

About our Code of Conduct

McBride's Code of Conduct was developed by students, parents and staff and applies to behaviour at school, during school-organized or sponsored activities and behaviour beyond these times, (including conduct online) that negatively affects the safe, caring or orderly environment of the school and/or student learning. It was last revised October 2020.

Unacceptable Behaviour

While at school, at a school-related activity or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment, the following behaviours are unacceptable, including but not limited to:

- Behaviour or communication that discriminates based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender or sexual orientation (prohibited on the grounds set out in the BC Human Rights Code)
- Physical or verbal aggression; offensive language or behaviours
- Acts or uses objects that put oneself or others in danger, including possession of illegal items
- Willful damage to property or disrespect for the environment
- Racism will not be tolerated in our school

The school will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation against a student who reports a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Consequences

As students mature, it is understood that they will show increasing self-responsibility, decision-making ability and leadership. When considering the consequences for uncaring or unsafe behaviour, the school will take many factors into consideration including the severity and frequency of the actions, the students' age, personal history, maturity and special considerations for students with a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural nature.

Whenever possible, McBride staff will determine suitable consequences using restorative and preventative strategies, rather than punitive consequences in the problem-solving process.

Minor Problems

- A discussion with a supervising adult to review appropriate behaviour & problem solve
- A "time-out" for reflection on actions

Repeated Problems

- Behaviour recorded by Principal/Vice Principal
- Student will complete a Problem Solving Form
- Loss of privileges (e.g. time spent off playground)
- A plan of action is developed
- Staff and Parents informed

Serious Problems

- Behaviour recorded by Principal/Vice Principal
- A plan of action is developed
- Staff and Parents informed
- In-school or out of school suspension

In accordance with the School Act, Sec. 85(2)(ii) and (d), the Board authorizes the Principal or designate of any school in the district to suspend a student from attendance at school for up to five days.

Suspensions may be for the following reasons:

- a. because a student is willfully and repeatedly disrespectful to a teacher or to any other employee of the Board carrying out responsibilities approved by the Board.
- b. because the behaviour of the student breaches the District Code of Conduct or policy and/or has a harmful effect on others or the learning environment of the school.
- c. because the student has failed to comply with the School Code of Conduct.

Suspensions over five days are made in consultation with the appropriate Director of Instruction as per District Student Code of Conduct, AP 350.

Notification

The following people may be notified:

School Counsellor School District Staff
School Liaison Officer Inter-Ministerial Agencies

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SAFETY

We ensure the health & well-being of all.

We will:

- Clean up after ourselves & others
- Be physically & emotionally aware of ourselves & others
- Take time to connect with those around us



OWNERSHIP

We are accountable & take pride in positive behaviour & actions.

We Will:

- Take care of each other & ourselves
- Fulfill our commitments
- Take initiative



ATTITUDE

We are courteous & committed to doing our best.

We Will:

- Have an open mind in order to grow & learn
- Be present & thoughtful
- Try



RESPECT

We care for self, each other, & our community.

We Will:

- Connect with people in a positive way
- Go to class & listen actively
- Participate in our community



At Sir Richard McBride Elementary School, we believe that all children have the right to learn in a safe, caring and orderly environment. Our expectations are that students, parents, staff and visitors will demonstrate an attitude that is cooperative, courteous and respectful.

