

CHESLAKEES SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT - 2023/2024

Cheslakees Elementary School is a safe and caring school whose staff members are committed to creating a respectful, inclusive school community where everyone feels welcome. It is important that every member of the school community feels safe, and that they know that their concerns will be listened to. This Code of Conduct is not meant to be an inclusive list of expectations, but rather, a guide to students demonstrating respect for themselves, each other, staff, other adults at school, and the school building itself. Parents are encouraged to contact the school at any time to discuss concerns.

	Students are expected to...
School Wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treat all other members of the school community with respect• Follow directions of the teacher and other adults in charge at the school• Take responsibility for their own learning• Respect the personal space of others and keep hands and feet to themselves• Treat others in the way in which they would want to be treated• Respect the school in an appropriate manner while taking part in school-sponsored activities• Use garbage cans and recycling bins appropriately• Walk quietly when moving through the school
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on learning by following their teachers' instructions and working at an appropriate noise level
Washroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show respect by treating the washrooms as they would in their own home• Wash hands when finished using the bathroom
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use equipment in a way that doesn't put self or other students in danger• Treat other students respectfully and in a way that makes them feel good about themselves• Report unsafe behaviour to an adult so that the adult can help
Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter the gym in an orderly manner, following the teachers' directions• During PE classes, follow instructions to make sure everyone is safe• During assemblies, sit quietly to listen in a respectful manner
Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow the directions of the bus driver• Behave safely while waiting in line for the bus, and while riding on the bus

CONSEQUENCES.

While all students are expected to follow the above guidelines, it is understood that some students may have a more difficult time in doing so due to their maturity level or special needs that make it difficult for them to understand and/or remember rules. Additionally, some students may have challenges that make it difficult for them to control their behaviour. For these reasons, consequences for not following school rules may look different in different situations. The purpose of consequences is to understand and talk about the mistake, particularly in situations where a student has behaved in an unsafe manner.

BULLYING AND HARRASSMENT:

Behaviour that creates fear and intimidation is not acceptable. It is important that students understand the need to report bullying and harassing behaviour so that it can be addressed. Telling an adult about the problem should not be considered "tattling", but rather, asking for help.

School staff will take all reasonable steps to ensure that students are not retaliated against for reporting unsafe behaviour or a breach of the code of conduct. In some cases, these actions may involve keeping reports confidential, while in other situations, staff may work with all families involved.

THE BC HUMAN RIGHTS CODE:

The BC Human Rights Code applies to all businesses, agencies and services regulated by the province, including Cheslakees Elementary School. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of an individual's or a group's race, colour, ancestry, place or origin, religion, marital or family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or age. Cheslakees is committed to supporting the rights of all students to learn in an environment free from discrimination and harassment. Students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (referred to in this part as 'LGBTQ+'), or are perceived to be LGBTQ+, or who associate with LGBTQ+ people, have rights to equal protection, privacy and free expression. *LGBTQ+ students and same-gender parented families have a right to be recognized and affirmed.*

In addition, the Human Rights Code prohibits the publication, issue or display of statements, signs, and symbols that indicate discrimination against an individual or group on the basis of the factors noted above.

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