



A.J. McLellan Code of Conduct

AJ McLellan Mission Statement:

“We are dedicated to fostering a safe, respectful and caring community, rooted in relationship, to empower everyone to thrive”

At AJ McLellan students are expected to:

- be kind, honest, respectful, empathetic, resilient, and unique (our core values)
- act in a manner which does not infringe on the rights of others or endanger the health and well-being of themselves or others
- treat themselves and others with dignity and respect
- become actively and productively involved in their own learning
- arrive at school on time
- respect the property of the school and others

Our Code of Conduct is designed to provide guidelines for appropriate student behaviour while under the jurisdiction of the school or at any school-sponsored function.

Inappropriate Behaviour

Inappropriate behaviour can consist of, but is not limited to:

- Rudeness, swearing
- Fighting (or play fighting)
- Lack of respect for others, teasing
- Throwing objects (rocks, sticks, snowballs, etc.)
- Defiant behaviour, insolence
- Running in the halls
- Unauthorized leaving of school grounds
- Littering

Consequences

Consequences will be applied in a fair and consistent manner, respecting individual rights, responsibilities, age and maturity; and be restorative rather than punitive in nature.

Inappropriate behaviour typically has the following consequences:

- Review of expectations and a timeout
- Review of expectations, written assignment and/or loss of privileges
- Parents are informed
- Meeting with the parents
- Short term (in school or at home) suspension up to 5 days
- Long term suspension (over 5 days) or referral to district program
- Consultation with police and/or fire department
- Expulsion

Safe and Caring School Environments:

Are Free from Acts Of

- Bullying, cyber bullying, harassment and marginalization
- Threat and intimidation
- Violence in any form
- Abuse in any form
- 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, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
- Retribution against a person who has reported incidents

Do Not Tolerate the Presence of

- Theft or vandalism
- Intoxicating or banned substances
- Weapons or replica (toy) weapons and explosives
- Intruders or trespassers – All visitors to the school must first report to the office
- Inappropriate clothing or unacceptable slogans imprinted on clothing

Forms of unacceptable conduct cited above are only some examples and not an all-inclusive list.

Personal Digital Devices

Personal Digital Devices are defined as any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone, tablet, laptop, or smartwatch. These devices are important tools which can be used to enhance learning and prepare children for the world in which they will work and live. Personal digital devices provide support for children who rely on these tools to access learning through services such as translation, adaptations for Individual Education Plans, medical support, health needs, or to provide equity of access to resources. The classroom teacher is responsible for the learning environment in the classroom, for guiding children to use personal digital devices appropriately, and for determining when personal digital devices should be used.

The safe and responsible use of personal digital devices is expected by all Surrey School District students, employees, volunteers, parents, guardians, and community members who are on school district property or interacting with students or staff. This includes the following:

- Those using personal digital devices need to abide by the school code of conduct as well as all Provincial and Federal laws and the British Columbia Human Rights Code. This includes not using personal digital devices to engage or participate in bullying or harassment, discrimination, or defamation of character.
- At both elementary and secondary schools, personal digital devices can be used during class time to enhance learning at the direction of the classroom teacher. These devices should be used in a way that is respectful of other’s learning and does not distract others in terms of light, sound, or by other means.
- At elementary schools, it is expected that personal digital devices are to be put away during non-class time such as recess and lunch. Exceptions to this are for students who need digital devices for medical or health reasons, translation, accessibility, or other student-specific reasons.
- Personal Digital Devices should not be used during lock down procedures or drills. The use of personal digital devices during this time may impact the emergency safety response.
- Surrey School District staff and students should not be recorded, visually or audibly, for any reason without their prior consent.
- The Surrey School District is not responsible for lost, missing, or damaged personal digital devices that students choose to bring to school.