

Lincoln Middle School Student Expectations

Fall 2025 - 2026



Our Diversity Is Our SUPERPOWER

Everyone in our Lincoln Community belongs, is valued, feels connected and safe.

Certain behaviors do not embody our values as a Lincoln Community and acts as our kryptonite.



What Is Bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior involving a real or perceived imbalance of power. The behaviors is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying may be physical, verbal or psychological. It may occur in person or on social media.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, manipulation or purposefully excluding someone from a group. Some bullying behaviors are illegal and must be reported to the police.



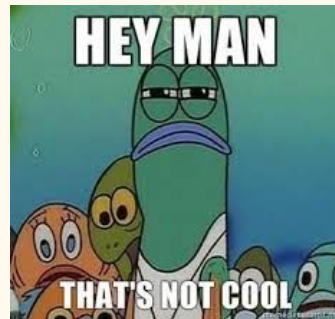
Cyberbullying

Includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false or mean content about someone else.

Are you saying things to be helpful or hurtful?

You can't say something mean and then say "just kidding" at the end and think it makes it okay.

It doesn't! Real friends help. What does it say about you when you are hurtful towards others?



Most Common Cyberbullying Tactics

*Throw
glitter,
not shade!*



- Posting comments or rumors that are mean, hurtful, or embarrassing.
- Threatening to hurt someone or telling them to kill themselves.
- Posting a mean or hurtful picture or video.
- Posting mean or hateful names, comments, or content about any race, religion, ethnicity, or other personal characteristics online.
- Creating a mean or hurtful webpage or social media post about someone or fake accounts.

Trustworthiness

If you see something, say something!! We are all responsible for ensuring a safe school.



Every student should have at least one person on campus to whom you would report a concern. Who is your trusted adult?

Hate Motivated Behavior/Harassment

- Behavior/harassment toward a person's race, ethnicity, culture, heritage, age, political affiliations, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or religion.
- Students do not have to endure harassment of ANY kind

**You may report to any adult from school or use We-Tip
(1-800-78-CRIME)**



Historical Hurt

- Race
- Religion
- Sexuality
- Sexual/gender identity
- Ethnicity
- Nationality
- Academic abilities
- Physical abilities



No Place For Hate!



LMS is a supportive place where everyone should feel accepted, valued, and comfortable.

Consequences or other means of corrective action, suspension or expulsion.

Doesn't Matter if You're Joking.
Doesn't Matter if it is Your Friend.

Responses to Hate Motivated Speech

“That’s not okay.”

“We don’t talk like that here.”

“Dude, that language is really hurtful/offensive.”

“I don’t find that funny.”

“Do you understand why that is so offensive?”

“Not cool man.”

“That comment wasn’t necessary.”

“Why would you talk that way?”

WALK AWAY.

LET AN ADULT KNOW.



You may report any concerns or incidents anonymously by calling WE TIP at 1-800-78-CRIME or 1-800-47-DRUGS.

If you or someone you know is depressed or talking about hurting themselves, do not hesitate to report it to ANY staff member at school, your parents, or calling one of the numbers below.

Teen Line: 310-855-46773

Crisis Line: 1-800-303-7432



I Need Help...

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Witness Statement & Sworn Declaration of Witness

Information of the person completing this form:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Are you? ☐ Student, ID #: _____ ☐ Staff, Position: _____

☐ Parent ☐ Other _____

Your involvement? ☐ I am the victim ☐ I am the accused ☐ I am a witness

☐ I helped deal with the incident ☐ Other: _____

Information regarding the incident. Include the following information where applicable.

1. State the day, date and time of the incident.
 2. State who you witnessed involved in the incident.
 3. Describe the location of where the incident took place.
 4. Describe, in the order of events, what you experienced, heard or witnessed.
 5. Describe how you were involved in the incident.
 6. Note any physical injuries.
 7. List any other witness names and/or physical descriptions of other witnesses.
- Continue on the back of this page if additional space is needed.

On (insert day and date) _____, at approximately (insert time) _____ a.m./p.m.,

I witnessed activity by (list name(s) of participants): _____

at (describe or state the location) _____

Narrative (Describe what you experienced, heard or witnessed):

(Continue on back if necessary.)

Notice

You may be asked to appear as a witness at an expulsion hearing involving any or all participants in this incident. If you believe that being a witness at the hearing would subject you to unreasonable risk of harm, please state the basis for your belief:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided on this form is accurate and true.

Signature of person completing this form: _____ Date: _____

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Suspension (see pg. 12 Student Handbook)

Suspension means removing a student from school for serious disciplinary infractions for a few days.

- You will not be allowed on campus during the school day.
- You may not attend any school activities.
- If you are on a permit, your permit may be revoked.



Reasons for suspension include:

- Fighting/mutual combat
 - Possession of weapons or dangerous objects
 - Illegal substances (i.e. tobacco, vapes, marijuana, alcohol)
 - Causing serious bodily harm
 - Sexual and/or disability harassment
 - Ongoing bullying
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Expulsion...

. . . removing a student from school, and the school district, for serious disciplinary infractions.

- Your education in a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) school is stopped.
 - You must appear before a hearing panel; the Board of Education will decide if you are to be expelled.
 - Students who are expelled attend county schools.
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Expulsion

A student **MUST be expelled (ZERO TOLERANCE)** for any of the following reasons:

- Possessed, sold or furnished a firearm
- Brandished a knife at another person
- Sold controlled substance
- Committed, or attempted to commit, sexual assault or sexual battery
- Possessed an explosive

A student **may be RECOMMENDED for expulsion** for any of the following reasons:

- Caused serious injury to another person
- Possessed any knife, or other dangerous object, of no reasonable use to the student
- Unlawfully possessed any controlled substance (second offense)
- Engaged in robbery or extortion
- Committed assault or battery upon any school personnel

I Need Help...

We are here for you whenever you need us!

Mrs. Stauffer (6th Grade Counselor) astauffer@smmusd.org

Mrs. Preuss (7th Grade Counselor) jpreuss@smmusd.org

Mrs. Lucas-Takahashi (8th Grade Counselor) atakahashi@smmusd.org


Dr. Cuevas (Principal) jcuevas@smmusd.org

Mrs. Vy Andrew (Assistant Principal - Last Name A-L) vandrew@smmusd.org

Mrs. Keleher (Assistant Principal - Last Name M-Z) dkeleher@smmusd.org

Do not hesitate to reach out if you need us.

Have an amazing year!



Be Yourself,
but be your
Best Self.

A central image featuring a collage of three torn paper strips on a light yellow background. The top strip is orange and contains the text 'Be Yourself,'. The middle strip is teal and contains the text 'but be your'. The bottom strip is yellow and contains the text 'Best Self.' in a cursive font. The strips are layered and slightly offset, giving a collage effect.