

Basic Rules of Behavior

1. Students shall be courteous and respectful towards teachers, school staff and each





other at all times.

2. Students are expected to respect the authority of teachers and school staff.
3. The following behaviors are unacceptable at New Hope School:
 - a. Fighting between students
 - b. Hitting and pushing other students
 - c. Stealing and cheating
 - d. Bad language
 - e. Ridiculing or bullying other students
 - f. Destruction of school property or the personal property of others

Playground Rules

1. Get permission at all times from the playground monitor to enter the building.
2. Always play safely. Any activity that may harm a fellow student is not allowed. If you are not sure whether an activity is safe or not, ask the playground monitor.
3. Report accidents promptly to a playground monitor.
4. No standing or jumping off benches or picnic tables.
5. Do not throw rocks, sticks, or any other objects other than playground balls.
6. Do not kick the basketballs.
7. Notify a playground monitor immediately if you find any glass or other dangerous objects on the ground. Do not pick up!
8. Do not throw or kick balls or other objects over the fence. If it happens, you must sit down for 10 minutes.
9. If a ball goes over the fence, get a playground monitor to retrieve it. Do not get it yourself.
10. When a playground monitor calls for students to go inside, everyone must stop what they are doing and line up before the door.

Building Rules

1. Be orderly and quiet while walking in the hallway, being aware of classes in session.
2. Gum is not allowed anywhere on school property, either inside or outside.
3. Do not eat while walking in the hallway. Wait until you are in the eating area (lunchroom, classroom, or outside) before eating.
4. If an adult or younger student is using a doorway that you wish to use, stop and wait.
5. Students should be in the bathrooms only to use the toilets or sinks and respect the privacy of others. No hanging out.
6. Bathroom rules:
 - Keep clean: pick up paper towels off the floor, no splashing soap or water
 - No throwing toilet paper on the ceiling
 - Throw paper towels in the wastebasket, not on the floor





- No standing on toilet seats
- Do not turn off the light when someone is still in the bathroom
- Do not lock stall doors if no one is inside
- Wash hands with soap and water after using the toilet
- Don't forget to turn off the water

Classroom Rules

1. Come prepared with pens/pencils, papers, books, and any other materials needed for class.
2. Enter and leave the classroom in a quiet, orderly manner.
3. Use the restroom and water fountain only between classes, not during.
4. Do not close the classroom door if no teacher is present.
5. Do not be in a classroom before or after school or during recess without a teacher's permission. Do not hang out in the hallway before or after school.
6. Generally follow established classroom rules.

Lunch & Recess Rules

1. Come quietly with your class to lunch. The responsible student for that week should bring out the trash can.
2. Sit while eating lunch, not standing or walking around.
3. Remain seated until dismissed by the teacher.
4. Finish your lunch before playing.
5. Do not sit in or block an area where other students are playing.
6. Do not take a ball that other students are playing with.
7. Responsible students for the week should put away the trash can, clean the tables and floor, and push in chairs.
8. When it's time to go in, put all balls in the bucket and take all personal belongings with you. Do not leave lunch boxes, sweaters, or coats outside.

General Rules

1. *Greeting and Manners:* Students will respond to an adult's greeting by looking him/her in the eye and speaking clearly: "Good morning (afternoon), Mr. (s). _____." Students, remaining seated, will greet visitors to their classroom when cued by their teacher: "Good morning (afternoon), Mr. (s). _____." Students will use polite words like "please" and "thank you" when speaking with adults and each other throughout the day.
2. *Class Dismissal:* Dismissal is not based on the time on the clock. Only the responsible teacher can dismiss a class. Wait until the teacher has dismissed you before lining up.





3. New Hope School is a closed facility. Students may not leave school rounds at any time during school hours.
4. Other guidelines and rules may be implemented based on the discretion of the administration and teachers.

Student Dress Code

1. Students must wear school uniforms purchased through the *Cookies* website, including gym t-shirts.
2. Any shirt worn under the school shirt must be white. Its sleeves must not be longer than the school shirt.
3. Girls may wear only white or blue leggings or tights under their skirts or shorts.
4. Other than the school name, no writing, decorations, pictures, or company logos may adorn students' clothing.
5. Hoodies, hats, or coats may not be worn inside the building.
6. If a student forgets his/her school sweater and is cold, he/she may borrow a sweater from the office for the day.
7. Coloring of hair and unusual hairstyles are not permitted.
8. Girls may wear modest earrings to school. No other type of jewelry is permitted.
9. Fingernail polish is not permitted.
10. Tattoos or other markings on the skin are not permitted.
11. School uniforms are not required on dress-down days. However, clothing should be modest, neat, clean, and not torn. Parents will be informed about such days.
12. All school clothing should be labeled with the student's name so that it may be returned to the proper person if lost or misplaced.
13. Students coming to school with improper clothing will be reported to the office and parents notified to bring a change of clothes. Such students will not be allowed to attend classes until properly dressed.

Part II: Consequences of Student Misbehavior

Level 1: This level can be handled by the classroom teacher or another teacher who may be involved. Frequent misbehavior will be referred to the Principal.

Examples:

- Dress code violations
- Classroom disturbances
- Bullying/teasing/name-calling
- Rude or disrespectful comments
- Lying
- Lightly hitting or pushing





- Disobeying, arguing with, or talking back to staff

Consequences: Depending on the severity of the misbehavior, a warning may be all that is required. Repeated misbehavior may result in denial of certain privileges or separation from other students.

Level 2: This level involves actions which pose a threat to the safety of others. Such misbehavior will involve immediate removal from the situation and referral to the Principal.

Examples:

- Cheating, stealing
- Damage of school property*
- Cursing or other vulgar language
- Physically assaulting another person (hitting, punching, kicking, choking, spitting, etc.)
- Cyberbullying inside or outside of school
- Repeated Level 1 misbehavior

Consequences: Referral to the Principal, meeting with parents, denial of privileges, possible suspension or expulsion

*Students and their families are financially responsible for the cost of replacing or repairing damaged school property.

Level 3: Any action considered to be a misdemeanor or felony in the eyes of the law.

Examples:

- Setting a fire
- Stealing school or students' personal property
- Threatening to bring or bringing a weapon to school
- Verbally or physically assaulting any staff person

Consequences: Immediate referral to the Principal, meeting with parents, suspension, expulsion, referral to the police. A student may be placed on probation for a relatively serious offense or for continued misbehavior. He/she may be suspended or expelled for serious misbehavior, whether at the school or elsewhere.

In all the above cases, the school reserves the right to make final decisions based on the best interests of the school and its students.

Electronics & Cell Phones

Students are not permitted to bring electronic devices or games to school. They may bring cell phones but are not permitted to use them during school hours. They should be





turned off and stored in students' backpacks. If necessary, a student may use his/her phone only with permission from his/her teacher. Otherwise, if an electronic device or cell phone is seen during school hours, it will be placed in the Principal's office. It is the parent's responsibility to pick up the device at the end of the school day. The device will not be returned to the student directly. New Hope School will not be held liable for replacement or financial reimbursement should a device be lost, damaged, or stolen while at the school.

Traffic Safety & Security

1. When entering and exiting the parking lot, please drive slowly, watching out for children.
2. Keep your child(ren) with you when you park in the lot and walk him/her/them safely to the playground area. Do not permit them to dart across the lot unaccompanied.
3. When you enter the front door, do not let anyone else in with you unless you know who the person is.

Summary

If students violate the *School Code of Conduct*, there will be consequences to those actions depending on the type of misbehavior. Possible consequences include:

- Being corrected by a teacher or other staff member
- Loss of privileges, such as not eating lunch with classmates or recess
- Parents being informed
- Meeting with parents
- Having to apologize to anyone affected by the student's action
- Being sent to the main office or Principal's office
- Replacing or paying the cost for any property or material damaged
- Cleaning the school or performing some other school service
- Suspension or expulsion from school

As a member of the New Hope School community, by signing the *Enrollment Agreement*, it is expected that you agree to and will support your child to follow all the rules and accept the consequences as stated in the *School Code of Conduct*.

We appreciate your support in helping us create a positive and safe learning environment for your child at New Hope School.



Recent Graduate Testimonies About Their Experience at New Hope School

"I attended New Hope School from first through fourth grades after which my parents transferred me to public school. In seventh grade, I asked my parents if I could go back to New Hope because I did not like the atmosphere in the middle school where I was with the boy-girl pressures. I did not like the direction my friends were going in. The atmosphere at New Hope School is much more family-like. Boys and girls respect each other and feel more like brothers and sisters. At my graduation I cried because I felt so sad to leave. I am so grateful to New Hope School for teaching me good values as well as knowledge."

"I went to New Hope School all the way from first through eighth grade. Even though it is a small school, it prepared me well for high school. I am taking two honors courses and am getting straight A's. At New Hope I also learned many good character-building lessons. By the time I got to high school I was very nice and respectful. New Hope School taught me many things, both academically and spiritually, and I'm very grateful to everyone there."

"I was at New Hope from first through eighth grades. In my younger years I had trouble relating with my classmates, but with the support of the teachers I gained in my confidence in my later years and felt myself growing up. Now in high school I am doing very well. In my classes we are studying things I already covered at New Hope School, so I feel very confident in my studies."

"I came to New Hope School in seventh grade. I was bullied a lot in the public school I came from so it was difficult for me to trust my classmates at the new school. I related mostly with the younger kids. Over time, however, I gained in my confidence and by the time I graduated eighth grade I felt I had matured a lot and was ready for high school."

"In my eight years at New Hope I always felt happy to come back after the summer because I wanted to accomplish more. Each year I wanted to do better than the year before. When I reflect on my time here I remember the pressure I felt getting my science fair projects done and having to talk about them in front of the whole school. I was always so relieved to be finished, but also I would feel very proud of what I had accomplished."