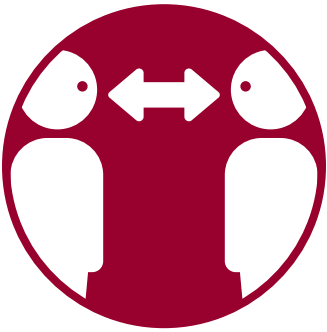




Joplin Eagles Core Behaviors

At Joplin Schools, all learners (children and adults) are expected to master four core behaviors:



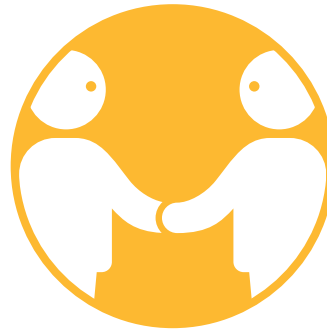
Greet one another

Learners will seek connections and improve **relationships** by greeting one another using eye contact and respectful speech.



Follow instructions

Learners will demonstrate respect by **listening** to expectations and giving and receiving feedback appropriately.



Get along

Learners will demonstrate **integrity** and **empathy** by agreeing and/or disagreeing with others using civil verbal and body language.



Participate

Learners will actively involve themselves in the learning process by seeking **feedback**, identifying challenges, and offering innovative **solutions**.

Why do we focus on behavior?

Joplin Schools has struggled to improve academically over the last several years. During our recent strategic planning, we reviewed data and conducted research to identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. Based on this research, we determined that behavior in our system was our greatest challenge and an obstacle to academic achievement. Behavior goes beyond discipline. To create a positive, exciting culture of learning and growth in our schools, we are focused this year on teaching and modeling positive behaviors that help provide consistency and structure in our schools and encourage strong relationships between students, staff, parents, and our community. We have also identified our highest-needs schools and added behavior support for teachers and classrooms. This focus on behavior to improve academics is the first step in ensuring our students are ready for the next level of learning. Learn more about the district's five-year strategic plan, developed with input and feedback from students, staff, parents, and the community, at www.joplinschools.org.

How can parents & our community help?

- ✓ Model positive behaviors – children learn by watching those around them
- ✓ Discuss and practice the four behaviors with your child
- ✓ Encourage and celebrate positive behaviors in your child
- ✓ Support your teachers and schools to help build a positive culture and school pride

Each school will have a unique way to highlight these four core behaviors, as well as other behaviors, and will share that information with you throughout the school year.