



SEMIAHMOO SECONDARY SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

At Semiahmoo Secondary, we believe in cultivating a community where every individual is valued, respected, seen and empowered to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our code of conduct is founded upon the principles of community, connection, and courage. These values guide our interactions, decisions, and actions, fostering a positive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and community members.



*"At Semiahmoo, we believe in the power of **courage** to stand up for what is right, the strength of **community** to support and uplift each other, and the importance of **connection** to bridge differences and forge bonds that last a lifetime."*



CORE VALUES

1. **Community:** Thunderbirds commit to nurturing a strong sense of community where collaboration, empathy, and inclusivity are at the heart of everything we do. Together, we celebrate diversity and uphold a culture of kindness and mutual respect and support.
2. **Connection:** Thunderbirds foster meaningful connections with oneself, our environment and all other members of our school community. These connections promote understanding, respect, and inclusivity across diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives.
3. **Courage:** Thunderbirds embrace courage as we face challenges, make responsible choices, and uphold our values. We encourage each member of our community to act with integrity, honesty, and compassion, even in difficult situations.

EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Respect and Kindness

- Treat every individual with kindness, empathy, and respect, regardless of differences in background, beliefs, or opinions.
- Use inclusive language and avoid behaviors that may cause harm or discomfort to others.
- Resolve conflicts peacefully and seek assistance from staff and administration when necessary.

Safety and Wellbeing

- Prioritize the safety and well-being of oneself, others and our school environment.
- Follow safety protocols and emergency procedures to ensure a secure school environment.

Community Engagement

- Actively participate in school activities, events, and initiatives that promote community spirit and unity.
- Support and encourage peers in their academic, extracurricular, and personal endeavors.

Communication and Support

- Foster open communication between students, staff, and families to address concerns and celebrate achievements.
- Seek support from teachers, counselors, or administrators for academic, social, or emotional challenges.

Bullying and Harassment

- Zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, or intimidation in any form, including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying.
- Report incidents promptly to school administration and staff for appropriate intervention and support.

Academic Integrity

- Uphold academic honesty by completing all assignments independently and crediting sources appropriately.
- Refrain from cheating, plagiarism or any form of academic dishonesty.
 - This includes using AI and submitting the work as if it were your own.



Technology

Responsible Use

Use school-provided technology resources responsibly and for educational purposes only. Respect the integrity and functionality of all hardware, software, and networks. Teachers will inform students when it is appropriate to use devices in class.

Digital Citizenship

Demonstrate respect, integrity, and empathy in all digital interactions. Uphold ethical behavior and adhere to applicable laws and school policies while using technology.

Privacy and Security

Protect personal information and the privacy of others. Do not share login credentials, access unauthorized accounts, or engage in activities that compromise security.

Online Communication

Use appropriate language and behavior in all forms of communication, including email, social media, and discussion forums. Zero tolerance for cyberbullying, harassment through filming or recording, or any form of inappropriate conduct will be adhered to.

Safety

Report any suspicious or inappropriate online activities to school staff and/or administration immediately. Do not engage in activities that may compromise personal safety or the safety of others. The school is not responsible for any lost, missing or damaged devices that students choose to bring to school.

CONCLUSION

By adhering to this code of conduct, we affirm our Thunderbird commitment to creating a positive and respectful environment where every member of the Semiahmoo Secondary community can thrive academically and personally. Together, we uphold the values of community, connection, and courage, ensuring a safe and inclusive school experience for all.

