



St. James-Assiniboia
School Division

International Student Program Student Guide



Welcome!

Welcome to the St. James-Assiniboia International Student Program! We are happy that you have chosen to study with us and experience life and learning in Canada.

We hope you make lifelong friendships with your homestay family, classmates at school, and other international students. We want your stay to be full of new experiences, fun adventures, learning, personal growth, and a better understanding of Canadian life, culture, and the world around you.

We encourage you to:

- Try new things
- Get involved in your school and community
- Enjoy and embrace this special opportunity

Please read this guide carefully with your parents. It has important information to help you prepare for your time in Canada and make the most of your experience.



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Arriving in Winnipeg

We're excited to welcome you to Winnipeg and the International Student Program! Please read the information below carefully to help your arrival go smoothly.



When to Arrive

You should plan to arrive in Winnipeg 1–3 days before school starts and the program begins. Send your flight details (your full itinerary) and WhatsApp contact (if you have one) to the International Student Program (ISP) as soon as possible. This can be done by you, your parents, or your agency.

If Your Flight Changes

If your flight is delayed or you miss a connection, contact your homestay family and the International Student Program (ISP) staff through our emergency number (1-204-612-2627) or WhatsApp. It's important to let us know so we are sure to meet you at the correct time!

At Your First Canadian Airport

Most students first land in Toronto, Montreal, or Vancouver. This is where you will go through Canadian immigration and border control. If you applied for a Study Permit, be sure to show the letter from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to the officer. They will issue your Study Permit at this airport—not in Winnipeg.

Arrival in Winnipeg

If you arrive in Winnipeg from another Canadian City:

When you arrive, go to the Arrivals area at the bottom of the escalator. Your homestay family and an ISP staff member will be there to meet you. Look for a sign with your name on it!

If you arrive in Winnipeg directly from another country:

If Winnipeg is your first stop in Canada, show your IRCC letter to Border Services here. Then you will pick up your luggage and exit through International Arrivals. Your homestay family and ISP staff will meet you in the main Arrivals area. Look for a sign with your name on it!

We look forward to meeting you and helping you begin your Canadian experience!

Welcome to St. James-Assiniboia in Winnipeg!

Winnipeg is the capital city of the province of Manitoba, located in the center of Canada. It is a welcoming, city with a population of 835,000 people, the seventh largest city in Canada. Winnipeg is well known for its multicultural community and has a great mix of culture, education, and modern amenities—making it a wonderful place to live, study, and explore as an international student.

Winnipeg also has a lively arts and culture scene, with many galleries, museums, and theatres. Winnipeg is also well known for its music scene with many festivals, concert tours, and local talent, and its professional dance community. There are many professional sports teams, including hockey, football, baseball, soccer, and basketball teams.

St. James-Assiniboia is a community located in the western part of the city. It is a residential area, with many restaurants, shops, and businesses including Winnipeg's largest shopping mall, Polo Park. St. James has several community centers, recreational facilities like the YMCA, swimming pools, tennis courts, and ice rinks, and many green spaces and parks.



Adapting to a New Culture

Adjusting to life in a new culture can be exciting, challenging, interesting, and confusing. There may be some things that seem the same as your home country and some things that seem different. It is important to be open-minded and curious and embrace the similarities and differences between the two cultures.

At first you will notice the obvious differences, and everything might seem interesting and exciting. You will probably often compare things in Canada to how they are at home. As time goes on, new way of doing things, or not understanding how to do things, might start to become tiring and frustrating.



Deeper differences that are not obvious at first can also start to cause some discomfort. Often, students don't realize that their feelings of being uncomfortable or unhappy are a result of experiencing cultural differences that are below the surface. It is easy to see differences in food and types of activities people do, but some differences take more time to see and understand—how people communicate with each other through body language, tone of voice, and facial expressions; how people form and develop friendships; what kinds of behaviour are expected in different circumstances; how people make decisions; and what is important to people.

Sometimes these things can be hard to see because we assume the world and people work a certain way. Then when we are in a different country or culture, it might start to seem like something is wrong—maybe people seem unfriendly, it's hard to make friends, or people act or respond to us in ways we didn't predict. At first students might think that their homestay family is just not the right fit, or even rude, or that the Canadian students in their school are not welcoming, but really this is because of deeper cultural differences that are not obvious at first. The expectations students have are based on cultural norms from their own country, likely norms that we don't even think about because they are so natural. But Canadians that international students interact with are operating with different expectations from completely different cultural norms that they may not be aware of either. This often leads to miscommunication.

However, this is one of the most valuable parts of international education and studying abroad: students begin to see that people in other cultures not only live differently than they do but also think and communicate differently. Once a student realizes this, by observing people with an open mind they start to see what values people have under the surface and why they do the things they do. Seeing these values also helps students see their own cultural values and norms and the differences between the two. They can now start understanding how to interact more successfully with people and in the new culture. Learning to live and work interculturally is one of the most important things international students will learn.

Adapting to a New Culture

Canadian culture is friendly, open, and respectful. While every person is different, there are some common values and behaviours you may notice during your stay in Canada.

In Canada, people value personal freedom and independence. Students are often encouraged to speak their minds, share their opinions, and explore their own interests. It's okay to have different ideas and to express them respectfully.

Canadian society values equality. At school, this means there is often less formality or hierarchy than in some other countries. For example, the relationship between students and teachers may feel more relaxed. Teachers are friendly and open.

In school, Canadian students are encouraged to think critically, ask questions, and be creative. Group work and problem-solving are common parts of classroom learning. Students are encouraged to ask questions and join in discussions.



Canadians like to be organized. Being on time is very important. People usually plan activities ahead of time, and sticking to a schedule is seen as respectful and responsible.

Canadians care about balance in life. You may notice a strong focus on health, family time, and helping others. In school, working together as a team and supporting classmates is encouraged.

Canada has both traditional values and modern ideas. You might notice that Canadians respect history and culture but are also open to change and new ways of thinking.

Beginning to understand Canadian culture will help you adjust more easily. The more you observe, ask questions, and stay open to new experiences, the more you will learn. This knowledge of cultural differences can help you grow as a student and become more aware of the world around you.

Tips About Social Customs in Canada

Many people say Canadians are polite—and it's true that good manners are important in Canadian culture. Knowing some basic social customs will help you feel more comfortable and avoid misunderstandings.



Greetings

- Say “hi” or “hello” with a smile when you see someone, even in public.
- Always greet people when you enter a home or a room.
- When meeting someone new, you may shake hands (more common in formal or business situations) or simply say hello.
- Canadians do not greet with kisses or hugs unless they know someone very well.
- If you bump into someone, say “excuse me.”
- Always use “please” and “thank you.” These small words matter a lot.

Time and Punctuality

Canadians are very punctual. If someone says to arrive at 3:00, you should be there at 3:00, not later.

- If you're running late, message that you will be late
- People often make plans ahead of time, not last-minute.
- Usual meal times are lunch: around 12:00 p.m., dinner: around 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Talking and Gestures

People in Canada generally do not talk very loudly or raise their voices in public.

- Speak at a normal or quiet volume in public. Avoid shouting or speaking loudly.
- Keep phone conversations quiet in public places.
- Make eye contact when talking—it shows you are listening and respectful.
- Do not burp, chew with your mouth open, or make loud eating noises.
- Don't point or stare at people; it is considered rude.

More About Social Customs in Canada



Tipping

- In restaurants, tipping is expected; you should add a tip of 10–15%
- Debit and credit machines usually suggest tip amounts.
- If paying with cash, leave the tip on the table or give it with your payment.

Queueing (Lining Up)

- Canadians always wait in line—at stores, bus stops, or anywhere busy.
- Do not cut in line. This is seen as very rude.
- People are served in the order they arrived.

Shoes

When you enter a home, take off your shoes immediately. Most Canadians remove their shoes in their own homes too. If your host says you can leave your shoes on, that's okay—but always check.

Personal Hygiene and Grooming

Canadians usually:

- Shower or bathe every day
- Brush their teeth twice a day
- Wear clean clothes and use deodorant
- Avoid wearing heavy cologne or body spray. Strong smells (like body odor or too much perfume) are not considered polite.

Understanding these everyday customs will help you feel more confident and make a good impression. These habits may be different from your own culture but learning them is part of your Canadian experience!

Weather

Manitoba has four distinct seasons, with cold winters and hot summers. In winter, temperatures can drop as low as -35°C , and the wind can make it feel even colder (this is called wind chill).

It's important to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather. Always follow your homestay family's advice about dressing warmly. Winter clothing may not always look fashionable, but it is important to stay safe and avoid frostbite, which happens when your skin begins to freeze. Frostbite can be dangerous and may damage your skin.

Your homestay family can help you buy the winter clothing you need. It is best to purchase these items in Canada, because they are made for our cold winters.

If you dress warmly, you can enjoy many winter activities and sports while in Canada. Winnipeg winters are crisp, bright, and full of opportunities to have fun—even if the cold is new to you!



Safety

Your safety is very important while you are in Canada. Always be aware of your surroundings and follow rules at school, at home, and in the community.

- Follow all Canadian and Manitoba laws.
- Stay with friends or in groups, especially at night.
- Always let your homestay family know where you are going.
- Do not talk to strangers or go to unsafe areas.
- Keep your personal belongings safe and do not leave them unattended.
- The police in Canada are here to help you. If you are in danger or need help, you can contact them safely.

If you ever feel unsafe or have an emergency, contact your homestay family or the ISP immediately.

About School Life

School in Canada may be very different from what you are used to. Some things will be similar, like having a regular schedule, studying, and following school rules, but feel very different. The SJASD ISP is an academic program, and all students are expected to make school their priority. All students must attend class, be on time for every class, and complete all assignments and tests. The expectations are the same for all students, whether you need the SJASD credits or not.

SJASD has a semester system. The school year is divided into two 5-month semesters and students take 5 classes each semester. Students generally will be scheduled for mandatory courses first, and optional courses depending on their needs. All students are expected to take 5 classes per day, which is a full time schedule. Schedules are individually set; if you have a question about your schedule, speak to an ISP staff member.



School Life: Tips to Help You Succeed



Attendance and Participation

You must be on time for every class. If you are late or skip class, your attendance can lower your grade and missing too many classes can result in being removed from class. Missing class also makes it harder to keep up with your work.

During class, it is important to listen quietly and not talk while the teacher or classmates are speaking. Talking in class is considered disrespectful and can make it harder for everyone to learn. There will be times when talking is encouraged and participation is expected, like during class discussions or group work.

Always ask your teacher questions if you do not understand something. Your teachers will expect you to ask for help. Many teachers have scheduled times when they're available to give students extra help. Don't be afraid to ask if you don't understand something

Schoolwork

It is very important to always do your own work. You cannot copy work from books, the internet, or other students. This is called plagiarism and is considered cheating in Canadian schools. Sometimes, students are concerned about writing in English, but it is important for your learning that your teacher knows your level of understanding.

AI usage is changing quickly; your teacher will tell you what is and what is not acceptable. It is never acceptable to use AI generated work as your own.

English Language Support

You will do a language assessment during the first few weeks of school. This helps the school understand your English level so they can give you the right support. It does not count toward any marks; it is so teachers will know how to adjust their lessons and help you.

If you do not understand your teacher at first, don't panic. Getting used to an all-English environment takes time. Don't panic! It won't be long before you begin to understand more of what is being said. Let your teacher know if you are having difficulty understanding, so they can give you extra help. Also, speak with ISP staff, we are here to assist you academically, and will work with your school to help you succeed.

School Life: Tips to Help You Succeed



Grading and Assignments

In many countries, the final exam is the most important part of your grade. In Canada, your final grade is based on all your work throughout the term. This includes:

- Homework and assignments
- Quizzes and small tests
- Class participation and attendance
- Projects and presentations
- Final tests and exams

These all count toward your final grade, so it's important to stay organized and complete all your work on time. Students are expected to remain in the program until the semester is fully completed, including any final tests or exams.

Our schools use the PowerSchool platform to record your marks and attendance. Your school will give you your login details so you can check your marks and track your progress.

Report Cards and Transcripts

Report cards come out twice per semester – a mid-term report halfway through, and a final report at the end of the semester. The ISP will send these to your parents via your agency. You will also receive a final transcript at the end of your program. Check with your agency or school at home if you need an Apostille (validation) for your transcript. If it is required, inform the ISP and we will complete this process for you.

O Canada (National Anthem)

Each morning, you will hear the Canadian national anthem played over the speaker. When this happens, stand quietly, remove your hat, and do not talk or move around. This shows respect for the country and the school community.

Safety Drills

Canadian schools practice safety drills so that everyone knows what to do in an emergency.

- Fire Drills: You will hear an alarm and leave the school with your class. Stay calm and follow your teacher.
- Lockdown Drills: These are when students must stay inside for safety. Follow your teacher's instructions and stay silent.

Do not worry! These are only practices. Canadian schools prepare students for events that may happen, even if they are unlikely.

School Fees and Activities

Students are responsible for paying some school-related fees. These may include course materials, field trips, special activities, or optional programs. These fees are different than tuition fees and are paid directly to the school by the student.

If you plan to join a school sports team, make sure to check the cost and talk to your parents before joining. There can be a wide range of team fees; check with the coach about the cost before committing. Once you have joined the team, you are obligated to pay the fee.

Schools offer many extracurricular activities and joining one of these is a great way to make friends and become part of the school community. Check the ISP app for your school announcements and speak to your school's international advisor about how to get involved.

If you have any forms that require a signature, they must be signed by the ISP manager. Please do not ask your homestay to sign them



Joining a school team or club can be the best way to meet new friends and to begin to feel like a part of the school community. All schools have many clubs and teams you can join-- check the school announcements every day (broadcast in school, posted on the school website, and on the ISP app) and follow your school's Instagram account to find out information about what is available and when they start.

The Homestay Family Program

We carefully choose homestay families to provide a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment for our international students. Every family is screened and their home inspected before students are placed with them. We look for families who are excited to welcome you and include you as part of their family.

When matching you with a family, we consider things like your interests, hobbies, location, and the family's pets or children. Remember, every family is unique — even within Canadian culture, families live differently and have their own traditions and ways of doing things. Living with a Canadian family will be an important part of your international experience.

Your Role in the Family

While you are part of the Homestay Program, you are a member of the family, not a guest. Spending time together will help you get to know each other and feel more comfortable. This means you should take part in daily family routines and spend time with your family. Like other family members, you will likely have some household chores such as cleaning your bedroom regularly, washing dishes or emptying the dishwasher, doing your laundry, and cleaning the bathroom that you use. Everyone is expected to clean up after themselves — this is normal in Canadian homes!



The Homestay Family Program



Communication is Important!

At first, your homestay family won't know your likes, dislikes, or habits and you won't know theirs. It's very important to talk openly and respectfully with your family.

Listen to how things work in the home because it may be different from your own. Ask questions if you don't understand something or don't know what is expected. You should ask your family before making social plans. They need to know where you are, who you are with and what time you expect to be home. You will have a curfew (a set time to be home at night), which may be earlier than you are used to. The ISP sets a general curfew for all students.



About Canadian Families

Living with a Canadian family may be very different from your life at home. This is a normal part of experiencing a new culture. It may feel challenging at times, but it's also a great opportunity to learn, grow, and understand how people in Canada live. Being open-minded, curious, and respectful will help you adjust more easily.



Family Life

Canadian families are often independent. Family members may spend a lot of time doing their own activities. Dinner is usually eaten together between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.; it's common to talk about your day during this time. It is expected that you come home on time for dinner or call/text if you'll be late. After dinner, people often do their own activities. Some families may not eat dinner together because of busy schedules or shift work. Weekend family time may be more common than during the week.

Adapting to a New Home

It's normal to feel uncomfortable or confused at times while adjusting to a new home and family. Remember that your homestay family is there to help you. They want you to have a positive experience. Helpful things to remember:

- Be respectful and willing to learn.
- Ask questions if you don't understand something.
- Try new things, even if they are different from what you're used to.

Meals

- Breakfast is usually a small, simple meal like cereal, toast, or fruit. Each person usually makes their own breakfast.
- Lunch is also usually a small meal, like a sandwich or leftovers from the night before. Students usually pack their own lunch.
- Dinner is the main meal of the day and is usually shared with the family.

Communication

Canadians usually communicate in a polite but direct way. Your homestay parents will tell you clearly if they need you to do—or stop doing—something. It's okay to ask questions or share how you feel. Open and honest communication is important. If something is bothering you, speak up politely. Your homestay family wants you to feel comfortable and supported.

Living with a Canadian family is one of the most meaningful parts of your international program. It gives you a chance to experience real Canadian life, practice your English, and become part of a new community.

Household Etiquette

Using the bathroom in Canada might be a little different from what you're used to. Here are some important rules to follow:

Toilets

Only toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet. Do not flush paper towels, feminine hygiene products, wipes, or anything else—these go in the garbage can.

If you accidentally miss the toilet, clean it right away. Cleaning supplies are usually under the sink.

If the toilet is plugged or starts to overflow, tell your homestay family immediately. Don't be embarrassed—this happens sometimes!

Showers

Always use the shower curtain or door to keep water inside the bathtub or shower.

Showers should be 10 minutes or less, and usually only once per day. There are a few reasons for this: hot water is limited and everyone in the home must share it, water use is very expensive, and Canadians like to conserve water and energy.

Turn on the fan or ventilation switch before taking a shower or bath. This helps remove steam and prevent mold.



Clean Up After Yourself

- Always leave the bathroom clean for the next person.
- Wipe up any spills, water, or hair.
- Bathrooms are usually cleaned more deeply once a week, and people in the home may take turns doing this

Ask Before Dyeing Hair

- Do not dye your hair in the bathroom without asking.
- Hair dye can stain sinks, tubs, and floors, so always talk to your homestay family first.

Following these simple rules shows respect for your homestay family and helps everyone enjoy a clean, safe, and comfortable home.

Health Care in Canada

The health care system in Canada will be different than it is in your country. For most medical concerns, people go to a medical clinic to see the doctor. Medical clinics are the primary source for medical care. Some clinics need an appointment and at some clinics you can see a doctor without an appointment.

Some medications that are available without a prescription in your country may require a prescription here. Bring all your medications with you; do not have medications mailed to you while you are here.

In Manitoba, you must make an appointment with a general doctor to receive a referral to a specialist, you cannot make an appointment with a specialist directly.

In Manitoba, hospital visits are for life-threatening injuries and severe illnesses only. They may turn you away for anything less serious. In case of serious injury or illness, please notify the ISP immediately.



Your Health Insurance

While you are studying with SJASD, you are covered by private international student health insurance from Study Insured. You will receive your insurance card in your welcome package. Always carry your insurance card with you in case you need medical care.

What's Not Covered

Some services like dental care, eye exams, and eyeglasses are not included in your medical insurance.

What to Do if You Feel Unwell or Are Injured

Let your homestay parents and ISP staff know right away if you are feeling sick, have an injury, or need medical help.

There are two ways to see a doctor:

Online Doctor Visit

- Go to the Study Insured website (use the QR code below).
- Log in to see a doctor by video call from home.
- The doctor can:
 - Give medical advice
 - Order tests
 - Send prescriptions to a pharmacy
 - Refer you to a local clinic if needed

Visit a Clinic

Your homestay family or ISP staff can take you to a walk-in clinic to see a doctor in person.

Paying for a Doctor Visit

- Some clinics will bill the insurance directly (you don't pay anything). *Ask your homestay or ISP which clinics offer this.
- Other clinics may ask you to pay first. If this happens, email a copy of your receipt along with who paid and a brief description to InterED@SJASD.ca and ISP staff will help you submit a claim. Keep the original receipt until you get your money back.

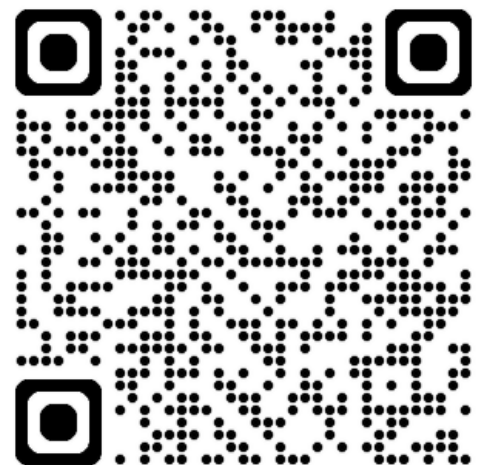
When to Go to the Hospital

Hospitals in Canada are only for serious or life-threatening emergencies.

For More Information

Visit www.studyinsured.com/sjasd

This website has details about your coverage and how to make a claim.



ISP Activities

The International Student Program plans activities in Winnipeg every month for our students. These activities give you the opportunity to experience local events, explore the city, and learn more about Winnipeg's culture.

We plan a variety of activities so there is something for everyone. Participation is important, as these activities help you make friends, practice English, and feel more connected to your school and community. We encourage all students to take part whenever possible and enjoy these experiences as part of your time in Canada.



Joining ISP activities is a great way to not only experience Candian culture but also meet other international students from other schools in St. James-Assiniboia.

Student Travel and Visitors

Student Travel

You may have opportunities to travel and experience Canadian and North American culture during your stay in Winnipeg. Trips should not interfere with school and be planned during school holidays.

If you plan to travel, you must inform the International Student Program (ISP) staff in advance. ISP staff will communicate with your agent and natural parents about expectations during the trip. A “Permission to Travel” form must be completed and signed by the student’s natural parents before travel is approved.

Students must travel with their natural parents or homestay families. Exceptions may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the International Student Program.

Any visa, passport, or travel requirements for destinations outside of Canada are the student’s responsibility. Unapproved travel may result in dismissal from the International Student Program.

Visitors

If you plan to have visitors come to Canada, you must discuss this in advance with the International Student Program (ISP) and your homestay family. Visits should be planned at times that do not interfere with your studies.

Homestay families are not permitted to host friends or family members of international students.

We encourage natural parents and family members to plan their visits for the end of the program, once classes and school responsibilities are complete. This helps students enjoy time with their families without affecting their studies.



Preparing to Go Home

As your exchange experience comes to an end, please prepare for your departure. Taking time to prepare will help you complete all final requirements and leave a positive impression with your school and host family.

School

- Do not leave before final exams are finished.
- Return all textbooks and library books and any school sports uniforms.
- Empty and clean your locker.
- Final reports will be sent to your agent.
- If you need an official validation, your final report will be validated by the correct authorities and couriered to your agent. This process may take up to 6 weeks.

Homestay

- Leave your room clean and organized.
- Please thank your host family for their time and support.
- Check your luggage carefully to be sure you do not pack anything that belongs to your host.

Packing and Travel

- Pack early and check your airline's luggage limits.
- If your luggage is overweight or you have extra bags, contact the airline before you travel to ask how to pay at the airport.
- Make sure you have the correct payment method (cash, credit card, or debit card).

Final Reminders

- Confirm your flight details with your homestay and ISP staff.
- Keep important documents (passport, visa, flight information) in your carry-on bag.
- Return or cancel any school, phone, or housing items you no longer need.

We wish you a safe journey home and hope you leave with great memories of your international student experience!



ISP Rules

All international students are members of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division and must follow the Student Code of Conduct. International students must also follow all Canadian and Manitoba laws. In addition, students must follow the specific rules listed below.

If any of these rules are broken, the International Student Program (ISP) will take disciplinary action which may include removal from the program and return to the student's home country at the parents' expense.

Specific Rules for International Students

- The use of alcohol, marijuana/cannabis, or any other drugs is strictly prohibited for all students.
- Students are not allowed to enter bars, nightclubs, or any business that is for ages 18+ only, even if the student is over 18 years old.
- Students are not permitted to carry weapons of any kind, including small pocket knives.
- Students are not allowed to operate motor vehicles of any kind, including cars, boats, snowmobiles, or similar vehicles. Students may not take Driver Education classes or obtain a driver's license while in the program.
- Employment is prohibited by the Canadian government. International students may not have paid jobs while studying in Canadian high schools.
- Sleepovers are only allowed at the homes of other SJASD international students and must be approved in advance.
- Unauthorized travel is not permitted.
- Bullying and harassment are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.



St. James-Assiniboia School Division Code of Conduct

IN ALIGNMENT WITH

MANITOBA EDUCATION
AND EARLY CHILDHOOD
LEARNING SJASD
FURTHER COMMITS TO:



1

Promoting proactive, whole-school approaches to safety that include preventative and responsive planning, developed in partnership with parent(s)/caregiver(s) and the broader school community.

2

Supporting the development of positive relationships and problem-solving skills throughout the school community.

3

Ensuring that behaviour interventions and responses uphold human dignity, are informed by research and best practice, and are administered in a fair, consistent, and culturally responsive manner.

4

Providing students with the supports necessary to understand, manage, and take responsibility for their behaviour, while enabling school personnel to exercise sound local decision-making.

5

Recognizing that student success, safety, and well-being are collective responsibilities requiring active engagement from all who support children and youth.

6

Affirming that strong, healthy relationships are foundational to safety, belonging, and overall student success.

7

Ensuring alignment with provincial legislation, regulations, standards, and directives in order to uphold the rights of children and youth to equitable access to education.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Students are at the center of all planning and decisions.
- Learning environments must be safe, caring, and inclusive.
- Student rights and access to education must be upheld in all circumstances.
- Human dignity must be respected in all interventions, responses, and consequences.
- Behaviour responses should be informed by evidence, best practices, and cultural responsiveness.
- School personnel must have the ability to exercise professional judgment within the provincial and divisional framework.
- Safe and caring schools require strong, trusting relationships across the community.



UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS



- Bullying/cyberbullying behaviour
- Harassment/discrimination, on the basis of any characteristic set out in subsection 9(2) of The Human Rights Code
- Threats to others
- Theft
- Trafficking in drugs or sex
- Physical violence/aggression
- Sexual assault/aggression
- Hazing
- Gang activity
- Possession of a weapon, as defined in section 2 of the Criminal Code (Canada)
- Possession of or being under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, or an illicit drug
- Harmful use of the Internet and electronic communication including Algenerated content (e.g., audio, images, video, or text), doxing, swatting, cyber flashing, sextortion
- Self or peer exploitation
- Threats and/or harm to self

BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTIONS, RESPONSE STRATEGIES AND CONSEQUENCES

The principal is responsible for ensuring that interventions, responses, and consequences for non observance of the school code of conduct are consistent with this policy. The principal has the authority to determine which intervention, response, or consequence is appropriate based on factors such as frequency and severity of behaviour, student age and development, mental wellness, and diverse needs. The following interventions, responses or consequences may apply, but not limited to:



- Discussion with a trusted adult
- Parental/Caregiver Involvement
- Formal Meeting
- Restoring Community/Restitution
- Positive Behaviour Agreement
- Student Services Referral

- Outside Agency/Community Involvement
- Risk/Threat Assessment
- Police Notification
- Student Suspension
- Student Expulsion
- Managed Move



Full policy can be found at:

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