

## SD62 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Sooke School District elementary schools believe that our schools are places for safe, purposeful learning for all. We believe that is a shared responsibility of students, staff, parents / guardians and the broader community to demonstrate positive conduct while attending any school or district related activity, at any location. This code of conduct is intended to outline expectations of behavior and adheres to Sooke School Board policy C-309, the BC Human Rights Code and the Community VTRA (Violent Threat Risk Assessment) Protocol.

**Sooke School District elementary schools are safe, caring and inclusive. We value students and positive school culture. All members of the school community have an obligation to:**

- Support learning
- Promote safety
- Respect property, environment, personal space and privacy
- Model courtesy, compassion and respect
- Respect, honor and celebrate diversity
- Engage in collaborative problem solving

**All members of the school community will refrain from engaging in any in-person or digital communication or behaviour considered to be:**

- Bullying, harassing, intimidating, retaliating, discriminating or violent;
- Interfering with the learning and working of others;
- Unsafe or illegal, including the possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances, or the possession of weapons or replicas.

SD62 elementary school communities uphold the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of individuals. This includes refraining from discriminatory conduct based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and age.

### Student Use of Personal Digital Devices

SD62 Schools are committed to restricting the use of personal digital devices at school for the purpose of promoting online safety and focused learning environments.

Teachers may plan for student use of personal mobile devices for instructional purposes or digital literacy, for health or medical purposes or as assistive technology for the purpose of inclusive education as informed by the Inclusive Education Teacher. At all other times, personal mobile devices, inclusive of laptops and chrome books shall re-main stored away for the duration of the school day- this includes recess and lunch. This policy applies to ear buds/headphones as well.

## **Our Practice**

We encourage and model behavior that is kind, safe and responsible. We recognize that we all make mistakes. We help children fix their mistakes through supportive, restorative practices so they return to the group strengthened. We keep parents/guardians informed of incidents at school so that we may work together to support children to learn to solve problems in peaceful ways.

Action will be determined by each individual situation. Every effort will be made to support individuals and to determine the context of behaviour. When working with students, staff may adjust the action based on the maturity, grade level, progressive discipline and ability of the student to understand expectations of their behaviour. If the safety or educational program of others is compromised, or if there is an ongoing failure to meet the expectations of the code of conduct, a range of actions may follow. These may include:

- Conference/conversation with all affected parties
- Notification of parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Restitution
- Referral to School Based Team
- Removal from classroom, playground, or privileges
- Referral to counselling or supportive interventions
- School community restitution
- Activation of the VTRA protocol and involvement of Safe Schools Team
- Formal suspension from school

All members of the Sooke School District community have the right to be treated equitably and with dignity and should be familiar with this shared code of conduct

## SD62 MIDDLE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

A "Code of Conduct" is a statement about how we work together. It outlines both our rights and our responsibilities as members of a school community. A committee of students, parents, and school staff developed our "Code" in accordance with School District 62 Policy and the B.C. Human Rights Code.

### A SAFE AND CARING COMMUNITY

As members of our school community, we have a responsibility to act in ways that are free of:

- Bullying, harassment, threat and intimidation;
- Physical violence and/or violence of any form;
- Verbal, physical, online or sexual misconduct;
- Discrimination, especially based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age (**BC Human Rights Code**);
- Theft and vandalism.

Our safe and caring school environment does not tolerate the presence of:

- Intoxicating substances;
- Weapons and explosives, regardless of whether real or replica;
- Intruders or trespassers;
- Smoking, vaping or associated paraphernalia.

### ACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

- The school expects that students will actively participate through effort and punctual, regular attendance, in their assigned education program.
- Students are expected to respect the rights and property of all staff and students.
- Students are expected to comply with classroom expectations set by individual teachers to ensure that all students' rights to effective and efficient learning environments are respected.
- Students are expected to wear clothing that is appropriate for an educational environment.
- Students are expected to respect all school and school related events and ensure they are free from use of restricted substances, weapons and of intimidation.
- Students are expected to respect the appropriate use of school computers, internet access and cell phone use while at school.
- Students are expected to stay on campus throughout the entire day.

### UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

- Students will not interfere with the learning or learning environment of others.
- Students will not display behaviour that includes bullying, harassment, intimidation, or be racially, ethnically, or sexually prejudiced.
- Students will not steal, smoke, vape or be in possession of, or under the influence of, drugs or alcohol while on the school property or in attendance of any school events.

- Students will not plagiarize (copy) electronic or print media or other students' work or display any academic dishonesty.
- Students will not be involved in any acts of verbal or cyber-hate messaging/websites.
- Students will not be involved in any illegal acts such as assault, theft or damage to property.

## **STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES**

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## SD62 SECONDARY SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Sooke School District secondary schools believe that our schools are places for safe, purposeful learning. This Code of Conduct is intended to put forth the expectations of student behaviour, school rules and Sooke School Board policies. We believe that is a shared responsibility of students, staff, parents / guardians and the broader community, to demonstrate positive conduct while attending any school or District related activity, at any location.

**Sooke School District secondary schools are safe and caring schools that values students and school culture. All members of the school community have an obligation to:**

- Support learning
- Promote safety
- Respect property, environment, personal space and privacy
- Model courtesy, compassion and respect
- Celebrate diversity

**All members of the school community will refrain from engaging in any in-person or digital communication or behaviour that is considered to be:**

- Bullying, harassing, intimidating, retaliating, discriminating or violent;
- Interfering with the learning and working of others;
- Sexual Misconduct;
- Unsafe or illegal, including the possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances, or the possession of weapons or replicas.

SD62 secondary school communities promote the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of individuals, including not engaging in discriminatory conduct based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and age.

### **Response to Breach of Conduct**

Action at Sooke School District secondary schools will be determined by each individual situation. Every effort will be made to support individuals and to determine the root causes of behaviour. When working with students, the Principal or Vice Principal may adjust the action based on the maturity, grade level, progressive discipline and ability of the student to understand expectations of their behaviour. If the safety or educational program of others is compromised, or if there is an ongoing failure to meet the expectations of the Code of Conduct, a range of consequences will follow.

Any student who violates School Board or school policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include, but is not limited to:

- An interview with a Principal or Vice Principal;
- Notification of parent(s)/guardian(s);
- In-school suspension;
- Restorative processes;
- Community service;
- Loss of privileges;
- Detention;
- Referral to counselling or support programs;
- Formal suspension from school;
- Referral to the Sooke School District Student Review Committee (indefinite suspension)

In cases where students have a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural nature, the school Inclusive Education Services team will be involved in developing a proactive plan based on the student's Individual Education Plan. The case manager, Principal or Vice Principal, student, parent/guardian, and possibly counsellor will collaborate to develop an appropriate strategy. Whenever possible, incidents will be resolved by discussion, mediation and restitution. All members of the Sooke School District community have the right to be treated fairly and consistently and should know and understand this Code of Conduct

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