

### **Code of Behavior and Discipline**

The Morgan School System maintains high expectations that our students will conduct themselves appropriately at all times. At the heart of the Code of Behavior and Discipline are the virtues found in character education programs.

The following would be examples of positive behavior:

**KINDESS** – The desire to show genuine sympathy and interest on other’s well-being.

**COURTESY** – The ability to display positive behaviors that may be interpreted as being considerate, respectful, generous, polite and mannerly in school, home and community.

**FAIRNESS/JUSTICE** – The conviction to consider the individual work of each citizen as an important contribution to the common good of the school or the community.

**HONESTY** – The conviction to say and/or do the morally right thing, regardless of public rejection.

**SELF-DISCIPLINE** – The ability to control one’s self for the sake of improvement.

**RESPECT** – The recognition of the basic worth and value of all human beings which results in an individual relating to others in a manner which reflects dignity and honors humanity.

**COURAGE** – The internal strength to actively support convictions and beliefs.

**PERSEVERANCE** – The ability to pursue worth while goals in spite of obstacles and distractions.

**SELF-RESPECT** – The ability to use a belief in self worth to recognize that choices exist in all situations and to resist negative peer pressure in making positive choices.

In order to insure that students behave in an appropriate manner and to insure that all students and teachers can learn and teach in a safe school environment, the Morgan County Board of Education has established a Code of Behavior and Discipline. Teachers, administrators or any school personnel are authorized to take just and reasonable measures to establish effective school discipline. The authority to control student behavior shall be extended to buses and all activities of the school. Each school principal shall be responsible for implementation and administration in his/her school. He/she shall apply the Code of Behavior and Discipline uniformly and fairly to each student at the school without partiality or discrimination.