

Hello Memorial Junior High Parents,

School has been in session for one month. While the first two weeks started off great these past two weeks have seen a drastic increase in disrespectful and unruly behavior both inside and outside the library. The Lansing Public Library would like to inform you of two ways we will be addressing these challenges.

1. **September 19-30th** the library will revert to a quiet area for students to read or engage in homework. The teen island and the outdoor courtyard will be closed to junior high students. We will only be able to accommodate 40 students in the building at a time. If students engage in loud activities or violate the behavior policy they will be asked to leave the library.
2. **Effective immediately** the Lansing Public library will file disorderly conduct charges against any students engaging in fighting and/or bullying, or inciting violence.

After school guidelines:

Our newly expanded "Teen Island" is available for students, 6th-12th grade, with a student ID or library card. The main areas of the library will be reserved for quietly playing with young children, working on homework, using the computer, or reading books. Please see the reverse side for a copy of our after school behavior expectations. Important things to note:

- The library reserves the right to ask any patron who violates our Behavior Policy to leave library property.
- If members of a group violate the behavior policy, all members of that group may be subject to the same consequences.
- We have zero-tolerance for fighting - We cannot always determine whether fighting is real or in play. Our policy is to call police when fighting occurs on our property.

Responsibility: Your students are just starting the process of learning how to be responsible, in public places, without having an adult with them. Some students are not quite ready for this responsibility. Those students may be asked to have an adult present with them in order to use the library. We are not equipped to be an after school care program.

Children in 5th grade or below MUST be accompanied by a caregiver over the age of 16.

The full behavior policy is available on our website www.lansingpl.org. Click "About Us", then click on library policies and mission, then click on Behavior Policy. We want the library to be a safe place for everyone in our community to use. Any questions can be directed to the following people:

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Afterschool Expectations for Students

We welcome all students to use the library facilities after school. The library requires all students to adhere to the following:

- **Be Respectful**
 - **Entering the building** – All students must enter the library through the lower youth department entrance. They are not permitted to hang out in the foyer area. If they impede traffic anywhere in the library they will be asked to leave.
 - **Language** – Use of language and gestures that are harassing, obscene, abusive, or insulting will not be tolerated.
 - **Leaving the building** - Students may not repeatedly leave and re-enter the building.
- **Be Responsible**
 - **Food and Drink** – Snacks are permitted only in the Teen Island, outdoor courtyard, and upstairs atrium. Drinks are permitted as long as there is a lid. Those who do not comply will be asked to leave.
 - **Unattended belongings** - The library is not responsible for any items left unattended.
- **Be Safe**
 - **Aggressive behavior will not be tolerated toward visitors and staff - Examples Include:**
Abusive language, Verbal aggression or profanity, Sexual advances (verbal or physical), Threats, Physical assault, Arguing with staff
- **Behavior Policy** - All students will be required to follow the Lansing Public Library behavior policy.
- **Suspension of Library Privileges Policy** - Failure to comply with the behavior policy will result in suspension of library privileges as laid out by the suspension of library privileges policy.