

Colwood Elementary School

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is established for the benefit of everyone at Colwood Elementary School. Our goal is to assist students in developing self-discipline and a sense of social responsibility. Students must recognize that any behaviour which interferes with the safety and learning of others is unacceptable.

OUR BELIEFS

Colwood Elementary School believes that all students have the right to learn in a **kind, respectful, inclusive, and safe** environment. The responsibility for teaching appropriate acceptable behaviour is shared between the home and school. Only by working together can we promote positive and responsible student conduct.

At Colwood Elementary School it is expected that everybody is **kind, respectful, inclusive, and safe**.

We are **strong** and **proud** when we are kind, respectful, inclusive, and safe.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Every student at Colwood Elementary School has **RIGHTS**. With those rights come **RESPONSIBILITIES**.

I have the **Right** to learn.
It is my **Responsibility** to listen to instructions, to work quietly, and to raise my hand if I have a question or concern.

I have the **Right** to be safe.

It is my **Responsibility** not to engage in rough play, to threaten, bully or physically harm anyone else.

I have the **Right** to hear and be heard.
It is my **Responsibility** not to interrupt others or make unnecessary noise.

I have the **Right** to be respected.
It is my **Responsibility** not to tease, bother or upset other people or hurt their feelings.

I have the **Right** to privacy and to my own personal space.
It is my **Responsibility** to respect the personal property of others, and to accept their right to privacy.

I have the **Right** to a clean, healthy environment.
It is my **Responsibility** to dispose of garbage and keep my work and play area clean.

I have to **Right** to belong.
It is my **Responsibility** to welcome and invite others to learn and play.

A SAFE AND CARING COMMUNITY

Colwood Elementary School is a safe and caring school. As members of this school community we have a responsibility to act in ways that are **free of**:

Physical violence and/or violence of any form <i>Use supplies & equipment in a safe and appropriate way. Move your body around the school and playground in a safe way.</i>
Bullying, harassment, threat and intimidation <i>Be kind to others</i>
Verbal, physical or sexual abuse <i>Express yourself in kind and appropriate ways</i>
Discrimination, especially based on race,

colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age (BC Human Rights Code) <i>Accept people who are different from you</i>
Theft and vandalism <i>Do not take or damage other people's things</i>
Cell phones and other electronics should be in your backpack or the office when you are at school
Helmets must be worn when riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard on school property. Riding is not permitted at the start and end of the school day due to heavy congestion.

Our safe and caring school environment **does not** tolerate the presence of:

Intoxicating substances
Weapons and explosives, (such as knives or toy weapons)
Intruders or trespassers
Tobacco and/or smoking (including e-cigarettes)

Responsibility for an effective discipline program is shared among many partners including the District, schools, students, parents/guardians, community groups, social agencies and the RCMP. The Board promotes understanding and acceptance of the interactive roles required to achieve safe and caring schools. A variety of strategies are used at the school to deal with inappropriate conduct.



This code concerning the rights and responsibilities of everyone at Colwood School has been discussed with both students and staff.

We ask you to read the code with your child. Please sign this portion and return it to school.

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I have read the **Code of Conduct** and I understand my rights and responsibilities to make Colwood School a safe and healthy place to be.

Student's Name (please print)

Teacher: _____

I have read over the **Code of Conduct** with my child.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Student's Signature

Date