



Veritas Preparatory Academy **Habits of Respect**

General principles:

*Do what you know is best.
Respect other people.
Respect the space.
Act appropriate to the time and place.*

In class:

*Focus on your teacher and the main activity.
Visibly listen and track the main activity.
Speak in turn.
Leave your area better than you found it.
Stay until dismissed by your teacher.*

In the hallways:

*Speak moderately, with indoor voices.
Walk to the right in the hallways, when possible.
Wait your turn patiently.
Watch for oncoming traffic and wait courteously to turn left.
Let others pass.
Avoid placing any materials in the hallway.*

At lockers:

*Close lockers gently.
Avoid blocking others from passing.
Keep your locker secure and your materials inside.*

At lunch and Lyceum:

*Enjoy yourself.
Observe table manners.
Leave your area cleaner than you found it.*

On the field:

*Enjoy the fresh air and freedom of movement.
Speak cleanly and supportively.
Compete valiantly and with sportsmanship.
Give a hand up to the fallen and include others in games.*

Presenting Habits of Respect:

Notes for Teachers

- Truly acting on our respect for ourselves and our classmates means we make specific decisions in *ordinary situations*.
- This list represents specific ways to show this respect.
- These truly are not rules but habits. **When you forget, we remind. It's not about punishment, but about remembering the right thing at the right time.** We assume everyone wants to live well together.
- Each item reflects respect to ourselves, our classmates, or the place where we work together.
- We can **talk** all we want about respect, but it means nothing unless we **act** on it.
- Teachers are here to support students in becoming the best versions of themselves.
- You don't have to memorize the list and be perfect tomorrow. Focus on the ones you know you struggle with. Every step in the right direction counts.
- We are all helping each other be better; your teachers remind each other; you can remind each other. We're all in this together.