

SOUTH HULL ELEMENTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Declaration of Principle to Prevent Bullying and Violence

At South Hull School, we are committed to promoting a healthy and safe environment for all. We do not tolerate bullying or violence of any kind, and such behaviors will be treated punctually and seriously.

At South Hull School, we are open and respectful of differences, and believe everyone has a place. Our staff is committed to supporting students and working together to resolve conflicts peacefully.

Disciplinary Measures

Our school's Code of Conduct supports students' autonomy, ensures they are safe and that their needs are met. It is the students who help to create a climate conducive to learning, and it is therefore important that they respect the orientations of our success plan and the values advocated by the school: success through respect, equity, commitment and collaboration.

Our approach is one that is educational and non-coercive, which encourages appropriate behavior. Logical consequences are an opportunity to teach and reflect, not to punish.

The following range of consequences is available to school personnel following a breach of the Code of Conduct:

- Discussion with Teacher, Educators, Daycare Technician, Behavior Technician, or Principals
- Written reflection/performance of restorative gesture
- Detention to complete classroom assignments or make up for lost instructional time
- Meeting with parents
- Referral to resource personnel (PIT), or additional educational services
- Withdrawal of privileges and participation in certain activities
- Suspension from school, whereby the student does not come to school according to the Authority of the Education Act
- Involvement of, or referral to, outside agencies e.g., CISSSO, DPG, Police
- Expulsion from the school board

Students: Have the right to...

- Feel safe at school
- Freedom from physical and verbal harassment
- Assistance from teachers to ensure individual success
- A school climate that encourages respect, caring, and support for others

Students: Have the responsibility/expectation to...

- Be punctual, attend regularly and complete assigned work
- Respect the rights of other students and staff members
- Engage in safe and responsible behavior at all times (including when on the bus or outside)
- Wear appropriate clothing

Teachers: Have the right to...

- Expect appropriate behavior in the classroom, throughout the school, and in all other educational settings (on the bus, school trips)
- Receive support from administration and parents in the performance of their duties
- Expect cooperation from all students to help create a positive learning environment
- A respectful work environment

Teachers: Have the responsibility/expectation to...

- Be fair and consistent when interacting with students
- Inform students of expectations of acceptable behavior
- Report progress and conduct to administration and parents
- State the learning objectives of each lesson
- Plan, implement and evaluate an effective program for all students

Parents: Have the right to...

- Expect that classes will be conducted in an orderly manner
- Receive regular communications from the school
- Discuss with the school any concerns regarding their child
- Expect a safe and supportive environment for their child
- Be treated in a respectful manner

Parents: Have the responsibility/expectation to...

- Encourage positive attitudes in their children towards school, learning and behavior
- Ensure regular and punctual attendance
- Be their child's advocate
- Be respectful when communicating with the school

Parent signature

Student signature

School Rules and Regulations

School Access: Students are permitted access to the school beginning at 7:50 am through the designated doors for Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6.

At all other times, parents, students and visitors must enter the building through the main entrance **ONLY**. All visitors must report to the office and receive and wear a visitor's pass before proceeding to any other area of the school. Any parent that is volunteering in class or for a school trip must provide administration with an up-to-date Security Background Check and adhere to the school rules and regulations.

Parents collecting students must wait in the foyer for their children.

Attendance and Punctuality: Punctuality is important and it is the responsibility of our parents to ensure students are on time for school. All students entering after 7:50 am must report to the office to verify their attendance. Requests for early dismissal (i.e., medical appointment) require parent/guardian contact with the office. Any changes to student end-of-day routines must be called into the office at 819-684-6565 or emailed to the secretary before 2 pm at southhull@wqsb.qc.ca.

In accordance with Section 14 of the Education Act, the Principal must report chronic absenteeism to Youth Protection.

Absences: Must be confirmed by phone or documented by parents/guardians in writing. If a parent/guardian is unable to speak directly to staff, please leave a message on the answering machine.

Appropriate Dress:

- Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather;
- For safety reasons, students should have proper indoor and outdoor shoes;
- Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner. No messages with profanity, drugs, alcohol, hate messages or any other subjects deemed to be offensive will not be allowed at school.

Behavior: Students must show respect for self, others, and property. It should be reflective of a safe school environment. Therefore, the following will apply:

- No weapons or weapon-like devices including toys;
- Absolutely no fighting;
- No rough play and/or physically or verbally abusive behavior;
- Follow the routines established by staff;
- Demonstrate socially acceptable manners;
- Seek staff assistance to resolve conflicts.

Appropriate Language: Students are expected to demonstrate socially acceptable language. Therefore, the following will apply:

- No profanity;
- No suggestive comments including sexist, racist or provocative comments;
- No rude or challenging comments or gestures.

Bullying and Acts of Violence: Please refer to our Anti-Violence / Anti-Bullying Plan.

Buses and Bus Behavior: The behavior and expectations of students on the school bus are the same as those during school. Students must adhere to the following requirements in the interest of safety for all passengers. Failure to do so may lead to the suspension of riding privileges:

- Remain in their seat at all times;
- Use appropriate language;
- Avoid distracting the driver by creating unnecessary noise or uncooperative behavior;
- No eating or drinking on the bus;
- Demonstrate acceptable behavior which respects rights of the driver and other passengers.

The driver is in complete charge of the bus and passengers at all times. If any of the above outlined Code of Conduct rules are violated, the driver will report the problems to the Principal.

Electronic Devices: Electronic devices are not permitted by students on the bus, on school property or at outside school events. If found, these will be confiscated and it will be the parents' responsibility to pick up these devices from school.

Summary and Conclusions

The Code of Conduct is required to ensure that students, parents and staff all understand the standards we expect at South Hull Elementary School. The discipline policy must be flexible enough so that we are positioned to be fair and sensible in our relationships with students and others. It is not our intent to have rules for everything; however, appropriate consequences are needed for inappropriate behavior. We sincerely hope that these words help to communicate and to clarify our Code of Conduct. Please take the time to discuss the expectations outlined in the Code of Conduct with your child and sign with your son/daughter. Thank you.

Student signature

Parent signature

Teacher signature

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