



JCDSRI CODES OF CONDUCT - *DERECH ERETZ*

Our core values and mission statement provide the foundation on which the JCDSRI community expectations rest. We recognize that providing excellent educational experiences for our students requires that we maintain strong and respectful home-school relationships. This section of the Handbook describes what parents can expect of JCDSRI, as well as what JCDSRI as an institution expects of parents and students.

*Parents/caregivers and students are asked to sign Acknowledgement Form 1 (below) and return it to the school office **by the first week of school**, indicating that they have read the Handbook and agree to the Codes of Conducts outlined below:*

Student Code of Conduct

We expect that JCDSRI students will practice behavior that is conducive to learning and that reflects our school's core values. This includes treating others with respect and kindness, exhibiting responsibility, and honoring our community. Students will acknowledge the importance of *derech erez* (how one conducts oneself in a respectful manner) in ethical decision making and the personal values of honesty, integrity, tolerance of diverse opinions, and service to others. Students are required to adhere to their classroom rules outlined in collaboratively-created agreements, to all-school expectations, and to the mission and vision of our school. When a JCDSRI student breaks his/her classroom's collaboratively-created agreement, fails to follow our all-school precepts, or makes a mistake, our educators approach these situations as a learning opportunity for a student to practice reflection, accountability, and repair. Repeated disregard of school values or situations that we believe are dangerous or destructive may require additional responses. Please refer to the section "Student Behavior Procedures" under JCDSRI Community Guidelines in our Family Handbook (on page 16) for further information.

Family Code of Conduct

JCDSRI believes that a positive and constructive working relationship between JCDSRI and the families of our students (including parents, students, legal guardians, or other people associated with students) is essential to the fulfillment of the school's educational purpose and responsibilities to its students. As such, families of JCDSRI students agree to support our progressive educational program that nurtures students' creativity and curiosity while promoting academic rigor and the development of personal character. This includes accepting our pluralistic approach to Jewish life, endorsing a focus on critical thinking and problem solving both in and out of school, and supporting their children's engagement in challenging learning experiences. Families will acknowledge the importance of *derech erez* (how one conducts oneself in a respectful manner) in ethical decision making and the personal values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, tolerance of diverse opinions, and service to others. Families will treat JCDSRI administrators, faculty and staff



and Board Members, as well as other members of the JCDSRI community, with respect and courtesy in all forms of communications, including face to face, written, electronic and social media communications.

If the parents' or other family members' behavior, communications, or interactions in or out of school (including during school-sponsored events) is disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or otherwise seriously interferes with JCDSRI's safety procedures, responsibilities, or accomplishment of its educational purpose or program, then the school reserves the right to dismiss the student and/or family from the community. In addition, JCDSRI reserves the right to place restrictions on parents' or other family members' involvement or activity at school, on school property, or at school-related events for other reasons that the school deems appropriate. Any determination under this paragraph shall be in the school's sole discretion. In the event of a serious infraction or emergency situation, JCDSRI can act immediately, without resort to the Conflict Resolution Policy for Families. In all other circumstances, the matter will be resolved in accordance with the Conflict Resolution Policy for Families (found on page 17).

We have reviewed the Student and Family Handbook for the 2019-20 school year on the JCDSRI website (jcdsri.com). If understand we may request a printed copy from the school. We agree to follow the JCDSRI Codes of Conduct.

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____
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