

2022-2023 Yellow House Rules & Guidelines:

1. **BE RESPECTFUL.** Students are expected to act respectfully towards everyone at the Yellow House. Rude language, hurtful comments, name-calling, fighting, swearing and verbal & physical violence are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Students will receive one verbal warning, and one written report with a call home before suspension from the programs.
2. **TREAT PROPERTY WITH CARE.** Participants are expected to treat our facilities, recreational equipment, games, and property inside and outside with respect. You will be held financially responsible for any intentional damages that occurs to Yellow House property and equipment.
3. **KINDNESS ONLY - NO BULLY ZONE!** The Yellow House is a unique place in town for students from all schools to come and gather and have FUN. We expect that every student treats others with kindness, uses positive words and no bullying or making fun of anyone who is at an event or is NOT at an event. There is to be no talking negatively about others or teachers. Challenge yourself to make new friends and include others you may not know that well in games and to sit with you during snacks and craft times.
4. **PERSONAL SPACE** Students are expected to keep their hands, feet, and bodies to themselves. No jumping or hanging on anyone. Accidents can happen easily and personal space is important to respect.
5. **NO PDA'S.** Inappropriate public displays of affection will not be permitted (holding hands and a hug hello or good-bye are acceptable forms of physical contact). Each person will receive one verbal warning if there is inappropriate physical contact, the next offense will result in a written warning and a phone call home. Respect personal space.
6. **QUIET VOICES ON MOVIE NIGHTS.** We ask that students be respectful on planned movie themed nights. These nights are planned to show a movie and no alternative activities are provided. Students are expected to sit quietly and enjoy a movie with snacks and their friends (like they would in a theater). If a student is not interested in watching the movie and become loud or their behavior is distracting others they will be asked politely to leave the room and play a game quietly with a few friends or staff. If a student is not interested at all in the movie that is scheduled please consider not attending that particular night so that those students that would like to watch the movie have the opportunity to view it in a quiet environment.
7. **NO SWEARING/INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE** Use appropriate language at all times, including in music and side conversations. If they wouldn't say it at school, or in front of a parent we expect the same at the Yellow House.
8. **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING/SHOES ON!** Please wear appropriate clothing. Shoes must be worn at all times. With the exception of outdoor water activities.
9. **NO SCREAMING!** Noise is to be kept at a reasonable level at all times. Walk up to someone to get their attention, do not scream across the rooms. This includes keeping the stereo and T.V. at a reasonable sound level.
10. **NO CELL PHONES.** All students are expected to follow our NO ELECTRONIC / CELL PHONE USE POLICY. The Yellow House is a cell phone FREE space during programs...PLEASE LEAVE CELL PHONES AT HOME. This is to not only encourage positive, and engaging social interactions during the time at our programs but for the safety and privacy of all children in our facility.
11. **LEAVING THE PROPERTY.** Students are expected to stay with the group during activities. If we are outside, they need to be outside. If we are indoors they will be asked to stay inside. If any student leaves the designated space without permission from a staff for any reason their parent will be notified immediately.

VIOLATION OF RULES #11-#13 ARE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL:

Police may be notified (violation of #13 and #14) and parents WILL be called to pick you up IMMEDIATELY!

Suspension from future Yellow House programs/trips will occur with these violations. The amount suspension time will be based on the severity of the offense and in consideration of others that may have been affected by the event(s).

12. **NO DISRESPECTING STAFF** - Students that disobey, disrespect, threaten physical harm or property damage will receive a phone call to a parent and/or police and a parent will be asked to pick that child up immediately.
13. **VIOLENCE TOWARDS OTHERS.** Any intentional physical violence or hurtful behavior towards others, including staff will NOT be tolerated.
14. **DRUGS AND WEAPONS** - The Yellow House is a substance-free environment. There is NO smoking, vaping, drinking or illegal drugs allowed on the Yellow house property. No pocket knives or lighters – are allowed at the house or on trips we take. – These items will be taken immediately from the student and either released back to a parent or given to police if warranted.