



Prince Charles Elementary School



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Code of Conduct

In order to reach their maximum potential for learning, students must be in an environment where they feel safe and accepted. Students must also accept responsibility for their learning and behaviour.

Students are **EXPECTED**:

- To act in a way that will not endanger him or herself or others
- To ensure that their behaviour will not interfere with other students' right to learn or the teachers' responsibility to teach
- To attend school regularly and come on time; being prepared to learn and follow the general rules of the school and classroom
- To treat other's property, including the school and school equipment, with respect; demonstrate respect for others

Students have the **RIGHT**:

- To learn
- To speak and be heard
- To be valued and to be treated considerately
- To be safe
- To a comprehensive education

Students have the **RESPONSIBILITY**:

- To be ready to learn
- To listen courteously when others are speaking
- To respect the rights of others
- To act in a safe manner at all times
- To participate positively in school activities

Students are expected to follow the guidelines outlined in this Code of Conduct in classrooms, throughout the school, on school grounds, at school functions, and on the way to and from school. When travelling to and from school, students are expected to respect to public property, observe road safety regulations, and display appropriate social conduct.

OFFENCES:

- Poor school attendance
- Repeated or wilful interference with the teaching and learning process
- Rudeness or wilful disobedience to any staff member
- Acts or threats of verbal, physical, or sexual abuse
- Acts of bullying, harassment, threats, or intimidation

OFFENCES (continued):

- Acts of racism or discrimination
- Acts of theft or vandalism
- Violence in any form
- Use or possession of illicit or illegal substances, including cigarettes, matches, or stolen merchandise
- Use or possession of weapons or replicas
- Use or possession of firecrackers or fireworks
- Retribution against a person who has reported incidents

REPORTING:

It is the student's responsibility to report to persons in authority (parents, staff members, or principal) about activities related to the offences listed above, whether the student is a witness or a victim.

CONSEQUENCES:

Consequences will be applied in a fair and consistent manner, and every effort is made to ensure they maintain the dignity of the student, while being progressive and appropriate to the offence.

They *can* include:

- Discussion
- Time-out
- Noon-hour restriction
- Loss of privileges
- Home communication
- Detention
- Discipline report
- Duty to the school
- Placement in a special program
- Counselling
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension
- Expulsion

During suspensions, reasonable attempts will be made to ensure that the student's educational program will continue. After any serious or repeated offence, parents will be notified. All serious incidents will be recorded and may be reported to the School District and, if deemed necessary, to the School Liaison Office.

DRESS EXPECTATIONS:

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to establish a positive learning atmosphere at an elementary school. Appropriate clothing allows for active learning and that is not restrictive for engaging in activities. Clothing for school should follow these guidelines:

- Hats and hoods are worn outside the school building
- Tops cover the midriff area
- Tank tops with only one shoulder or spaghetti straps are not acceptable
- Undergarments must not be in sight
- Shorts should be mid-thigh in length
- Clothing should be free of alcohol or drug references, or any other inappropriate wording

SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS:

Like all schools in School District #36 (Surrey), Prince Charles is a safe and caring school environment. Safe and caring school environments :

- Are free from acts of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, threat, intimidation, violence in any form, abuse in any form, discrimination in any form, theft, and vandalism
- Do not tolerate the presence of intoxicating or banned substances, weapons (or replica weapons) and explosives, intruders, or trespassers
- Do not allow for the misuse of cell phones, cameras, and other electronic devices; students may be subject to discipline or confiscation of personal property, for the misuse of technology of it negatively impacts the school environment