



Parent/Guardian and Student Code of Conduct

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1. Purpose

The Whitney Child Centre (the “Centre”) has a responsibility to establish expectations of parent/guardian and student conduct in the Centre and in its programs. The Centre believes that acceptable parent/guardian and student conduct, based on respect for oneself, respect for others, and respect for property is essential to the development of responsible citizens.

The Centre believes that the responsibility for behaviour and conduct in the child centre is shared among students, staff and parents in order to create a safe, caring and orderly environment. To support these aims, the Centre has established a Code of Conduct for parents/guardians and students.

2. Responsibilities

The Centre’s staff is responsible for consistently supporting and applying this Code of Conduct, and establishing a positive climate in which structure, support and encouragement assist students in developing a sense of self-discipline and responsibility. The Centre’s staff is also required to inform volunteers and the community about the Code of Conduct and its expectations.

Parents/Guardians and all other adults working with students are responsible for knowing, following and supporting the Code of Conduct, and encouraging and expecting students to understand and follow the Code of Conduct.

3. Conduct Expectations

The Centre believes that acceptable behaviours and conduct are fostered in a positive climate in which:

- all students feel safe, valued and trusted, and have the opportunity to develop, assume and maintain responsibility and self-motivation;
- all students feel supported without fear of retaliation in reporting unsafe conditions, actions or potential incidents;
- there is a joint effort to learn and a feeling of mutual respect among staff, students and parents/guardians;
- appropriate behaviour is taught, encouraged, modeled, practiced, and acknowledged, thereby increasing student self-respect and positive social behaviours;
- disciplinary action, wherever possible, is preventative and restorative, rather than solely punitive; and

- expectations for student behaviour increase as they become older and more mature.

To this end, parents/guardians and students are expected to:

- be aware of and obey all Centre rules;
- respect the rights of all persons within the Centre including peers, staff, parents/guardians and volunteers;
- respect the legitimate authority of the Centre and Whitney Public School staff and volunteers;
- respect all Centre property, including buildings and equipment;
- respect the diversity of our community;
- behave in a safe and responsible manner at all times;
- refrain from any behaviour that would threaten, harass, bully*, intimidate, assault or discriminate against, in any way, any person within the community on or off Centre property (*bullying includes but is not limited to physical or verbal intimidation, verbal harassment and cyber bullying);
- refrain from being in possession of or under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol in all Centre facilities or on Centre grounds or at Centre sponsored functions and activities;
- refrain from being in possession of weapons of any kind in the Centre or at any Centre activities; and
- refrain from inappropriate computer usage and/or multi-media devices in accordance with Board policies (cell phones, cameras, etc).

The Centre believes that any breach of Code of Conduct behaviours or expectations is unacceptable. Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Supervisor of any infraction of the Code of Conduct. Students are encouraged to inform the Supervisor or a responsible adult when becoming aware of any infraction of the Code of Conduct.

4. Consequences

Parents/guardians and students, while attending the Centre, or any Centre sponsored functions and activities, shall be subject to this Code of Conduct, as well as the Whitney Public School's Code of Conduct.

Students may be subject to discipline for any breach of the Code of Conduct, or for any conduct which has the effect of negatively impacting the Centre environment. Students will be disciplined in a timely and fair manner and such discipline shall be in accordance the Centre's Positive Behaviour Management Policy and Guidelines.

Serious breaches of conduct by parents/guardians or students that threaten the safety and welfare of others on or within a reasonable physical proximity to Centre property may result in revocation of the parent/guardian membership in the Centre, and consequent removal of the child from the program as provided for under the by-laws and policies of the Centre.

