

Revelstoke Board of Education

Policy Manual

7.1 School / Student Expectations and Codes of Conduct

The Revelstoke Board of Education is committed to providing safe, caring and orderly environments for learning.

Each school is expected to have a school Code of Conduct for students that shall be developed and reviewed regularly with the involvement of students, parents and staff.

The school Code of Conduct provides a framework for the development of school wide expectations and is reflective of the beliefs and values of the school community. Student behaviour expectations will be proactively taught and reinforced throughout the school. Responses to behaviour will be restorative in nature based on sound principles and appropriate to the context.

Guidelines

Code of Conduct documents contain the following elements:

1. **Purpose/Content** – a description that provides a rationale for the students behaviour expectations.

2. Conduct Expectations

- 2.1 Appropriate conduct a description that conveys clearly how students are expected to conduct themselves at school, while going to and from school, and while attending any school function at any location.
- 2.2 Reference to Human Rights a statement that makes specific reference to each of the following prohibited grounds of discrimination: race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age; and one or more statements about what is unacceptable behaviour including bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation, threatening or violent behaviours while at school, at a school-related activity, or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment.

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Related Legislation: School Act [RSBC 1996, Part 2, Division 1, Section 6 and Part 6, Division 2, Section 85 (2) (c) Section 7 (discriminatory publication) and Section 8 (discrimination in accommodation, service and facility)], Ministerial Order No. MO89/2024 Approved: October 13, 1992 Amended: February 15, 2000 Amended: March 21, 2006 Amended: November 19th, 2012 Amended: November 19th, 2014 Amended: December 14th, 2016 Amended: June 5th, 2024 Printed: June 4th, 2024

- 2.3 Inappropriate conduct statements that convey clearly what is considered to be inappropriate conduct. These include:
 - 2.3.1 behaviours that:
 - interfere with a safe and respected learning environment
 - interfere with a healthy learning environment
 - create unsafe conditions
 - 2.3.2 acts of:
 - bullying, harassment or intimidation
 - physical violence
 - retribution against a person who has reported incidents
 - 2.3.3 illegal acts, such as:
 - possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances
 - possession or use of weapons
 - theft of or damage to property
- 3. **Potential Consequences** An explanation of the levels of behaviours and consequences.
- 4. **Communication** Processes for involving parent(s)/guardian(s) or caregivers are described.
- 5. Personal Digital Devices Restrictions on the use of personal digital devices at school (Ministry of Education and Child Care Ministerial Order No. 89/2024). Codes of Conduct must include a statement or statements that restrictions of personal digital devises promote online safety and focused learning environments. Further, the Code of Conduct must include reference to:
 - 5.1 Restricted use of these devices in the classroom for instructional purposes and digital literacy only.
 - 5.2 Ensuring equity of access to these devices to support learning outcomes.
 - 5.3 That these devices can support students with diverse abilities as outlined in Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or other education plans.
 - 5.4 The use of these devices must be appropriate for the age and developmental stage of students.
 - 5.5 That these devices can be used for medical/health and safety necessities as outlined in a Medical Plan.

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