

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Procedures

1. As outlined in section 31 of the Education Act students are a partner in education and are responsible to:
 - 1.1 attend school regularly and punctually,
 - 1.2 be ready to learn and actively engage in and diligently pursue the student's education,
 - 1.3 ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging,
 - 1.4 respect the rights of others in the school,
 - 1.5 refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behaviour directed toward others in the school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means,
 - 1.6 comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the board,
 - 1.7 co-operate with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services,
 - 1.8 be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct,
 - 1.9 positively contribute to the student's school and community, and
 - 1.10 Respect differences in ethnicity, race, religion, gender and sexual orientation
2. Students are prohibited from engaging in unacceptable behaviour, whether it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means. Examples of such behaviours include, but are not limited to:
 - 2.1 Use, possession of, sale, distribution of or active contact with, a weapon on a student's person, in a student's locker or desk, on Division property, or in a vehicle on Division property used by a student or occupied by a student as a passenger;
 - 2.2 Threats;
 - 2.3 Conduct which endangers others;
 - 2.4 Encouraging conduct which endangers or may endanger others;
 - 2.5 Encouraging unacceptable conduct;
 - 2.6 Use or display of improper, obscene or abusive language;
 - 2.7 Distribution or display of offensive messages or pictures;
 - 2.8 Theft, including identity theft;
 - 2.9 Assault;
 - 2.10 Willful damage to school or others' property;

- 2.11 Use, possession of, distribution of, or active contact with, or collection of money for controlled substances, alcohol, or inhalants in school, on Division property or in the context of any school-related activity;
 - 2.12 Attending school or any school-related activity under the influence of controlled substances, alcohol or inhalants;
 - 2.13 Personal or sexual harassment;
 - 2.14 Hazing, initiation activities, the formation or the operation of sororities, fraternities, gangs and secret organizations;
 - 2.15 Extortion;
 - 2.16 Disruptive behaviour, willful disobedience or defiance of authority;
 - 2.17 Interfering with the orderly conduct of classes or the school;
 - 2.18 Tampering with fire alarms and safety equipment;
 - 2.19 Criminal activity;
 - 2.20 Contravention of the school's code of conduct; and
 - 2.21 Inappropriate information technology use.
3. Unacceptable student behaviour:
 - 3.1 May be grounds for disciplinary action; and
 - 3.2 Provides an opportunity for critical learning in the areas of:
 - 3.2.1 Personal accountability and responsibility;
 - 3.2.2 The development of empathy;
 - 3.2.3 Conflict resolution;
 - 3.2.4 Communication; and
 - 3.2.5 Social skills development.
4. When responding to unacceptable student behaviour, the following are to be considered:
 - 4.1 The effect of the student's behaviour upon other students, the staff, the school, and the community;
 - 4.2 The nature of the action or incident that calls for disciplinary or alternative measures;
 - 4.3 The student's previous conduct and previous interventions;
 - 4.4 The student's age, maturity and individual circumstances;
 - 4.5 The impact of proposed action on the student's future behaviour;
 - 4.6 The student's learning needs; and
 - 4.7 Any other information considered appropriate or relevant.
5. The consequences of unacceptable behaviour may be:
 - 5.1 Assignment of a student whose behaviour is unacceptable, disruptive or destructive to an alternate supervised location;
 - 5.2 Short term removal of privileges;

- 5.3 Detention;
 - 5.4 Use of reasonable force as required by way of correction to restrain a student from carrying out a violent or destructive act that could harm the student or others;
 - 5.5 Alternative interventions such as community conferencing or other forms of restorative justice;
 - 5.6 Corrective student transfer;
 - 5.7 Suspension; and
 - 5.8 Recommendation for expulsion.
6. Support will be provided for students who are impacted by inappropriate behaviour as well as for students who engage in inappropriate behaviour.
7. Students will contribute, to the greatest extent possible, to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that is well-ordered, peaceful, safe, non-threatening, and conducive to learning and optimal growth.

Reference: Sections 33, 36, 37 Education Act
Alberta Bill of Rights
Alberta Human Rights Act
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Criminal Code

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