



Policy No. 201

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

POLICY STATEMENT

The School Act requires Boards of Education to establish codes of conduct for all schools in their school district and ensure that schools within their jurisdiction implement the codes. This policy ensures that schools in the district are compliant with the standards set by the Ministry of Education and Child Care for codes of conduct.

GUIDING LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

- School Act Section 6 (1) Duties of Students
- School Act Ministerial Order M276/07 Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct

REGULATION

1. Community residents have a right to privacy, private property and freedom from abusive behaviour. While the district does not assume responsibility for student behaviour outside of the school's jurisdiction, it will take disciplinary action against a student if the circumstances warrant. The school will report to and cooperate with the police in all cases where students violate the law.
2. The school's jurisdiction over its students includes:
 - 2.1. Any activity occurring during a regular school day on school premises (building and grounds).
 - 2.2. Any activity that is sponsored by or organized by the school, regardless of time or place.
 - 2.3. Student's conduct occurring outside the regular school day and on school premises (building and grounds), if in the opinion of the principal circumstances warrant.
 - 2.4. Student's conduct occurring in connection with an activity that is sponsored by or organized by the school, regardless of time or place.
 - 2.5. Student's conduct on school buses or transportation contracted or arranged by the Board.
 - 2.6. Student's conduct while travelling to school and returning home from school, if in the opinion of the principal circumstances warrant.
 - 2.7. Any activities occurring during or outside the regular school day that affect district personnel.
 - 2.8. Any activities occurring during or outside the school day that affect district property and buildings.

- 2.9. Student use of personal internet-connected devices as per Board Policy No. 209.
3. The following are specific expectations that the Board regards as essential for student success and for a positive, safe learning environment. Therefore, each school, in consultation with parents, students and staff, will develop a school code of student conduct that will establish clear standards based on these district expectations and administrative procedures and mandate specific consequences for students in violation of the schools code of student conduct.
 - 3.1. Students will attend school during the regular school hours every school day.
 - 3.2. Students will participate to the best of their ability in their school's program by:
 - 3.2.1. Attending school on a daily basis.
 - 3.2.2. Being on time.
 - 3.2.3. Having all necessary materials for class.
 - 3.2.4. Completing all work assigned.
 - 3.2.5. Submitting only original work for assessment.
 - 3.3. Students will be considerate of others by:
 - 3.3.1. Respecting personal property, school property, and equipment.
 - 3.3.2. Respecting sexual orientation/gender identity or expression, ethnicity, culture, religion and linguistic heritage.
 - 3.3.3. Respecting the feelings of others by engaging in good manners, sportsmanship and common courtesy.
 - 3.3.4. Wearing clothing that is neither offensive to others nor inappropriate in a school setting.
 - 3.3.5. Appropriate use of personal digital devices at school to promote online safety and focused learning environments
 - 3.4. Students will speak with and act toward staff in an appropriate manner.
 - 3.5. Students will report to the office upon arrival when visiting another school for other than school-related activities and will adhere to that schools' code of student conduct.
 - 3.6. Student use of Personal Internet-Connected Devices
 - 3.6.1. All students will have access to school/district-owned technology at an age-appropriate level that supports learning and the development of digital technology skills and digital citizenship.
 - 3.6.2. As outlined in an Individual Education Plan (IEP), schools will exempt specific students from restrictions on the use of personal internet-connected devices when they are needed for full inclusion in a specific learning activity.
 - 3.6.3. At the elementary school level, the use of and access to personal internet-connected devices will not be permitted at any time during the school day.

- 3.6.4. Access to and the use of, personal internet-connected devices at the middle and secondary levels will not be permitted during instructional time. At the teacher's discretion, an exemption may be made when the use of such devices supports a specific curricular objective and is part of instructional planning.
- 3.6.5. Instructional time includes not just regular classroom settings, but assemblies, guest speakers, field trips, on the land events and other events organized by teachers or administrators.
- 3.6.6. The security and storage of personal internet-connected devices is the sole responsibility of the owner/user. The district assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of such devices.
- 3.7. Violation of the School Code of Student Conduct will result in consequences and, where appropriate, restorative actions.
- 3.8. Serious or repeated infractions of the School Code of Student Conduct will be recorded in an office file; the parents/guardians will be notified; and, depending on the seriousness of the situation and repetition, the student may be referred to the Code of Conduct Committee, which may result in, but not be limited to:
 - 3.8.1. An extended suspension.
 - 3.8.2. A placement in an Alternate Education Program.
 - 3.8.3. A placement on a home-schooling program.
 - 3.8.4. A placement in an online learning program.
 - 3.8.5. A refusal of an educational program if 16 years of age or older.
 - 3.8.6. A restorative justice approach to support the development of appropriate and socially acceptable behaviour.
4. The following are expectations that relate specifically to the safety of all students.
 - 4.1. Weapons
 - 4.1.1. No student shall be in possession of a weapon while under the school's jurisdiction.
 - 4.1.2. The Emergency Preparedness Administrative Procedure No.425 will be enacted for students in possession of life-threatening weapons or objects that could be used as weapons.
 - 4.2. Alcohol and Drugs
 - 4.2.1. While under the school's jurisdiction, no student shall or shall attempt to possess, use or transmit, or shall be under the influence of, any of the following prohibited substances:
 - 4.2.1.1. Any controlled substance or dangerous drug.
 - 4.2.1.2. Alcohol or any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage.
 - 4.2.1.3. Any abusable glue, aerosol, paint, or any other volatile chemical substance for inhalation.

- 4.2.1.4. Any other intoxicant or mood-changing, mind-altering or behaviour-altering drug.
 - 4.2.2. The possession, transmittal, sale, or attempted transmittal or sale of what is represented to be any of the above-listed substances, or any type of drug paraphernalia, is also prohibited under this policy.
 - 4.2.3. This policy authorizes school personnel to act where they have reasons to believe a student is in violation of sections 4.2.1 or 4.2.2, including the authority to inspect student lockers.
 - 4.2.4. A student who uses a drug in accordance with a prescription authorized by a physician for the student's own use only shall not be considered to have violated this policy.
 - 4.2.5. Students in contravention of this regulation will be reported to the parent/guardian and the Code of Conduct Committee and may be reported or referred to the RCMP.
- 4.3. Abusive Behaviours
- 4.3.1. To create a comfortable, safe learning environment for students and staff, no student will engage in activities that lead to or result in assault, threats, bullying, extortion, harassment, sexual harassment, or intimidation of any person while on school property or under the school's jurisdiction.
 - 4.3.2. Any student known to have engaged in, organized and/or encouraged any abusive behaviour will be reported to the parent/guardian and, depending on the severity or the repetitive nature of the abusive behaviour, may be reported or referred to the RCMP and/or the Code of Conduct Committee.
- 4.4. Fire, Fire Alarms, Fireworks and Explosives
- 4.4.1. Students who are deliberately involved with fire and/or flammable materials will be reported to the parent/guardian and to the Code of Conduct Committee and may be referred to the fire department and the RCMP.
 - 4.4.2. Students deliberately setting off fire alarms shall be reported to the fire department, the parent/guardian and the Code of Conduct Committee and may be reported or referred to the RCMP.
 - 4.4.3. The possession or use of fireworks or explosives is prohibited.
 - 4.4.4. Students in possession of fireworks shall be reported to the parent/guardian and the Code of Conduct Committee and may be referred to the fire department and/or the Code of Conduct Committee.
 - 4.4.5. Students in possession of explosives other than fireworks will be reported to the parent/guardian and the Code of Conduct Committee and may be reported to the RCMP.
- 4.5. Toxic or Noxious Substances
- 4.5.1. The possession and/or use of toxic or noxious substances are prohibited.

4.5.2. Students in possession of and/or using such substances or devices will be reported to the parent/guardian and the Code of Conduct Committee and may be referred to the fire department and/or the RCMP.

4.6. Vandalism/Theft

4.6.1. Students shall respect their school, including all district buildings, equipment, furniture, residential properties, the surrounding property and its appearance.

4.6.2. Students shall also respect the property of others.

4.6.3. Students will be held responsible for the care and return of textbooks and other educational materials on loan from the school and will be charged for the replacement of lost or damaged materials.

4.6.4. No student shall take, or borrow, any property that does not belong to him or her without the consent of the person to whom the property belongs.

4.6.5. Therefore, in accordance with the School Act, if the property of the Board is destroyed, damaged, lost or converted by the intentional or negligent act of a student, the student and the student's parents are jointly and severally liable to the Board with respect to the act of the student.

4.6.6. Students in contravention of this regulation shall be reported to the parent/guardian and, depending upon the severity or the repetitive nature of the vandalism and/or theft, may be reported or referred to the RCMP and/or the Code of Conduct Committee.

4.7. Disruptive Behaviour

4.7.1. To allow learning and teaching to proceed in an orderly manner, no student shall disrupt or interfere with the conduct of classes or other school activities.

4.7.2. No student shall fail to comply with lawful directives issued by a teacher or other employee of the Board.

4.7.3. Depending upon the severity or repetitive nature of the disruptive behaviour, the student may be reported to the parent/guardian and may be reported or referred to the Code of Conduct Committee

4.8. Smoking

4.8.1. Students will not smoke, vape or ingest tobacco or marijuana products while on school property at any time while under the school's jurisdiction, or at any time while on school field trips, competitive events, extracurricular activities or any other school-related activity.

5. Students who violate this regulation will be subject to progressive consequences as follows:

5.1. First offence:

5.1.1. one (1) days suspension, and

5.1.2. letter to parent/guardian

5.2. Second offence:

- 5.2.1. three (3) days suspension, and
- 5.2.2. letter to parent/guardian, and
- 5.2.3. completion of a personal action plan to show student will comply with the district policy.

5.3. Third offence:

- 5.3.1. five (5) days suspension, and
- 5.3.2. letter to parent/guardian, and
- 5.3.3. meeting with school administration

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