

# Week of Respect Morning Announcements:

## School Implementation Guide & Worksheet

This optional resource provides ready-to-use morning announcements designed to be used by schools during the Week of Respect. Morning announcements help set the tone for the school day by reinforcing shared values and school-wide expectations, supporting a positive school culture, and creating a consistent message across the school community.

These announcements are intentionally flexible. Schools are encouraged to tailor them to meet the needs of their students, school culture, and daily routines.

### Flexible Options for Use

Each day included two versions of the announcements to support different communication styles and student needs:

- **Directive approach (Option A):** Clear, concise, and action oriented. These messages focus on what students can do.
- **Reflective approach (Option B):** Encourages students to think, connect, and internalize the message. These messages focus on why the theme matters.

### How to Use This Resource

Schools may:

- Choose one option per day
- Alternate between directive and reflective styles
- Use different versions for elementary and secondary levels
- Modify language to reflect school priorities, values, and student population
- Use as a stand-alone tool or integrated into existing morning routines

### Implementation Tips

- Keep announcements brief (30-60 seconds when read aloud)
- Deliver announcements consistently each morning
- Encourage staff to reference the daily theme throughout the school day
- Consider engaging students in this activity by having students read announcements
- Reinforce messages through signage, hallway displays, and posters.
  - Free Resource: The NJDOE created a series of posters connected to the morning announcement themes. Schools are welcome to download, print, and display these posters from the **Week of Respect website**.

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### Grade Level: Elementary School

| Day & Theme            | Option A                                                                                                                                                                                | Option B                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Monday:</b>         | This week we're celebrating the Week of Respect. Respect means treating others the way we want to be treated. Today, use kind words and listen carefully to others.                     | This week we're celebrating the Week of Respect. When we show respect, we help make our school a safe and happy place for everyone. Think before you speak and choose kind words today. |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>        | Today is all about kindness. Kindness can be small—like smiling, helping a friend, or saying something nice. Try to do one kind thing today.                                            | Today we focus on kindness. Kindness helps others feel good and helps our school be a caring community. Look for ways you can be kind today.                                            |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>      | Today we focus on inclusion. Inclusion means making sure everyone feels welcome. If you see someone alone, invite them to join you at lunch, recess, or other places around the school. | Today's theme is inclusion. When we include others, we help everyone feel like they belong. Let's make sure no one feels left out today.                                                |
| <b>Thursday:</b>       | Today we talk about standing up for others. If you see someone being treated unfairly, tell a teacher or trusted adult. You can help make things better.                                | Today is about being an upstander. An upstander is someone who helps others and says something when they see unkind behavior. You can make a difference.                                |
| <b>Friday: NJ Goes</b> | Today we wear gold and blue for NJ Goes Gold and Blue. Wearing gold and blue shows that we stand together against bullying and choose respect and kindness.                             | Today is NJ Goes Gold and Blue Day. Everyone wearing gold and blue shows that our school cares about kindness, inclusion, and treating others with respect.                             |

## Week of Respect Morning Announcements

### Grade Level: Middle/High School

| Day & Theme            | Option A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Option B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Monday:</b>         | This week we're celebrating the Week of Respect, a statewide initiative focused on promoting respect, inclusion, and preventing harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB). Take time this week to think about how your actions can help others feel like they belong. Respect starts with each of us. | Week of Respect reminds us that we all help shape our school community. Research shows that when we feel connected to our school and supported by others, we're more likely to succeed, enjoy school, and feel better overall. Schools where students treat each other with respect also tend to have less bullying and a stronger sense of belonging. Together, we can make a difference and help create a school where everyone feels valued. |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>        | Kindness is one of the simplest ways to create a positive school community. Small actions—like checking in on someone, offering support, or including others—can make a meaningful difference. Choose kindness today and help create an environment where everyone feels valued.                         | Kindness can have a lasting impact. When students choose to include others, show empathy, or support a classmate, they help strengthen the school community. Even small acts of kindness can change someone's experience. Make kindness intentional today.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>      | Inclusion means making sure everyone feels welcomed and valued. Small actions—like including someone in a conversation or saying hello—can help build a stronger school community.<br><br>Today, choose to include others.                                                                               | Everyone wants to feel like they belong. Research shows that when we feel connected to others at school, we're more likely to enjoy school, do our best, and feel supported. Take a moment today to connect with a friend, classmate, or teacher. You never know how much it could mean.                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Thursday:</b>       | Respect extends to our online actions. Before posting or sharing, think about whether your words are kind and respectful. Use technology to build a positive and supportive community.                                                                                                                   | Digital interactions are a major part of students' daily lives, and disrespect online can have real consequences. As you know, harassment, intimidation, and bullying can occur through messages, posts, and social media. Taking a moment to think before posting helps prevent harm and supports a healthier digital environment.                                                                                                             |
| <b>Friday: NJ Goes</b> | Today we recognize NJ Goes Gold and Blue. Wearing gold and blue shows our commitment to respect, inclusion, and preventing harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Let's carry this commitment forward and continue building a positive school climate every day.                                        | Today we recognize NJ Goes Gold and Blue. Wearing gold and blue shows our commitment to creating a school where everyone feels welcome and respected. We can all help prevent harassment, intimidation, and bullying by choosing kindness, including others, and taking action when we see behavior that doesn't reflect our school's values.                                                                                                   |