



Respect

RESPECT means treating others as you want to be treated.

RESPECT means recognizing the value of all people, property and the environment.

Points to Ponder

Respect is a positive feeling you have for people due to their qualities and achievements, and express by treating them in a polite and kind way. Demonstrating respect for authority figures crosses cultures, age, and other demographics. However, some of the outward signs of respect that you may be familiar with—such as making eye contact or responding individually to an instruction—may differ from culture to culture. In many Hispanic families, people show respect by not making eye contact with adults in positions of authority. Many Asians are taught to work harmoniously as a group, rather than to respond individually to a task. If your responses to instructions and interactions are misunderstood because cultural practices differ, you may misread them as disrespect for your authority.

When faced with a response from a bus rider that appears to show a lack of respect for you, other students, or for the belongings of others, you may wish to ascertain that linguistic or cultural issues are not interfering with the communication. Then, respond to the issue politely and kindly. The other passengers will appreciate, and respect, how you handle situations that arise while they are in your care.

Morning Greeting:

Welcome aboard and Good Morning! You have just stepped in to the Respect Zone! On my bus, we treat everyone with respect because everyone is special. This week, make an attempt beginning with this bus ride, to treat others like you want to be treated.