

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Please review this Code of Conduct at the beginning of the school year and keep it in a safe place where it can be referenced as necessary.

1. All participants involved in the publicly funded school system - students, parents or guardians, volunteers, teachers and other staff members - are included in the Ontario Schools Code of Conduct whether they are on school property, on school buses or at school-authorized events or activities.
2. All members of the school community are to be treated with respect and dignity, especially persons in a position of authority.
3. The taking of photos, filming or recording, or the broadcasting of live audio and/or video, while at school or at a school related activity, is prohibited unless approved by the DDSB (or school), and/or where proper consents have been obtained, as may be appropriate.
4. Members of the school community are expected to use non-violent means to resolve conflict. Physically aggressive behaviour is not a responsible way to interact with others.
5. The possession, use or threatened use of any object to injure another person, endangers the safety of oneself and others.
6. Alcohol, illegal drugs and other intoxicants are addictive and present a health hazard. Ontario schools will work cooperatively with police, drug and alcohol agencies to promote prevention strategies and, where necessary, respond to school members who are in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol, illegal drugs or intoxicants. (As well, smoking in school buildings and on school property is prohibited by law.)
7. Insults, disrespect and other hurtful acts disrupt learning and teaching in a school community. Members of the school community have a responsibility to maintain an environment where conflict and differences can be addressed in a manner that shows respect and civility.
8. Recognition and sensitivity toward ethno-cultural diversity are expectations of the school community.
9. All modes of transportation are an extension of the classroom, therefore the school's established code of conduct fully applies to any and all behaviours that occur during the riding of a school bus, including the following:
 - Respect other people's property and belongings while waiting for the school bus
 - treat the driver with respect and follow his or her instructions
 - Be courteous and respectful to others on the bus at all times
 - Act appropriately in a manner that does not endanger the safety of themselves or others including, but not limited to:
 - i. Not engaging in any activity that interferes with the safe operation of the bus
 - ii. Remaining seated at all times, facing forward while the bus is in motion

- iii. Keeping hands, arms, feet, head and belongings inside the vehicle until you have exited at your stop
- iv. Avoiding distracting or speaking to the bus driver except in the case of emergency
- v. Refraining from inappropriate behavior on the bus, e.g. throwing items, swearing, fighting, bullying, eating or drinking
- vi. Not bringing alcohol, drugs or weapons onto the school bus
- vii. Not touching safety equipment or emergency exits unless there is an emergency
- viii. No eating or drinking on the bus