



## RIDGEVIEW SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ridgeview Elementary School Code of Conduct and West Vancouver Schools District's Code of Conduct is to establish and maintain a safe, caring, and calm environment for purposeful learning and to establish and maintain appropriate balances between individual and collective rights, freedoms, and responsibilities. These expectations apply to behaviour at school, during school-organized or sponsored activities, and behaviour beyond these times (including on-line behaviour) that negatively impacts the safe, caring or orderly environment of the school, and/or student learning. The code of conduct also outlines expectations for student behaviour. Please note that special considerations may apply to specific students if they are unable to comply with a Code of Conduct expectation due to having an identified disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional, or behavioural nature.

### BC HUMAN RIGHTS CODE *(set out in Section 7 & 8 of RSBC 1996)*

Ridgeview 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, colour, 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.

### ACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

Ridgeview is committed to providing a safe, caring, socially and emotionally responsible school environment. At Ridgeview Elementary School we endeavour to:

- Follow district, school and classroom expectations and rules
- Actively promote the general welfare of the school
- Respect ourselves and others
- Respect private and public property
- Engage in safe and responsible behaviour
- Maintain courteous relations with fellow students
- Support each other as positive bystanders
- Challenge ourselves to do their best
- Work at our studies without disturbing others
- Use technology in a safe and responsible manner

## **UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT**

- Students will not interfere with the learning of others
- Students will not engage in violent or aggressive behaviour or use offensive language
- Students will not intimidate or harass others
- No weapons or toy weapons are to be brought to school
- Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) are not to be used during instructional hours or shared with others during school hours except with teacher permission. Cell phones/smart watches may not be used during school hours without permission. Office staff must know about calls or messages that are being sent home.
- Students will not engage in acts of retribution against a person who has reported incidents
- Students will not engage in acts of discrimination as outlined in the BC Human Rights Code
- Students will not engage in acts of cyber bullying.

## **RISING EXPECTATIONS**

- Students will demonstrate increased personal responsibility and self-discipline as they reach the intermediate grades
- Students will demonstrate increased social responsibility skills in helping to make the school a safe, caring and orderly place as they reach the intermediate grades.

## **DRESS CODE**

Ridgeview Elementary School is committed to providing students with learning environments that are safe, responsive, and inclusive. Students may attend school and school-related functions in dress of their choice provided that their choices:

- Does not represent or promote alcohol or drugs
- Uses respectful language
- Does not depict or promote violence, racism, sexism, or discrimination, and
- Conforms with established health and safety requirement for the intended activity
- Is not intimidating to others

Students have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression. This includes students who may dress in a manner that is not consistent with the societal expectations of masculinity/femininity.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT**

Responses to unacceptable conduct:

- Are pre-planned, consistent and fair
- Include consideration of the age and maturity of the student
- Focus on restorative measures wherever possible and appropriate
- Include consideration of students with special needs

- Special consideration and advocacy may apply for students and families of indigenous ancestry, with an approach that is mindful of historical context and indigenous ways of knowing and perspectives.

## **NOTIFICATION**

- Parents of student offender(s) and student victim(s) will be informed in all cases of serious breaches of the Code of Conduct
- School district officials may be notified as required by school district policy
- Police and/or other agencies may be notified as required by law.

## **SAFETY REMINDERS**

- Walk in halls and on stairs (Do Not Run)
- Use play equipment safely
- Sit in a seat in your classroom to eat lunch. All students must be outside by the lunch bell dressed for the weather
- Electric/non-electric Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters and bicycles may not be ridden between 8am and 4pm on school grounds
- Students are not allowed to remain in classrooms unsupervised
- Students must follow school rules for safe playground behaviour as outlined in Ridgeview's Playground Rules
- Students must follow school rules regarding the safe use of technology and on-line behaviour where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment.

## **GUIDELINES FOR PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES**

Personal Digital Devices\* are to be appropriately used during the school day including before school, after school and break times in accordance with the [District Admin Procedure 370](#) and the student expectations outlined within this School Code of Conduct.

If a personal digital device is required for instructional purposes, or to support a student's medical and health or accessibility and accommodation needs, teachers/staff will provide clear guidelines and expectations (see below) around their use for these purposes and ensure that use is adequately supervised. Considerations for personal digital device use will also be made to ensure equity to support learning outcomes for any student who may be disproportionately impacted by the lack of access.

\*Personal Digital Devices means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as cell phones, phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, and any other portable technology device.

In addition, as outlined in our Ridgeview Technology User Agreement, students at Ridgeview must adhere to the following appropriate use guidelines:

- Students must use computers and all technological equipment in a safe and respectful manner
- Students may not download or print without a teacher's permission
- Students may only browse Internet web sites or use personal e-mail for school business while under direct supervision of and permission from a teacher
- Students may not visit or participate in Internet Chat Rooms or Blogs unless authorized by a teacher for a class
- Students must never give out personal information such as names, home phone numbers, home addresses or e-mail addresses over the Internet
- Students must immediately tell a teacher if they find an inappropriate web site or image while browsing the Internet.

**FOR REFERENCE:**

[AP 160 Health & Safety](#)

[AP 162 Use of Tobacco, Vapour Products, and Cannabis](#)

[AP 170 Diversity and Human Rights](#)

[AP 171 Sexual Orientation Gender Identity](#)

[AP 175 Acts of Violence](#)

[AP 310 Restraint & Seclusion](#)

[AP 313 Bomb Threats](#)

[AP 350 Student Code of Conduct and Discipline](#)

[AP 351 Schools Code of Conduct](#)

[AP 357 Property Damage](#)