The Essential 55 Rules



■ 1. Respond to adults respectfully.



2. Make eye contact.



■ 3. Congratulate your classmates.



 4. Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas.



 5. If you win, do not brag; if you lose, do not show anger.



 6. If you are asked a question in conversation, ask a question in return.



 7. Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough, and say excuse me.



 8. Do not show disrespect with gestures.



• 9. Always say "thank you" when given something.



■ 10. When you receive something, do not insult the gift or the giver.



■ 11. Surprise others by performing random acts of kindness.



 12. When grading other students' papers, give only the correct grade.



 13. Follow along when we read together in class.



■ 14. Answer all written questions with a *complete* sentence.



■ 15. Do not ask for a reward.



 16. Complete your homework every day.



 17. Changing class will be swift, quiet, and orderly.



■ 18. Be as organized as possible.



 19. When homework is assigned, do not moan or complain.



 20. When a substitute teacher is present, all class rules apply.



 21. Follow the specific classroom protocols.



 22. You may bring a bottle of water to class; you may not bring any food or other beverage to class.



 23. Know other teachers' names and greet them in the hall by name.



 24. Keep yourself and the bathrooms germ-free.



25. Greet visitors and make them feel welcome.



26. Do not save seats in the cafeteria.



 27. Do not stare at a student who is being reprimanded.



 28. Email me if you have a question about homework.



■ 29. Practice the ABC's of etiquette.



 30. After dining in the cafeteria or elsewhere, be responsible for your trash.



• 31. In a hotel room, leave a tip for the hotel workers who clean your room.



 32. On a bus (in an elevator), always face forward.



 33. When meeting new people, shake hands and repeat their name.



 34. When offered food, take only your fair share.



 35. If someone drops something and you are close to it, pick it up.



■ 36. Hold the door for people rather than letting it close on them.



 37. If someone bumps into you, say "excuse me," even if it is not your fault.



 38. On a field trip, enter a public building quietly.



 39. On a field trip, compliment the place you are visiting.



 40. During an assembly, do not speak or call out to friends.



• 41. At home, answer your phone in a polite and appropriate manner.



 42. When returning from a trip, shake the hands of every chaperone.



 43. On escalators, stand to the right, walk to the left.



 44. When walking in line, keep your arms at your sides and move quietly.



■ 45. Never cut in line.



46. Do not talk in movie theaters during the movie.



 47. Do not bring Doritos (or other food) into the school building.



• 48. If anyone is bullying you, let the teacher know.



49. Stand up for what you believe in.



■ 50. Be positive and enjoy life.



• 51. Live so that you will never have regrets.



• 52. Learn from your mistakes and move on.



• 53. No matter the circumstances, always be honest.



54. Carpe Diem.



■ 55. Be the best person you can be.