



## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. I have the **RIGHT** to learn at this school.  
It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to:
    - ★ listen carefully to instructions;
    - ★ work conscientiously;
    - ★ raise my hand to ask a question, share a concern, or request to leave the classroom.
  2. I have the **RIGHT** to hear and be heard.  
It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to:
    - ★ refrain from talking, shouting, or making loud noises when others are speaking.
  3. I have the **RIGHT** to be respected in this school.  
It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to:
    - ★ be mindful of others' feelings and to care for their safety and well-being.
  4. I have the **RIGHT** to be safe at this school and while traveling to and from school.  
It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to:
    - ★ keep my hands to myself and to be aware of my own and others' personal space
    - ★ report unsafe behaviours to an adult.
  5. I have the **RIGHT** to privacy and to my own personal space.  
It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to:
    - ★ respect the personal property of others;
    - ★ to accept every person's right to privacy.
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## DRESS CODE

Decisions regarding student dress require the careful balance of the individual's right to self-expression with the school's responsibility to ensure an appropriate learning environment. To that end, the school Principal, along with the Parent Advisory Council, offers the following guidance so that students learn to make good independent decisions regarding their choice of clothing.

All members of the school community are expected to wear clothing appropriate for school. Clothing that distracts oneself or others from focusing on learning is inappropriate. It is not appropriate or respectful to wear clothing that:

- represents or promotes alcohol, or drugs;
- makes sexual reference;
- uses inappropriate language;
- depicts or promotes violence, racism, or other discriminations;
- is intimidating to others or has brand names that relate to profanity.

For more information, see the School District Code of Conduct document at:  
<http://www.sd23.bc.ca>



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*Every student. Every chance.  
Every day.*

# Code of Conduct



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# Code of Conduct

A school's Code of Conduct is established to help maintain a safe, caring and orderly environment for learning.

### School Rights & Responsibilities

Some of the things we expect at our school and all school functions include:

- showing good manners;
- respecting self, others & property;
- giving best effort at work & play;
- making safe choices;
- honesty;
- punctuality in attendance;
- using appropriate language;
- following school guidelines and
- showing responsibility and leadership.

Our school has identified "Rights and Responsibilities" for all students and "School-Wide Expectations". These are the foundation of our Code of Conduct. The rights and responsibilities, and the school expectations are taught and reviewed at the beginning of every school year. They are also reviewed with students who make choices which infringe on a student's rights. The Code of Conduct is also posted on our website and throughout our school.



While most members of our school community conduct themselves in a positive and responsible manner, violations of our school's Code of Conduct may occur.

A variety of strategies will be used to deal with incidents that occur—severity of the incident, frequency of infractions, and student age/maturity are considered when determining appropriate disciplinary action. Special consideration may apply to students with special needs who are unable to comply with expectations due to having a disability. Whenever possible and appropriate, consequences will be restorative rather than punitive.

Black Mountain Elementary 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, gender or sexual orientation. Behaviour or communication that discriminates based on any of the prohibited grounds listed will be treated seriously by our school.



### Minor Incidents

These actions disturb the positive and orderly school environment & include behaviours like:

- being in an out-of-bounds area
- misuse of washrooms or playground items
- playing unsafely (ie. rough play)
- poor lunch manners
- gum chewing
- rudeness to other students (name calling)
- pushing and shoving in a line-up
- running while indoors
- littering
- disruption of instruction/learning
- Not display behaviours of a romantic or sexual nature



### Possible consequences:

- warning
- problem solving conversation
- review of expectations
- a time-out with supervising staff
- school service
- loss of privileges



### Major Incidents

Minor repeated incidents will be treated as a major incident. This level of misbehaviour may also include:

- lying
- swearing
- wilful vandalism to property
- leaving school grounds without permission
- stealing
- defiance to staff
- bullying (eg. intimidation, racial slurs)

### Possible consequences:

- problem solving conversation
- school/community service
- contract created
- parent/guardian contacted
- in-school/out-of-school suspension

### Unacceptable Incidents

These behaviours are highly disruptive. Repeated major incidents will be dealt with as unacceptable. These incidents include:

- fighting (violence)
- verbal abuse
- throwing dangerous items (eg. rocks, snowballs, etc.)
- major theft or vandalism
- possession of or use of weapons
- extreme non-compliance with staff
- drugs/alcohol/tobacco at school



### Possible consequences:

- in-school/out-of-school suspension
- 1-10 day suspension or Indefinite Suspension (away from school, at the discretion of the principal)
- legal intervention (ie. R.C.M.P.)

### Notification

Depending on the severity of the infraction parents of student offenders and student victims may be notified. The school will also inform other parties as necessary. For example, in case of illegal activity, the R.C.M.P. will be notified or if the safety or well-being of a child is in question, the Ministry of Children and Families will be notified.