

**Hanover Middle School**  
**Where Everyone Belongs**  
**Contract for Respect**  
**2011-2012**

In addition to understanding the Massachusetts Bullying Law and the rules that govern and keep us safe at Hanover Middle School,

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name), acknowledge my ability and responsibility to positively affect our school environment. I recognize my actions regarding the following ideals can contribute to a school atmosphere free of all forms of violence and promote creative conflict management.

**Respecting Ourselves and Others:**

I will strive to respect myself, to affirm others and avoid uncaring criticism, hateful words, physical attacks and self-destructive behavior. I will respect the environment (school building). I will look for peaceful ways to solve problems.

**Honesty:**

I will strive to share feelings honestly, to tell the truth, and to act with integrity.

**Caring/Empathy:**

I will strive to be caring and empathetic, to apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others, to keep from holding grudges, and to stand with those who are treated unfairly.

**Responsibility:**

I will strive to take responsibility for all of my actions; I will work hard to be prepared for school every day.

**Cooperative Behavior/Citizenship:**

I will strive to select activities and interests that support our school's values, to know and follow the school's code of conduct, and to avoid activities that glamorize violence as fun, exciting or acceptable.

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Signature

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Date