

Parents' Guide to the Provincial Code of Conduct

Introduction

A positive school climate and a safe and welcoming school environment are essential if students are to succeed in school. A positive school climate means everyone feels they are safe, welcome and respected.



✓ All members of the school community are to be treated with respect and dignity,
especially those in positions of authority.

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Principals, under the direction of their school board, take a leadership role in the daily operation of a school.

They provide this leadership by:

- / demonstrating care for the school community and commitment to student achievement and well-being in a safe and welcoming school environment
- / holding everyone under their authority responsible for their behaviour and actions
- / empowering students to be positive leaders in their school and community
- / communicating regularly and meaningfully with all members of their school community, including parents.

Teachers, under the leadership of their principals, help maintain a positive learning environment and are expected to hold everyone to the highest standard of respectful and responsible behaviour.

As role models, staff uphold these high standards when they:

- / help students work to their full potential and develop their self-worth
- / empower students to be positive leaders in their classroom, school and community
- / communicate regularly with parents
- / maintain consistent and fair standards of behaviour for all students
- / show respect for all students, staff, parents, volunteers and members of the school community
- / prepare students for the full responsibilities of citizenship.

Students are to be treated with respect and dignity. In return, they must demonstrate respect for themselves and for others.

Respect and responsibility are demonstrated when a student:

- / comes to school prepared, on time and ready to learn
- / shows respect for themselves, for others and for those in authority
- / refrains from bringing anything to school that may put the safety of others at risk
- / follows the established rules and takes responsibility for their own actions.

Parents play an important role in the education of their children and can support the efforts of school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.

Parents fulfil this responsibility when they:

- / are engaged in their child's school work and progress
- / communicate regularly with the school
- / make sure their child is properly dressed and prepared for school

- / ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time
- / inform the school promptly about their child's absence or late arrival
- / become familiar with the provincial code of conduct, the board's code of conduct and school rules
- / encourage and help their child follow the rules of behaviour
- / help school staff deal with disciplinary issues involving their child.