

Guiding Principles for a Peaceful Learning Community

Ancona School is a safe place...

for people's feelings...

- We are gentle and generous with each other.
- We assume goodwill.
- We treat each other with compassion.
- We do not use words to wound others. We do not tease or laugh intending to hurt.
- Each of us may feel comfortable expressing his/her individuality. No one is treated unfairly or disrespectfully because of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, looks, size, learning strengths, or challenges.

for people's bodies...

- We do not threaten, intimidate or hurt others or touch them in ways they do not like.

for people's stuff...

- We do not take, misuse, damage, or destroy the property of others or of the school.

for people's ideas...

- We listen to others without interrupting.
- We speak in a respectful manner and tone.
- We avoid language that is vulgar or offensive to others.
- We do not laugh at others' ideas or mistakes.
- We encourage each other to express feelings and opinions without fear of interruption or retribution.

for learning...

- We work together to make our school a calm and productive place for learning.
- We know and follow the ground rules of the school and the classroom.

in which to grow...

- Each of us is trying to become the best person that s/he can. We recognize that people can and do change.