



## Strawberry Hill 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
- Ensure that their behaviour will not interfere with other students' right to learn or the teachers' responsibility to teach
- Attend school regularly and come on time; being prepared to learn and follow the general rules of the school and classroom
- Treat other's property, including the school and school equipment, with respect; demonstrate respect for others

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.

#### **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
- 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

## **SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS:**

### ***ARE FREE FROM ACTS OF:***

- Bullying (including cyber-bullying)
- Harassment, threat, intimidation and marginalization
- Violence in any form
- Abuse in any form (verbal, physical, sexual)
- Intolerance and discrimination in any form, i.e. based on an individual or group's race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, or age.
- Retribution against a person who has reported incidents

### ***DO NOT TOLERATE THE PRESENCE OF:***

- Intoxicating or banned substances (including alcohol, cigarettes and drugs)
- Theft and vandalism (or damage to personal property)
- Weapons or replica (toy) weapons (including laser pointers); explosives (including fireworks) and pepper or other obnoxious sprays.
- Intruders or trespassers (all visitors must first report to the office)
- Inappropriate clothing or unacceptable slogans imprinted on clothing

### ***DO NOT TOLERATE THE MISUSE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES/COMPUTERS***

- School computers and other electronic devices are only to be used for school/education related activities. They are not permitted for social networking, gaming, illegal, obscene or inappropriate purposes. Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to, attempts to vandalize, gain unauthorized access to data or another person's account or resources, and sharing of data without personal or parental consent as appropriate.
- Recording of visual images is not permissible at school unless permission has been received by the classroom teacher with respect to a classroom project.
- Students are to be aware that they may be subject to discipline (or, if applicable, confiscation of personal property) for misuse of any technology, if it negatively impacts the school environment.
- Misuse of district technology services will lead to suspension of user privileges and possible disciplinary or legal action.

## REFERENCES

This Elementary Code of Conduct has been structured to align with, and adhere to, the standards outlined in:

- The School Act 85 (1.1); 168 (2) (s.1); Provincial Standards Ministerial Order 276/07 (m276/07), effective October 17, 2007.
- BC Human Rights Code, as depicted in Surrey Schools Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Policy No.10900; and Regulation No. 10900.1
- BC Ministry of Education: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools, A Guide (November 2008) and Developing and Reviewing Code of Conduct: A Companion (August 2007), both found at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sco/>
- Surrey Schools – Safe and Caring School Handbook – policies, procedures and guidelines for schools found on <http://www.surreyschools.ca>
- Ministerial Order No.M 208: (a) a reference to each of the prohibited grounds of discrimination set out in section 7 (*discriminatory publication*) and section 8 (*discrimination in accommodation, service and facility*) of the *Human Rights Code*, RSBC 1996, c. 210;