

Our school code of conduct aligns with the New Westminster School District's values of Respect, Integrity, and Compassion, and our district's "five C's" of Social Responsibility: Connection, Caring/Compassion, Character, Confidence and Competence. It ensures that a safe and positive learning environment will be maintained at our school, and supports our own ongoing school goal, which is to improve the lives of our students through life-long learning, by helping them achieve their educational goals through courses, programs, and a community setting that is adapted to the particular needs and capabilities of adult learners.

To this end it is expected that all students will:

- Respect our learning environment by making positive choices about their own behaviour and acting in accordance with all face-to-face and online rules and our Code of Conduct
- Be honest, considerate, respectful, and caring with others both online and in person
- Be actively engaged in their school work and to seek success in their learning
- Be in compliance with community standards and laws
- Accept personal responsibility for their choices and behaviour, and any consequences that may result

Specific examples of the above points are listed for student guidance and clarification in the full version of this document as listed on our website, but other actions that in any way endanger a safe and positive learning environment will also be considered under our Code of Conduct.

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- Respect all staff at the school and comply promptly with their reasonable requests
- Allow others to work without distraction
- Respect the rights and property of others
- Inform the staff in a timely manner of bully, violence, harassment, or intimidation during school related activities or in school related activities or in other circumstances where such actions might have a negative impact on the school environment
- Be environmentally responsible in and around the school and respect the facility by properly disposing of wastes and recyclables

- Do not use facilities, equipment, services, or computers at our sites without authorization
- Do not smoke or vape on school grounds or in the immediate vicinity

Students are expected to be honest, considerate, respectful, and caring with others both online and in person

- Be courteous in word, considerate in action and honest with all people in the school
- Be in compliance with sections 7 and 8 of the BC Human Rights Code:

Discriminatory publication

7 (1) A person must not publish, issue or display, or cause to be published, issued or displayed, any statement, publication, notice, sign, symbol, emblem or other representation that

- (a) indicates discrimination or an intention to discriminate against a person or a group or class of persons, or
- (b) is likely to expose a person or a group or class of persons to hatred or contempt

because of the race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or that group or class of persons.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a private communication, a communication intended to be private or a communication related to an activity otherwise permitted by this Code.

Discrimination in accommodation, service and facility

8 (1) A person must not, without a bona fide and reasonable justification,

- (a) deny to a person or class of persons any accommodation, service or facility customarily available to the public, or
- (b) discriminate against a person or class of persons regarding any accommodation, service or facility customarily available to the public

because of the race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or class of persons.

(2) A person does not contravene this section by discriminating

- (a) on the basis of sex, if the discrimination relates to the maintenance of public decency or to the determination of premiums or benefits under contracts of life or health insurance, or
- (b) on the basis of physical or mental disability or age, if the discrimination relates to the determination of premiums or benefits under contracts of life or health insurance.

- Use language free of profanity, hatred and discrimination (e.g. homophobia, racism, sexism)
- Refrain from acts of bullying cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation, or retribution at school or online
- Avoid dressing in apparel that is offensive or distracting to others (i.e. sexually provocative and/or revealing, promoting illegal substances, or otherwise in conflict with community values)

Students are expected to be actively engaged in their school work and to seek success in their learning

- Work regularly and actively in courses by engaging in assignments, participating in class discussions, and completing assessment tasks
- Use Internet safely and appropriately as required for assignments and activities
- Seek extra help when difficulties arise with assignments
- Complete timed assignments to the best of your ability and hand them in on time
- Do not plagiarize or copy the work of others, or hand in other people's work as your own

- Do not cheat on tests by providing or receiving unauthorized assistance from anyone, using materials or devices not allowed by the teacher, or doing anything else that might be seen as academically dishonest

Students are expected to be in compliance with community standards and laws

- Do not deface or damage school property
- Do not possess weapons or imitations of weapons
- Do not possess, distribute or use illegal or restricted substances such as alcohol or illegal drugs while at the school site or arrive at the school site smelling of or under the influence of such substances
- Do not participate in or be a party to violent incidents including verbal threats, bullying, cyberbullying, and intimidation, or inciting others to the same
- Do not do anything that you know to be contradictory to the Criminal Code of Canada or the laws and bylaws of your community

Students are expected to accept personal responsibility for their choices and behaviour, and any consequences that may result

- If you choose to say or do anything, be prepared to accept the consequences that follow
- Non-compliance with the Code of Conduct may include but is not limited to verbal warning, restrictions as to when and where you may be on site, or withdrawal from your course
- The school has definitive authority to determine consequences. The consequences are intended to be logical, preventative and restorative, and will be administered on an individual basis in every situation
- In a serious breach of the code of conduct school officials have a responsibility to advise parents of non-adult students, and possibly other parties such as School Board authorities, police, or other agencies