

Line Basics – all grades

Face front.

Hands to side.

No talking.

Walk.

At Lincoln School, we use something called Line Basics to help make the hallways safe and quiet. Today, we're going to learn/review what Line Basics means and looks like.

Who has ever ridden in a car? Does your mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandma, grandpa follow any rules when they drive their car around St. Cloud? What about bus drivers and taxi drivers, do they follow any rules when they drive around St. Cloud? What are some of the rules they follow? Must get items in bold at minimum.

Follow the speed limit.

Stop for a red light/stop sign; go on green light.

Drive on the right side of the road.

Wear a seatbelt.

Pull over for a police car/fire engine/ambulance with its lights/siren on.

What would happen if your mom or dad drove their car down the wrong side of the road?
Traffic jam, accident, everyone would be all confused.

What would happen if a bus driver didn't look where they were going when they were driving?

Accident, drive off the road, run into parked cars.

What could happen if a taxi driver drove really fast/broke the speed limit when they were driving?

Get a speeding ticket, cause an accident.

Rules for driving a car keep the driver and passengers safe and people in other cars safe. Line Basics are the rules for keeping everyone safe and quiet in the hallway at our school.

Let's watch some video and see if we can spot some kids who know how to do Line Basics. -- VIDEO Clip

Right side of the hallway –

Just like cars and buses, we walk on the right side of the hallway. Your teacher will help you remember which side to walk on. What happens if two classes or two kids are walking in opposite directions down the same side of the hallway?

Volunteers/demonstration.

Always walk to the right side of the hallway.

Snake versus avalanche –

What does a snake look like? Long, skinny.

Who knows what an avalanche is? What does it look like? Snow covering the whole side of a mountain and coming down fast.

Which is better, a snake or an avalanche, for moving in the hallway at our school?

Volunteers/demonstration: Avalanche/six or seven kids across moving down the hallway, facilitator trying to go the other way.

Need for speed –

Sometimes you want to get somewhere in school really fast. It's ok to walk quickly, but it's not ok to run in the hallways. Who can think of some reasons we have this rule?

People and doors can suddenly be in front of you and someone may get hurt.

There may be coats, backpacks in the hallway that could trip you, and you could get hurt.

It's no different than other public places – grocery store aisles, stores like Target, Wal-Mart, doctor's office – it's not ok to run in those places, and it's not ok to run in the hallways at school.

At school, the rule is always walk in the hallway.

I can't hear you – Need: 1) “directions” for “teacher” volunteer

Two volunteers – one “student”, one “teacher”

Demonstration: “teacher” gives directions to the class in the hallway, facilitator is talking to the “student” as directions are given.

Ask the “student” how much of the directions they heard/understood.

Demonstration: “teacher” and “student” role play teaching sequence as if in a classroom; facilitator “walks by” in the hallway making loud noises, talking loudly, etc.

Ask the “student” and “teacher” what happened – distracted? Missed what the teacher was saying?

At school, the rule is no talking in the hallway so that you can hear what your teacher is saying and so that you don't disturb other classes.

Hallway hands –

One volunteer to walk ahead of facilitator in line, another to walk behind

Demonstration: walk along and flip posters on the wall, pester volunteer in front by touching

What happens when your hands are busy in the hallway? Posters get wrecked; slow down the line; other kids get annoyed.

At school, the rule is to keep your hands by your side or in your pockets when walking in the hallway. Some teachers might call that Hallway Hands.

Demonstration: Try it again; volunteers and facilitator

Watch your step –

OK, let's see if I've got this Line Basics thing down.

Demonstration: Hands to side, no talking, walking backwards.

That's it right? That's Line Basics, I've got it right?

But my hands were by my sides, I wasn't talking and I was walking!

I guess I do need to look where I'm going in hallway.

Volunteer – do another example of not facing front but not walking backwards.

What can happen if you don't face front walking in the hallway?

Run into people, walls, desks. Disrupt other lines. Slow down the line.
At school, the rule is face the front when walking in the hallway.

Line of One –

Who can think of when you'll use Line Basics?

Going to gym, art, music, lunch. Coming in from the playground.

What if you are delivering a message to the office for your teacher? What if you are going to the restroom? What if you are going to Mrs. Holden and or Mrs. Hermel's room?

Sometimes you will have to go somewhere in the school by yourself. Then you are a line of one!

Line Basics are the same if you are a line of one or a line of 21!

Volunteers to do Line Basics in line of one.