

Welcome to Kennedy Middle School

This Handbook is designed to serve as a guide to Kennedy Middle School students, parents, and patrons. It should be kept as a ready reference.

The purpose of education is to help each student become an effective citizen. To develop and accept the responsibilities and the obligations of good citizenship will help us to participate successfully in the world of today and tomorrow. We hope that you will participate in our varied activities and find those things within our school that will prepare you to live a better life and take your place in a complex society.

Kennedy Middle School welcomes you to its ranks, and we hope that you will always be conscious of its traditions and requirements. This school is whatever you make it. Let us always have the spirit to do the things which will make it outstanding. The faculty and administration wish to help you in every way possible. They are people who are very interested in your welfare and future. Feel free to share anything with them, to get to know them, and to accept their help and guidance throughout your school days here. To accomplish our Mission Statement, all our schools must function under certain guidelines and regulations. We expect everyone attending Kennedy Middle School, or being a part of it as a parent or guardian to recognize these regulations,

to understand them, and to abide by them. It is also important for students and their parents to become acquainted with Kennedy's routines, services, and activities, which are outlined in this Handbook.

All of the policies in this handbook have been reviewed by the USD 489 Board of Education and are part of the Board of Education policies.

The Kennedy Student...

- Takes responsibility for his or her own action.
- Uses and appreciates the human and material resources available to improve his/her education.
- Is respectful toward the school's faculty and staff and all fellow students.
- Respects one's self-and keeps mind and body healthy.
- Conducts one's self with courtesy and good manners.
- Dresses with neatness and cleanliness, realizing that proper appearance, as well as proper behavior, is necessary for a good learning experience.
- Recognizes that proper language is a more effective communication tool than is profanity and lewd/obscene or derogatory language.
- Respects property of the school and fellow students.
- Shares the spirit and tradition that has made Kennedy Middle School the pride of several generations.

Kennedy Mission Statement

Kennedy Middle School provides a positive, structured environment that encourages responsible behavior and gives every student the opportunity to mature and become a lifelong learner.

Forever Proud Song

Kennedy Irish, Forever Proud, We are the Irish shouting loud, To a vict'ry, heads held high, Our Irish pride we will not hide. What though the odds be great or small? Green, gold and white will win over all, Go! Fight! Irish! We are marching Onward Forever Proud

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Mission Statement

To provide a quality learning experience for every child in every classroom everyday

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