

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

### P O L I C Y

SECTION	TITLE	NO. 5000
STUDENTS	<u>District Code of Conduct for Students</u>	

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The Board of Education 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.

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 and to promote personal and social development. Consequences could lead to suspension in accordance with Policy No. 5001.

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**

**This policy applies to all students participating in any activity that is organized, sponsored or coordinated by School District 51**

### R E G U L A T I O N S

#### 1. **DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Expectations within the District Code of Conduct include but are not limited to the following:

1.1 Alcohol and illegal drugs

No student shall possess, use, or be under the influence of any illegal drug, alcohol, or intoxicating substance. Nor may any student be in possession of any paraphernalia related to the use of drugs or chemical substances.

## 1.2 Weapons

No student shall be in possession of any weapon for any purpose (except as approved by the school Principal). A weapon will be defined as anything used, designed to be used, or intended for the use of causing injury or for the use of threatening or intending any person.

## **2. SCHOOL CODES OF CONDUCT**

Students shall comply with the School Code of Conduct authorized by the Principal and with the code of conduct and other rules and policies of the Board.

Schools must complete an annual review of their code of conduct by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year with groups that are representative of:

- a) employees
- b) parents
- c) students

to assess the effectiveness of the codes of conduct in addressing current school safety issues.

### 2.1 School Code of Conduct Development

School codes of conduct must specifically reference each of the following prohibited grounds of discrimination as set out under Section 7 (Discriminatory publication) and Section 8 (Discrimination in accommodation, service and facility):

- race,
- colour,
- ancestry,
- place of origin,
- religion,
- marital status,
- family status,
- physical or mental disability,
- sex,
- sexual orientation,
- gender identity or expression; and
- age

The School Principal is responsible for formulation and operation of the School Code of Conduct with the co-operation of staff. The School Principal shall submit a copy of the School Code of Conduct to the District Office pursuant to any changes being made.

The School Principal shall take reasonable steps to establish a process to inform students and their parents or guardians of the School Code of Conduct.

The staff is expected to take all reasonable measures to control and/or eliminate behaviour by any student that is detrimental to student welfare or the learning atmosphere at the School.

## 2.2 Classroom Expectation Development

The teacher is expected to establish and maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning within the classroom. Disciplinary measures must at all times be:

- in concert with the District Code of Conduct and the School Code of Conduct
- reasonable, bearing in mind the nature of the breach of conduct, and the age or cognitive capacity of the student;
- capable of being enforced; and
- administered impartially and consistently.

## 2.3 Bullying, Intimidation, Harassment

No student shall bully, or attempt to intimidate, harass, threaten, defame, or ridicule any person in a manner, including but not limited to, physical conduct, violent behaviour, verbal, written or visual communication, including cyberbullying. Retaliation by a person against a student who had made a complaint of a breach of a code of conduct will be viewed as bullying, intimidation and harassment and treated as such.

## 2.4 Offences to Property

No student shall damage, destroy, deface or vandalize the property of others or of the Board. Further, no student shall take, temporarily or otherwise, property not belonging to him or her without the consent of the person to whom the property belongs.

## 2.5 Tobacco Use

In accordance with Legislation, no student shall use tobacco products on school property or during any activity organized or sponsored by the School or the Board regardless of time or place.

## 2.6 Malicious Behavior

No student shall partake in activities with the intent to bring harm to themselves, others or any school site.

### 3. **CONSEQUENCES**

Breaches of the Codes of Conduct could result in suspension or expulsion. Please refer to Policy No. 5001 - Suspension