



Missouri Middle School Cardinal Card Procedures

Respectful • Responsible • Safe

Why is Missouri Middle School Focusing on Having Students Earn Cardinal Cards?

- To increase student use of respectful, responsible, and safe behaviors.
- To focus on positive social interactions between staff and students.
- To help us all be more positive this school year.

Who Awards Cardinal Cards?

- All staff will be supplied with Cardinal Cards each day to award any student who is being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.

Who Can Receive a Cardinal Card?

- Cardinal Cards are earned by individual students who are using behaviors that reflect being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.
- Cardinal Cards can be earned for being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe anywhere in the building and at any time.

What Do Staff Say When They Award a Cardinal Cards?

- The most important thing to remember about the Cardinal Cards is to provide the student specific, positive feedback about how they are being Respectful, Responsible, Safe learners. For example: “Wow, Fred, you are being respectful of others by walking quietly in the hall. Because you are using our hallway expectations, you have earned a Cardinal Card.” “Ethel, thanks for remembering to push in your chair and clear off your table. You are showing respect for the cafeteria help as well as students that will follow you. You’ve earned a Cardinal Card for respect.”

What Do Students Do When They Receive a Cardinal Card?

- Students write their name and grade on the back of the Cardinal Card.
- Students take their Cardinal Cards to their class office and put in the bucket.

What Will Happen With the Cardinal Cards?

- At the end of the month, office helpers will count the Cardinal Cards from each class office and post the number earned on a main office bulletin board.
- Every month there will be a drawing from all Cardinal Cards earned that month for individual prizes as well as privileges for each class. Names will be posted near each class office.
- Students whose Cardinal Card is posted can take it down and turn it into the secretary for their prize.

What Are Some Other Things to Consider About Cardinal Cards?

- Cardinal Cards can be earned but not lost. This is a positive system. Once earned they are the student’s property. If correction is needed, do so; but do not take cards away.
- If students ask for a Cardinal Cards kindly say something like: “I know you will get a Cardinal Cards soon. All students can earn them. Staff determine when to award.”
- If you suspect “forgery” of Cardinal Cards, contact your Schoolwide PBS team representative.
- If you need more Cardinal Cards, contact Suzy Cue.

Who Will Answer My Questions About Cardinal Cards?

- Your SW-PBS Team representative or any member of the SW-PBS Team.