

H.T. Thrift Elementary School

Code of Conduct – 2020/21

At H.T. Thrift Elementary School, we believe that all children have the right to learn in a safe, caring and orderly environment. Our expectations are that students will maintain an attitude that is cooperative, courteous and respectful. Students are expected to follow the guidelines outlined in the Code of Conduct in classrooms, in the school building, on school grounds and at school functions; regardless of their location. The staff assist students in developing skills for resolving conflict, problem solving and decision making appropriate to their age for healthy learning and living. The school will notify parents of any serious breaches of the code of conduct.



The H.T. Thrift Code of Conduct centers around all students understanding and showing:

- **respect for self**
- **respect for others**
- **respect for their surroundings**

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

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

- being inside without a reason, running in halls
- chewing gum
- lack of respect toward staff, visitors to our school and/or fellow students

Inappropriate behaviour may have one or more of the following consequences:

- problem solving discussion
- school/community service
- parent contact/meeting
- verbal warning
- recess/lunch restriction
- time-out location



UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

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

- fighting
- stealing
- vandalism
- teasing/bullying/cyber bullying
- being out of bounds
- snowballing or face washing
- destruction of school or personal property
- violence of any form
- refusal to comply or rudeness
- intimidation, making threats
- swearing or using obscene gestures

Unacceptable behaviour may result in an in-school or out-of-school suspension of the student(s) involved.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOURS

The following behaviours may result in an out-of-school suspension of the student(s) involved:

- use or possession of illegal substances (i.e.: drugs, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks etc.)
- use or possession of weapons and or replica weapons
- acts of harassment, discrimination or abuse (verbal, physical, sexual)
- retribution against others for reporting

Student's must not be in possession of, or bring the following items to school:

- real weapons
- matches or lighters
- toy or replica weapons
- caps, firecrackers, fireworks, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol

CONSEQUENCES

Consequences will be applied in a fair and consistent manner. Depending upon the severity, the age and maturity of the student, and other factors, one or more of the following actions will be taken:

- verbal warning
- problem solving/restitution discussion
- recess and/or lunch restrictions
- in-school suspension
- school/community service
- parent contact/meeting
- referral for counseling or behaviour support
- out-of-school suspension

NOTIFICATION

As circumstances warrant, the principal has a responsibility to advise other parties following a behaviour incident:

- parent of student exhibiting major behaviours
- parent of student on the receiving end
- Assistant Superintendent, Safe Schools team member and/or other District Staff
- ministerial agencies and/or School Liaison Officer (Police)



SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The dress code has been developed through discussions with staff and the Parent's Advisory Council and applies to both students and staff. We have found it helpful to provide students with guidelines for dressing appropriately at school. We believe that school should be treated as a "**place of business**". We ask that students refrain from wearing these types of items:

- t-shirts with negative or inappropriate symbols, pictures or slogans
- short shorts or skirts (length to be below finger tips when hands by sides)
- midriff tops, (if the arms are raised shirts should cover midriff area)
- low slung jeans that don't meet the top
- spaghetti straps/ visible undergarments

In addition, the following items are **NOT** to be worn inside the school building:

- hats, caps or visors
- hood over head on hoodie
- roller shoes/rollerblades

Please also ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for daily physical activity (shorts, t-shirts, running shoes) and are prepared and dressed for inclement weather (hat, gloves, jackets, boots)

VISITORS

All visitors to our school are required to sign in at the office and receive a visitor badge. The School District has detailed procedures in place should an intruder or trespasser enter the building. Staff and students are familiar with these procedures.

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students have access to the office phone. *Cell phones are **NOT** to be used during school hours unless for a special project and teacher permission is given.* Electronic devices are to be left at home (mp3 players, portable game systems, etc). H.T. Thrift is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic items.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Responsibilities of the Student

- Actively participate in all class activities
- Come prepared and be organized
- Take pride in your work
- Submit all assignments/homework by the due date



Responsibilities of the School

- Provide all students with opportunities for participation, behaviour, homework, and learning
- Establish clear expectations for participation, behaviour, homework, and learning
- Provide a wide variety of appropriate learning experiences
- Ensure students who experience difficulty receive support to feel successful
- Model and teach organizational skills
- Communicate and celebrate student learning with parent and child

