

ADAMS ROAD ELEMENTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

At Adams Road 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 Code of Conduct is included in each child's planner. Teachers review expectations on an ongoing basis. 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 ADAMS ROAD CODE OF CONDUCT IS:

Be in the 'LOOP'...RESPECT:

- **LEARNING**
- **OTHERS**
- **OURSELVES**
- **PROPERTY**

RESPECT LEARNING – caring about your own learning and the learning of others .

Some examples include:

- allow others to work without distractions
- have materials, be prepared
- make good/safe choices
- be on time and ready to work
- complete your class work and homework

RESPECT OTHERS – considerate of others' personal feelings and property, treat others the way you would like to be treated.

Some examples include:

- be polite and use your manners
- treat others with respect, be kind
- co-operate and share
- be honest and tell the truth

RESPECT OURSELVES – caring about the type of person you want to be

Some examples include:

- keep your belongings organized
- be on task
- use manners, polite language
- clean up after yourself
- have a positive attitude

RESPECT PROPERTY – caring about your school and your environment.

Some examples include:

- take good care of materials and equipment
- walk inside
- hands off walls and displays
- play in designated areas
- use garbage cans

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/reprimand
- Problem solving discussion
- Time-out location
- Think Sheet
- Recess/Lunch restriction
- Parent contact/meeting
- Referral for Counselling or behaviour support
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension
- Expulsion
- School/Community service

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

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

- Horseplay or running indoors/play fighting
- chewing gum, littering
- lack of respect for others

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

- problem solving discussion
- think sheet
- school/community service
- recess/lunch restriction
- parent contact/meeting

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

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

- fighting
- violence of any form
- refusal to comply or rudeness
- bullying
- intimidation, making threats
- being out of bounds
- destruction of school or personal property
- discrimination/racism
- stealing
- vandalism
- teasing
- cyber bullying*
- swearing or using obscene gestures
- snowballing or face washing
- harassment
- retribution against person who reported

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

* *Cyberspace/Cell Phones/Electronic Devices/Computers* - students are to be aware that they may be subject to discipline (or, if applicable, confiscation of personal property) for misuse of technology if it negatively impacts on the school environment

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOURS

The following behaviours will 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

It is the student's responsibility not to bring to school or be in possession of the following:

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

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

Notification

As circumstances warrant, administrators have a responsibility to advise other parties following a behaviour incident. The school will notify parents of serious breaches of the code of conduct.

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

* It is important to remember that matters dealt with by school personnel are confidential. If you have any questions directly related to your own child, you are asked to contact the school directly. It is not appropriate to discuss school events or incidents with others. It is also not appropriate to post comments on social media sites regarding school events, individual students or staff members.