

PENSACOLA BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student Behavior Policy

Pensacola Beach Elementary School, herewith PBES, is a charter school, therefore, it is a school of choice. Charter schools allow parents to choose between two free public school alternatives. Children who reside on Pensacola Beach have the option of attending PBES or A.K. Suter Elementary School in Pensacola. Children who live off the island have the choice to attend the school for which their home is zoned.

PBES recognizes the importance of having a classroom environment conducive to learning. To ensure maximum learning by each student and the class, the Board of Directors wants to inform parents/guardians upfront about the consequences of a child's behavior.

Good behavior is expected. Good behavior is rewarded through a program called the "Sand Dollar Store". Children have the opportunity to earn "Sand Dollars" and spend them at the "Store" several times during the school year. Additionally, children who earn a 90 or above in Citizenship may attend the "Beach Brigade", held at the end of each grading period.

Unfortunately, not all children exemplify good behavior. Each student is responsible for his or her own behavior. The teacher and parent(s) will work together to promote kindness and safety in the classroom. Guidelines will be put in place to protect the rights of the child to make sure the student has ample time to conform to the rules. The following steps provide a guideline of the procedures but are not inclusive:

- Teacher verbally warns student repeatedly;
- Student shows inability to conform to the rules;
- Student is given preferential seating;
- Teacher communicates concerns/actions are documented;
- Teacher/parent/principal conference; and
- Discipline contract between student and school.

If a discipline contract is not effective, the school reserves the right to follow the PBES Board of Directors' Policy that denies attendance and/or admission to PBES. The parent(s) has the right to appeal to the Board of Directors' Policy Committee. The committee will make certain the guidelines listed above were followed and the student was given ample opportunity to conform to the rules. The school administrator will work with the parent(s) to find an alternative school to make the transition as smooth as possible for the student.

Please sign and date as indicated below. Your signature is an acknowledgement of your understanding of your right to choose between two public schools, and that the school has the right to deny admission and/or continuing attendance to PBES based upon a student's behavior.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Official Signature: _____ Date: _____