

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Our Division Mission Statement commits us to strive to provide experience that will enable students to become responsible citizens. The Public Schools' Act gives the principal and teachers of each school the authority and responsibility to "maintain order and discipline".

Appropriate student behaviour is promoted by having clearly delineated and understood expectations that are fair and reasonable, along with appropriate consequences for those who choose not to abide by the expectations. In establishing expectations and consequences, schools should keep in mind that our goal is to have students control their own behaviour to the greatest extent possible.

Each school should establish a Code of Conduct that includes expectations, rules, and procedures. These should be reviewed with all students and new staff at least once a year and should be made available to parents.

Any disciplinary procedure for dealing with inappropriate behaviour should:

- be fair and consistent;
- respect the principles of due process;
- be appropriate to the student's age, the seriousness of the incident and the student's past behaviour; and
- include reporting and documentation where appropriate.

It is expected that in every case where there are ongoing or serious problems with a student, the parents will be informed and their support enlisted toward the joint solution of the problem.

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