

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our student conduct policy created to ensure that ALL students can learn in a safe, caring and respectful learning environment.

A student shall conduct himself or herself so as to reasonably comply with the following code of conduct:

- (a) be diligent in pursuing the student's studies;
- (b) attend school regularly and punctually; (*work completion is a focus on the Learning Centres)
- (c) co-operate fully with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services;
- (d) comply with the rules of the school;
- (e) account to the student's teachers for the student's conduct;
- (f) respect the rights of others;
- (g) ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging;
- (h) refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behaviour directed toward others in the school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means;
- (i) positively contribute to the student's school and community.

(Section 12 of the Alberta School Act)

Equity, diversity inclusion and human rights

The Learning Centres are a welcoming, caring, respectful working and learning environment for ALL students and staff. Staff and students are expected to report all incidents of discrimination, intimidation and bullying to administration. Students and parents/guardians can expect that an investigation will be completed and consequences enforced as appropriate.

Healthy Relationships

Students learn to the best of their ability when they feel safe. Students are expected to maintain respectful relationships with their peers and to manage conflict in productive ways. Froshing, harassment, verbal/physical threats, violence, intimidation, bullying are unacceptable and will be result in consequences that may involve the RCMP depending on the severity of the situation. Behaviours that involved intimidation and bullying include digital platforms such as texting and social media. Physical altercations are counterproductive to the purposes of education in a safe learning environment and serious consequences will result from this kind of behaviour.

Appropriate Dress

Students are expected to be neat and clean in overall appearance and be dressed in a manner that is conducive to the professional learning environment of the Learning Centres. This includes wearing items of clothing that are inclusive and ensure all people that learn, work and visit the Learning Centres, are assured a safe and caring learning environment. Any student that is not dressed in a manner that is conducive to the professional learning environment will be asked to make efforts to correct the situation immediately. If a correction is not possible in the building, the student will be asked to leave and return with a solution to the concerns raised.

Alcohol, Tobacco, Illicit Drugs, Other Harmful Substances

The use or possession of alcohol, illicit drugs, other harmful substances, and/or drug paraphernalia while under the school's jurisdiction, will result in one or more of the following: transfer of the student to the custody of parents, suspension from school, expulsion from school, or involvement of law enforcement agencies. The Learning Centres are tobacco-free facilities. All tobacco products are prohibited from use in the school. The use of any type of e-cigarette/vaporizer is prohibited. Students are encouraged to seek help from school staff if they have substance related issues. Students that are expelled for substance related issues will be asked to seek addictions counselling before returning to school. School staff will contact parents/guardians of students suspected of being under the influence of a substance. In the event the student is an adult learner, an emergency contact will be called to pick up the student. Please be aware that graduation, field trips and other school sanctioned events are included.

Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism is defined passing off the work of someone else as your own. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, gaining access to answer keys and bringing answers into a secure testing situation. Parents/guardians will be notified if plagiarism and/or cheating occurs. Consequences will be assigned by the teacher in consultation with administration. A mark may be awarded when an alternative assignment or test is completed by the student. A record of the incident will be kept and repeat offences will be dealt with by school administration.

Weapons

A weapon is anything used, designed to be used, or intended for use in causing injury or death to any person, or for the purpose of threatening or intimidating another person. Any student found in possession of a weapon, or replica of a weapon, whether on their person, in their vehicle, or in their locker or desk, may be suspended and/or recommended for expulsion. Contact with the RCMP may also be required based on the severity of the offense.