



**William F. Davidson Elementary School**  
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## **School Code of Conduct 2015-2016**

### ***Philosophy Statement***

At W.F Davidson 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. Making restitution and accepting the consequences of one's action are steps toward developing maturity and responsibility.

W.F. Davidson Elementary School is committed to a discipline model that encourages children to develop self-discipline while maintaining the dignity and respect of all concerned.

All schools in the Surrey School District have adopted a progressive discipline policy toward inappropriate behaviors. This means that incidents will either be ignored or treated lightly and that specific behaviors will have predictable consequences.

Consequences are guided by factors which include severity and history. They can include one or more of the following actions: parent contact, counseling, in-school suspension, out of school suspension, alternative placement, restitution, and expulsion and/or District referral.

**Be Respectful to Yourself** – caring about your learning and yourself, including safety.

- ❖ use good manners in speech and action
- ❖ be a good friend, fair, trustworthy, reliable and inclusive
- ❖ make good choices
- ❖ be on time and ready to work
- ❖ do your homework and use your planner
- ❖ eat healthy food and get exercise
- ❖ dress appropriately for school and for the weather

**Be Respectful To Others** – considerate of others' personal feelings and properties.

- ❖ be polite and wait your turn
- ❖ treat others with respect
- ❖ use good listening skills
- ❖ be honest and tell the truth
- ❖ respect others personal space

**Be Respectful To Property** – caring about your school and your environment.

- ❖ clean up after yourself
- ❖ take good care of materials
- ❖ ask before borrowing
- ❖ do not litter
- ❖ respect the school facilities

**Be Safe** – learn and follow school rules.

- ❖ walk calmly – no running in hallways
- ❖ stay in designated areas
- ❖ report dangerous situations to staff
- ❖ report any intruders or trespassers to supervisors

Our Code of Conduct is designed to provide guidelines for appropriate student behaviour while under the jurisdiction of the school or at any school-sponsored function.

**Inappropriate Behaviour** - Inappropriate behaviour can consist of, but is not limited to:

- ❖ rudeness, swearing
- ❖ fighting (or play fighting)
- ❖ lack of respect for others, teasing, discrimination
- ❖ throwing objects (rocks, sticks, snowballs, etc.)
- ❖ defiant behaviour, insolence
- ❖ running in the halls
- ❖ unauthorized leaving of school grounds
- ❖ littering
- ❖ graffiti

### **Consequences**

Consequences will be applied in a fair and consistent manner, respecting individual rights, responsibilities, age and maturity.

**Inappropriate behaviour typically has the following consequences:**

- ❖ review of expectations and a timeout
- ❖ review of expectations, written assignment and/or loss of privileges
- ❖ parents are informed
- ❖ meeting with the parents
- ❖ short-term (in school or at home) suspension up to 5 days
- ❖ long-term suspension (over 5 days) or referral to district program
- ❖ consultation with police and/or fire department
- ❖ expulsion

### **Safe & Caring School Environments**

#### **Are Free From Acts Of**

- ❖ bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, threat, intimidation
- ❖ violence in any form
- ❖ abuse in any form
- ❖ theft
- ❖ vandalism
- ❖ retribution against a person who has reported incidents
- ❖ discriminating behavior or speech based on race, colour, ancestry, religion, country of origin, family status/composition, physical or mental ability, age, gender identity or sexual orientation

**Misuse Of - 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/abuse of technology if it negatively impacts on the school environment

**Do Not Tolerate the Presence Of**

- ❖ intoxicating or banned substances
- ❖ weapons or replica (toy) weapons and explosives
- ❖ intruders or trespassers - All visitors to the school must first report to the office

**Notification**

As circumstances warrant, administrators have a responsibility to advise other parties following a behaviour incident:

- ❖ 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)