

Greenfield Elementary School

Detention Policy

A great majority of the time the students at Greenfield Elementary School are well behaved and respectful to one another and their teachers. However, there are times when a student's behaviour is not appropriate and their behaviour needs to be addressed.

Detentions are one way that a teacher can let a student know that his/her actions are unacceptable and that he or she needs to make a more positive choice. It is a signal to the student (and parents) that the child needs time to stop and think about his/her behaviour. The teacher giving the detention will have discussion with the student that clearly identifies the behaviour and the reason for the detention.

A detention policy provides for the following:

1. It is one way a student can be held accountable for their behaviour. A detention clearly lets them know that their behaviour is not acceptable.
2. Detentions provide a way of communicating with parents that issues are occurring at school that need attention.
3. Detentions provide a way of tracking student behaviour and provide a record of when and how often behaviour is occurring.

Detentions may be given for a number of behaviours including: hands-on behaviour (pushing/shoving, hitting, grabbing), inappropriate language (profanity or otherwise unacceptable language), disrupting the learning environment, disrespectful behaviour to other students (name calling, teasing) or to staff.

Process for Detentions:

A yellow detention slip will be written up by the teacher who is giving the detention. This slip will provide the date of the detention and when the detention will be served, the behaviour that occurred that caused the detention, and the name of the teacher who gave the detention.

The student is to have the detention slip signed by their parents and return it to the teacher who gave them the detention. This is an important step as parents should be informed of any concern related to their child.

The student will remain in for lunch on the day of their detention and will complete work assigned by their classroom teacher or by the teacher on detention duty.

If a detention slip is not returned, the principal or vice-principal will follow up with the student and the parents.

It is important for parents to know that detentions do not become part of a student's permanent school record.