

Creekside Elementary Code of Conduct

Purpose:

To work in partnership with families and the community to establish and maintain a safe, caring, and orderly school environment where students can develop their potential and to cultivate life-long learning.

Acceptable/Unacceptable Conduct:

1) At Creekside we believe:

a) Everyone has the right to learn in the school

It is each person's responsibility to attend daily, be on time, actively participate and allow others to learn.

b) Everyone has the right to be respected

It is each person's responsibility to help others feel accepted, and show consideration for their feelings.

c) Everyone has the right to hear and be heard

It is each person's responsibility to listen when others are speaking without interrupting.

d) Everyone has the right to be safe

It is each person's responsibility to work and play safely and not to threaten, hit, or hurt anyone else.

e) Everyone has the right to one's own personal space

It is each person's responsibility to respect private and public property and to respect the rights of others, and to accept their right to privacy.

2) At Creekside we believe in equal opportunities for all children. We will not accept discrimination on the basis of race, culture, colour, gender, religion, or special needs.

3) Aggressive behaviours, abuse, violence in any form, or threats of violence (intimidation, harassment, or bullying / cyber bullying), including retribution against a person who has reported incidents, will not be tolerated.

4) Students are not permitted to possess weapons or replicas, or explosives.

5) No individual is permitted to use tobacco on school grounds. In addition, students are not permitted to possess or use tobacco, and no individuals are permitted to use illicit/intoxicating substances.

- 6) Damage to, or theft of, school or private property will not be tolerated.
- 7) To ensure the safety of students and staff the presence of intruders or trespassers will not be tolerated.
- 8) Students are not to chew gum on school property.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones have become a regular part of many students' lives. At Creekside, we understand that, for a variety of reasons, some parents want their children to carry cell phones to and from school. However, there have been occasions where student cell phones have purposefully or accidentally disrupted the school learning environment or have been used in an inappropriate manner by students.

At Creekside, students have access, with staff permission, to telephones at school. Therefore, student cell phones are not to be on at all during the day. If a cell phone is used during the school day, it will be removed from the student possession and returned at the end of the day. On the second occasion the cell phone will be returned to the parents.

Creekside Dress Code:

At Creekside we feel it is very important to set a standard regarding what is appropriate clothing in an educational setting. Therefore, the following guidelines have been developed for our school dress policy:

- 1) Hats/hoods are not to be worn inside the school building.
- 2) Clothing is to be free of inappropriate language, references or symbols.
- 3) Shorts are an appropriate form of clothing during the hotter weather, however, they should be modest in length (short shorts would not be considered appropriate). We would like to see children wearing shorts that are at least mid-thigh or longer.
- 4) Sleeveless tops are also an appropriate form of clothing during the hotter weather, however, whatever you wear on top must overlap with what you wear on the bottom. Muscle shirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, halters, and other beach clothing would not be appropriate.
- 5) We also discourage student use of make-up in school time.

Consequences:

Disciplinary responses to unacceptable conduct are relevant, related, and reasonable and include:

- detentions
- loss of privileges
- parent and student meeting with school personnel
- suspension
- alternate to suspension program

It is our expectation that, as students become older, more mature, and move through successive grades, that they show increasing personal responsibility and self-discipline.

Notification:

Serious breaches of our Code of Conduct will result in parents and/or guardians being notified. In some instances, it may be necessary to also notify school district officials, police, and/or other agencies as required by district policy or law.