

New York Mills Elementary Positive Behavior Guidelines

At New York Mills Elementary School, we believe social, emotional, and behavioral skills must be **taught, modeled, and reinforced** just like academic skills. When we give students the tools to understand and practice positive behaviors, we are not just solving short-term challenges. We are **building a lifelong Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Blueprint** that will guide them far beyond our school walls.

This year, we are excited to introduce **Eagle SOAR** as the foundation of our positive behavior supports:

S – Safety

O – Ownership

A – Acceptance

R – Responsibility

SOAR is more than just a set of expectations; it is a shared commitment to how we treat ourselves, each other, and our school community.

Our Approach

- We have adopted a **schoolwide SEL Blueprint** based on the framework of **COMMUNITY** (Connections, Order, Mutual Respect, Motivation, United, Necessary Work, Identity, Traditions, You). This framework ensures that our behavior expectations are not just rules but part of a **bigger vision of belonging, growth, and shared success**.
- Students will learn and practice expected behaviors in all areas of the school, including classrooms, hallways, the bus, playground, and lunchroom.
- Through **Eagle SOAR Rallies** and classroom lessons, students will explore what SOAR looks like in action and how it connects to our COMMUNITY framework.
- Our focus is on **teaching, not punishing**—helping students understand what expected and unexpected behaviors look like, and giving them tools to self-regulate, repair, and thrive.

Why This Matters

When every student SOARs, our entire community benefits. A consistent, supportive system:

- Provides clear expectations for all students.
- Encourages and celebrates positive choices.
- Builds resilience, empathy, and respect.
- Ensures every child has the opportunity to learn in a safe, welcoming environment.

We know that children grow best when **home, school, and community work together**. Parents and guardians are encouraged to review these guidelines with their children and reinforce them at home. Together, we can create a **positive learning environment where every Eagle SOARs**.

After reviewing our Positive Behavior Guidelines, please go to your ParentVue account and acknowledge that you have read and understand.