



**For participation in Grad and Dry Grad activities, this form must be returned to the school front office by Wednesday September 20, 2023**

The intent of this document is to create transparency regarding our expectations for the students in the grade 12 class. These expectations are not set up to be punitive towards our students, but to encourage our students to respect Elgin Park's Code of Conduct, to develop or maintain positive work habits and to remain focused until the end of the year.

Our expectations include:

- Regular attendance to all classes
- No involvement with tobacco, e-cigarettes/vaping, drugs or alcohol at school that includes before or during school-sponsored events, activities or field trips. We wish to protect students from any of the personal, school-based or legal ramifications of making reckless decisions under the influence of alcohol or drugs. We also wish to respect staff and volunteers who organize, sponsor and/or supervise school/grad events.
- No involvement in any activity deemed a "prank or hazing", whether in the school or not, that jeopardizes the safety, well-being, security of others and/or property. A "prank or hazing" is any activity carried out by students that:
  - Causes damage to school property or to property in the community
  - Incurs a financial cost to individuals, the district or businesses in the community
  - Causes damage to our school's reputation
  - Negatively impacts the physical or emotional well-being of Surrey School District #36 students, staff and/or the community
  - Disrupts teaching and learning
  - Uses language or images that humiliate, threaten or violate the privacy of individuals on an online platform (ie. Facebook, Snapchat)

Consequences may include (but are not limited to):

1. Denied participation in future grad events, including the Dinner/Dance or Commencement
2. In or out of School Suspension
3. Administrative transfer to another Surrey school or program

I, \_\_\_\_\_ student name (please print), understand the expectations outlined above and the possible consequences if these expectations are not met. Please complete the area below and submit it to the Main Office.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



September 2023

Dear Grade 12 Students and Parents/Guardians:

This year marks the culmination of 13 years of public education for our grade 12 students and their families. We are all excited about celebrating our graduate's accomplishments and help them make decisions for their future pursuits. For families, it is a time to be proud of their children for their hard work, successes and perseverance. This will be evident at our Commencement Ceremony on June 20th, 2024 where we will honour our students.

To make sure this year is memorable, enjoyable and safe, we expect our grade 12 students to be stellar citizens at Elgin Park Secondary by being positive role models for students in grades 8 through 11. This expectation includes our grade 12 students demonstrating behavior that meets and exceeds our Student Code of Conduct and to attend classes on a regular basis.

All Grads and parents need to be aware that all events organized and sponsored by the school must be free of tobacco, e-cigarettes/vaping, drugs or alcohol. This is for the safety and well-being of our students and volunteer sponsors who give up their time to supervise these events. We must be respectful of the enormous responsibility they undertake. The school, therefore, expects that during these events our students will behave, dress appropriately and demonstrate good judgement at all times. Our expectations extend to activities that are deemed a "prank", whether in the school or not, that jeopardizes the safety, well-being, security of others and/or property and the reputation of Elgin Park Secondary. Consequences for breaching our expectations listed above may result in denied participation in future grad events, including (but not limited to) the Grad Dinner/Dance and/or Commencement.

In the past, members of Elgin's grad classes have planned their own unsanctioned "Grad" Activities. These events are student planned, unsupervised and often interfere with learning because of missed class time. The school does not support/sanction activities such as Grad Class Camping, S-Trip Events, Grad Skip Days, Water Balloon attacks on Grade 8s/others, and /or Shoot to Kill. As a school community, we have worked with former Grads, staff, and parents/guardians to create positive traditions such as: Whale Gate, Spirit Week(s), Root Beer Float Day, and Grad BBQs. In collaboration with Dry Grad and PAC, we also celebrate our Grads through Grad Pancake Breakfast, Food Trucks, and other positive community building activities. And we are open to new ideas as well!

Prior to participating in any grad events, including dry grad events, students and parents/guardians must complete and return the attached form to the Main Office. These forms will be kept on file to reference for all future school sponsored Grad events. Participation in Grad events will not be allowed unless this form is signed and completed. Your support is very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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