

# CODE OF CONDUCT

**Burnaby School District's Code of Conduct has been established to maintain a safe, caring and healthy learning environment.**

It is the 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.

**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

**All students are expected to comply with appropriate use of personal digital devices and restrictions – which may vary by the student's age and developmental stage – including:**

- At elementary schools, personal digital devices will be safely stored, on silent mode, and out of sight during the school day, including non-instructional time such as recess and lunch.
- At secondary schools, personal digital devices will be safely stored, on silent mode, and out of sight during instructional time.
- At all grade levels, exceptions to restrictions apply when the classroom teacher gives permission to use personal digital devices for educational activities, and/or when students require personal digital devices for learning accessibility and/or medical purposes under school staff supervision.
- At all grade levels, expectations for conduct and use of technology as outlined in the District Technologies & Information Systems Student Acceptable Use Agreement also apply.

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

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

All members of the school community are expected to comply with the purpose and spirit of the BC Human Rights Code, including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age.

Every effort will be made to support individuals and to determine the root causes of 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. Whenever possible, incidents will be resolved by discussion, mediation and restitution.

**All members of the Burnaby School District community have the right to be treated fairly and consistently, and should know and understand this Code of Conduct.**