

## Definitions of Keywords

**Behavior**—the way in which one acts (good or bad)

Example: Waiting your turn to speak in class showed good *behavior*.

**Manners**—the correct way of behaving depending upon the time and place you live or group you belong to (dictated by social norms, changes)

Example: In my family, it is good *manners* to let my mother speak first without interrupting her.

**Other terms you may know or hear used**

**Department**—manner of personal conduct or behavior (how you control or present yourself)

Example: One of the first things a soldier has to learn is proper military *department*.

**Conduct**—the way one acts, especially in regard to morality and ethics (following a code of what is right or wrong held by a society, for example the United States, or by a smaller group, for example your school).

Example: Professional organizations set up standards of ethical *conduct* for their members.

**Customs**—regular social practices specific to a family, group, or region; something done so often it becomes habit or tradition, often tied into religion and culture.

Examples: It is the *custom* in public schools to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

It is a *custom* for U.S. families to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with a picnic and fireworks display.

**Community**—a group of people having common interests and a common identity. A classroom is a community with the common interest of learning and growing.

Example: The students in Room 22 hope to become a *community* of learners by showing good behavior in the classroom.