



*Dear Parents/Guardians,*

*Please review the information in this brochure with your child.*

- ◆ *Ask your child to tell you about the school rules.*
- ◆ *Ask your child to discuss examples of ways that he/she can use these rules at school and on the school bus.*
- ◆ *Ask your child how they can earn "Positive Paws" for following the school rules.*
- ◆ *Discuss ways that these rules can be used at home and in the community.*



## Dr. Higdon Pledge of Respect

I am a smart, special and valuable person.

I respect myself and I respect others.

My words and actions are kind and honest.

I expect only my best in all that I do.

I will come to school everyday.

I am proud to be me!



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*A Positive Behavioral  
Intervention & Support School*

Higdon Huskies

I "CARE"

Parent Brochure

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## PBIS Philosophy

Our goal with our PBIS program is to help each child develop self-discipline. Parents, teachers, and students must work together to help our students become good citizens and to create a safe learning environment.

The PBIS program at Dr. Higdon is based upon the philosophy of providing clear rules, procedures, expectations and recognizing positive contributions of students. Each teacher has a classroom discipline plan that teaches and reinforces classroom rules, rewards and consequences as needed.

Staff recognize positive student behavior in the following ways:

- Distribution of Positive Paws for students to purchase various incentives from the Husky Cart.
- Quarterly Celebration of Learning Assemblies to recognize Personal Responsibility Honor Roll recognizing students who have shown outstanding respect & responsibility.
- Quarterly PBIS events to recognize students who have remained office/bus referral free for the quarter.
- Cleanest classroom awards are given to recognize homerooms for being responsible for keeping their classroom tidy at the end of the day.
- Homerooms earning perfect attendance are recognized daily.

## Dr. Higdon "I Care" Rules

1. Respectful
  - We listen to each other
  - We are polite and use kind words
2. Responsible
  - We are responsible for what we say and do
3. Safe
  - We use our hands for helping and not hurting
  - We use furniture and supplies Safely



*Dr. Higdon Elementary School continues to be a "gold banner" school as recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education for our PBIS program.*

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of the staff at Dr. Higdon Elementary School to work collaboratively to provide the opportunities and experiences for students to develop the necessary skills to become multi-dimensional thinkers and succeed in a diverse community.

## Vision Statement

The staff at Dr. Higdon Elementary School will use best practices in instruction and technology, encourage student responsibility, and provide a safe, engaging environment in which students will be able to achieve their highest potential.

