

# **DISTRICT GUIDELINES Code of Conduct**

*(Policy 502.1.1)*

The Board of School Trustees recognizes its obligation to all members of the school community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment such that effective, purposeful teaching and learning may take place. To that end it is expected that all members of the school community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and the environment. A violation may warrant intervention or disciplinary action.

It is expected that all members of the school community (staff, students, parents, and guests) will:

- respect the rights of others;
- respect the health and safety of others;
- respect the property of others - private and public;
- respect the legitimate authority of the school administrative officers and staff;
- respect and take pride in the schools' physical facilities;
- respect the diversity of the school community;
- respect the non smoking nature of district schools and property;
- respect the individual rules within each school;
- behave in an ethical and lawful manner;
- behave in a considerate and courteous manner;
- comply with the purpose and spirit of the BC Human Rights Code, including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of family status, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation;
- not threaten, harass, intimidate, bully or assault, in any way, any person within the school community directly or indirectly, through print or electronic media; and
- not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol, or illegal drugs while in school or at school functions.

The District Code of Conduct shall apply in school and at school functions.

**OUR FOCUS IS ON THE LEARNER.**