

## **LORD BEACONSFIELD SCHOOL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Updated October 2020**

Our Code of Conduct reflects the school's philosophy of a safe, caring and orderly place where students try their best, treat others and our school property responsibly and respectfully, and demonstrate their readiness to learn.

This Code of Conduct applies at school, at any school related activity or function, while going to and from school, on the Internet (including social media) and in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment and/or student learning.

Beaconsfield school promotes the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code, respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school environment. ***Racism will not be tolerated in our school.***

### **Our School Code of Conduct**

#### ***Be Responsible***

- Follow school expectations
- Make safe choices
- Help others
- Cooperate with staff members at all times
- Clean up after yourself and leave things better than you found them
- Use equipment and technology appropriately
- Welcome guests and fellow students

#### ***Be Respectful***

- Include others in class activities and outside at recess/lunch
- Use words/language, a tone of voice, and gestures that are safe and courteous (both in person and online)
- Be helpful to staff, students and visitors
- Listen when someone is talking (students, staff and/or visitors)
- Be open to others' views and opinions

#### ***Be Ready to Learn***

- Attend school regularly and arrive at school on time (8:55 am)
- Bring healthy food to school to eat for snack and lunch
- Follow teacher and staff instructions
- Have materials ready for class
- Complete assignments and homework on time
- Show interest and enthusiasm for school and learning

### **Unacceptable Behaviors**

The following behaviours are considered unacceptable and may result in parents/guardians being contacted and/or suspension from school:

- physically and/or verbally assaulting students or staff eg. pushing, hitting, kicking, spitting etc.
- fighting
- harming others with words, gestures or actions eg. students, staff, visitors etc.
- bullying, using threats, extortion, intimidation, or harassment
- using language which offends by race, gender, ethnicity, and/or sexual orientation
- not listening and following teacher/staff instructions or directions
- lying and/or cheating
- significantly disrupting learning or the learning environment
- interfering with or willfully damaging school property or property of others
- bringing a weapon to school (fake or real)
- behaving in a manner which puts the safety of themselves or others at risk eg. students, staff, visitors or parents

These behaviours cited are examples only and not an all-inclusive list. If Beaconsfield's Code of Conduct is breached in any serious manner, it may be necessary to notify others such as district staff/personnel, the Ministry of Children and Families, Vancouver Aboriginal Services Society or the police.

Expectations of our students are greater as they become older, more mature and as they move through successive grades. The severity and frequency of unacceptable conduct as well as the age and maturity of students is considered in determining appropriate disciplinary action. Special considerations may apply to students with special needs, if they are unable to comply with due to having a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioral nature. Where possible and appropriate, consequences will be chosen that are restorative rather than punitive.

### **Suspensions**

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 the District Student Code of Conduct, [AP 350](#). As per AP 350 6.7.1 and educational program must be provided.