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310 STUDENT CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

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 district policies and school codes of conduct.

Conduct expectations apply to all students participating in any activity that is organized, sponsored or coordinated by the school or district.

Should a student not meet the expectations for appropriate conduct, consequences will be applied in a reasonable, firm and judicious manner. It is the Board's belief that consequences should be designed to teach students to be responsible citizens in the school community and to promote personal and social development. Violations will be subject to disciplinary action and, if necessary, police involvement.

Specific expectations regarding student conduct include:

1. General behaviour:

Students shall be courteous and respectful with other students, teachers, support staff, and others involved in the school system and at all times demonstrate respect for the diversity of the members of school communities.

2. Controlled and regulated substances

No student shall possess, use, or be under the influence of any controlled and regulated substances. No student shall be in possession of any paraphernalia related to these substances.

3. Weapons

No student shall use or possess any weapon. A weapon is defined as any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; any chemical, substance, device, or instrument designed to be used or intended for use in causing death or bodily harm to any person, or for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person. This includes replicas and toys or bringing weapons on site for protection for the purpose of threatening, intimidating or causing harm to any person.



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4. 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.

5. 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 them without the consent of the person to whom the property belongs.

6. Use of Personal Digital Devices

Students shall not use personal digital devices during hours of instruction, except when their use is for educational purposes, with teacher consent; is outlined in the students' support plan/Individual Education Plan; or is integral to addressing medical and health needs.