

After School Behavior Expectations

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The Library welcomes Library use by all students. Staff members are available to assist children with Library materials or services. However, it is not the Library's role, nor is it equipped to provide long or short-term child care.

Children nine (9) years of age and younger shall not be left unattended in the Library under any circumstances. They must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or caregiver.

Parents/guardians, if delegating their responsibilities to a caregiver, must ensure the caregiver is a responsible person of suitable age.

A parent/guardian or caregiver must remain with the child during the entire time in the Library, and must **directly** supervise the child.

Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. In case of children over nine (9) years of age, parents may be notified, at the determination of the Library, if an unaccompanied minor's behavior in the Library is a problem.

Children are subject to the same rules of conduct as other patrons, must follow the Library's Code of Conduct and are subject to the same consequences, including but not limited to removal from the premises or suspension of a library card.

In addition to the Library's Code of Conduct, children must follow the following rules and regulations:

1. Children/patrons shall use the Library solely for its designated purposes. Anyone not using the Library for its designated purposes will be told to leave for the day. Designated activities include studying, doing homework, reading a book or magazine, using a computer, attending a library program or working quietly on group projects at tables where this is permitted.
2. Food is not permitted in the Library. Covered drinks are permissible, but must be properly disposed of when finished.
3. Due to space constraints, only one person is permitted at each catalog or Internet computer.
4. Inappropriate behavior at/on the computers (being too loud, looking at inappropriate materials, harassing others, etc.) may result in loss of computer privileges or dismissal from the building.

5. If you are at a table, you must be in a chair and only one person is allowed per chair. Sitting on the floor is not permitted.
6. No rocking back and forth or tipping back on the legs of chairs.
7. The number of chairs in a room is the capacity of the room, and the number of chairs at a table is the capacity of that table. Tables cannot be moved and chairs cannot be added to tables.
8. Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the Library, or disturbs Library staff or patrons including but not limited to teasing, bullying, conduct that involves the use of lewd, profane or abusive language, or gestures, conduct that creates unreasonable or offensive noise, and/or loud or boisterous physical behavior or talking and rudeness will not be tolerated. No running, skateboarding, rollerblading, hover boarding, playing, throwing, jumping, or jostling. No harassing of other students and/or other Library patrons.
9. The Library is not responsible for your belongings; they should not be left unattended. If you leave the building, you are expected to take all of your belongings with you.
10. Cell phone usage is not permitted in the building. Please set your ringer to vibrate and take calls in the lobby or outside.
11. Loitering in the Library building, on Library steps, entryway or Library property thereby creating a nuisance to those who are trying to enter or exit the building or to use Library is prohibited. No restricting others' access to the Library. Be considerate of all Library patrons.
12. No defacing or damaging Library property.

Parents are responsible for the behavior of their child(ren) to the age of 18 years even when the child is in the Library without them. A child using inappropriate behavior will be informed of the rules. If inappropriate behavior continues, the child may be asked to leave the Library. If a child is not able to leave the Library without an adult, he/she should not be in the Library without an adult. This is of particular concern in inclement weather and after dark. All children should have the telephone number of someone who can assist them in an emergency.

The Teaneck Public Library wants to provide a safe and appropriate library environment for use by the public. Behavior that infringes on the library usage by others will not be tolerated. Any patron not abiding by these or other regulations of the Library may be required to leave the Library premises and may forfeit his or her Library privileges as Library staff deem appropriate. Library employees will contact the police if deemed advisable.