

## Glanford Middle School STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We believe that all students have the right to receive an education in a positive, safe environment. We expect students at GMS to demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between their rights and their responsibilities. These rights and responsibilities have been established following the B.C. Human Rights Code which prohibits any form of discrimination, including race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender, gender orientation, and age. Staff will guide student learning to understand the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion.

As students mature and move through successive grades, increased personal responsibility and self-discipline are expected. Similarly, there will be increased consequences for inappropriate behaviour following a progressive discipline model. Reasonable steps will be taken to prevent retaliation against any student who makes a complaint of a breach of code of conduct. This code of conduct applies to behaviour both on the school property or activities sponsored by the school.

Education	
You have the right:	You have the responsibility:
• to an education with a range of educational opportunities	<ul> <li>to attend school regularly and be on time</li> <li>to participate in learning activities and be an active listener</li> <li>to respect the learning environment of our community</li> </ul>

Environment	
You have the right:	You have the responsibility:
• to voice your opinion and be heard	<ul> <li>to respect the opinion of others, appreciate and accept the differences in others</li> <li>to address others in a respectful and non-threatening manner</li> <li>to refrain from using profane, racist, sexist, homophobic, or abusive language in verbal, written, or graphic form</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>to be unique and accepted</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>to refrain from teasing others or hurting their feelings with words or actions</li> </ul>
• to a scent-free environment	• refrain from wearing or using sprays or perfumes

Privacy	
You have the right:	You have the responsibility:
<ul> <li>to personal property and privacy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>to refrain from touching or taking things belonging to others</li> <li>to respect the personal privacy of others</li> </ul>

Safety	
You have the right:	You have the responsibility:
• to be protected from injury	<ul> <li>to act safely while on school property, including playground equipment</li> <li>to be aware of fire, earthquake, and any other emergency procedures</li> </ul>
• to a safe school campus	<ul> <li>to remain on the school grounds during school hours (closed campus)</li> <li>to refrain from bringing weapons of any type, including toys or facsimiles</li> <li>to refrain from bringing illegal or mood-altering substances to school including, but not limited to, drugs, alcohol, vapes, and tobacco</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>to be safe from any form of bullying</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>to refrain from using threats, intimidation, exclusion, or any other bullying tactics</li> <li>to solve conflicts using peaceful strategies that do not hurt other people physically or emotionally</li> </ul>

Technology		
You have the right:	You have the responsibility:	
<ul> <li>to use technology at school or home to further individual learning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>to keep phones in your locker, left on silent mode, for the entire school day, unless specifically requested by your teacher to have it available in class for educational use</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>to refrain from inappropriate conduct, filming, or "cyber-bullying" via electronic means including profanity, threats, or items of a degrading nature</li> </ul>	
	• to access and use the Internet appropriately via desktop, Chromebook, personal handheld devices, or tablets under the direction/supervision of a school staff member	

## Consequences

Disciplinary action, whenever possible, will be preventative and restorative. Students will be encouraged to participate in developing meaningful consequences for violations of the Code of Conduct.

Consequences for violating the code of conduct will be progressive and dependent on the individual and may include: written assignments or research, service to school, loss of privileges, or suspension. Certain serious misdemeanors will result in immediate referral to the school administration. These are:

- repetitive classroom disruption
- using abusive language, fighting, including bullying and intimidation
- theft of personal or school property, or vandalism
- selling items at school unless a school-sanctioned event or learning opportunity
- possession of illegal substances (drugs/alcohol/tobacco) and items (weapons)

## Cell Phones & Personal Digital Devices - SD61 Middle School Code of Conduct

## A 'personal digital device' is a student-owned device that can be used to communicate or access the internet, such as a cell phone, tablet, smart watch, gaming device, and/or electronic toy.

Equity must be considered when using and directing the use of personal digital devices in a manner that is culturally responsive and inclusive. Accommodations such as access to a computer or Chromebook can be made for students without personal digital devices who may need access to the internet to complete schoolwork. The use of personal digital devices may support students with disabilities, diverse abilities, or medical needs as outlined in the student's support plan, Individual Education Plan, or other agreed-upon plans.

The use of personal digital devices are restricted during instructional hours to facilitate focused learning and promote online safety. It is expected that personal digital devices are always stored out of sight and on silent or airplane mode to limit in-class distractions and interruptions. Students are expected to follow protocols determined by their school and teacher(s).

The use of personal digital devices during instructional hours is at the teacher's discretion and direction for instruction and promoting digital literacy. Use during class time is under the supervision of a teacher who may incorporate critical dialogue regarding the responsible and appropriate use of devices.

The use of personal digital devices outside of instructional hours is not permitted on school grounds, during field trips, or other school activities.

No photos, video, or audio recordings can be taken of students or staff without consent from the individual or the individual's parent or caregiver for children 13 years or younger.

The main office phone at the school may be used to make and receive calls if students and their parent(s) or caregiver(s) need to communicate during the school day

□ We have read and acknowledge the school's Code of Conduct and agree to the students' Rights and Responsibilities as listed above.

Parent Signature

Student Signature