



POLICY 5800

DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

POLICY:

The Board of Education (“Board”) believes that the conduct of students should at all times contribute to a safe and positive learning environment. Each student is expected to respect the rights and property of others, and to adhere to Board and school regulations and rules. Each student must meet the expectations set out in the B.C. Human Rights Code. There must be no discrimination or intent to discriminate against a person or a group or class of persons because of their race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or age.

Consequences for misbehaviour must be applied in a reasonable, firm and judicious manner and shall not include corporal punishment. These consequences should be designed to teach students to be responsible citizens in the school community, to promote personal and social development, and whenever possible and appropriate, consequences are to be restorative in nature rather than punitive. Special considerations may apply to students with special needs if these students are unable to comply with a code of conduct due to having a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural nature. The Board of Education will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of a Code of Conduct.

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to:

- (a) direct the student toward responsible behaviour;
- (b) maintain an orderly, positive school community conducive to learning; and
- (c) protect persons and property.

Scope of this Code of Conduct

Except where a rule is expressly limited to time and place, this Code of Conduct applies to students of the District who are involved in:

- (a) any activity on school premises whether during a regular school day, outside the regular school day, or on a day that is not a school day;
- (b) travel on a school bus or other transportation contracted or arranged by the Board or school;
- (c) any activity sponsored by, organized by or participated in by the school regardless of time or place;
- (d) any activity that affects the rights or properties of neighbouring residences or businesses.

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[POLICY 5850 STUDENT SUSPENSION](#)

REFERENCES: [School Act Section 6, 10, 11, 26](#)
[School Reg. Sec. 4.1 \(b & c\) 5.7](#)
[Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order M276/07 SD6 Appeal Bylaw II](#)
[Bill 10, Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 2007](#)
[B.C. Human Rights Code](#)

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