

Victoria West Elementary School

Code of Conduct

Statement of Purpose

At Vic West Elementary we promote and foster the opportunity for all members of our school community to fulfill their potential and to contribute to our world in a positive manner. This is possible in a safe, caring and orderly school environment, free from discrimination and retaliation.

The Code of Conduct will help guide behaviour – encouraging and empowering children to make positive choices. The restitution model of social responsibility education is accepted by staff and parents as a defining characteristic of our school. As a staff, we create conditions for the child to learn new behaviours, to fix their mistakes, and to return to the group strengthened.

BC Human Rights Code

In line with the BC Human Rights Code, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of an individual's race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, or age, Vic West's Code of Conduct promotes a climate of understanding and mutual respect where all are equal in dignity and rights.

Conduct Expectations

Acceptable Behaviour

- Respecting self and others
- Helping to make the school a safe and caring place
- Engaging in purposeful learning activities

Unacceptable Behaviour

We do not accept behaviours that...

- Disrespect self, others or property
- Show irresponsibility
- Create unsafe conditions

We protect our beliefs by not accepting bottom line behaviors. These are acts of....

- Bullying of any kind
- Physical violence
- Damage to property or theft

Rising Expectations

As students grow up they have...

- Increasing responsibility
- The ability to choose more positive actions
- Increasing consequences for unacceptable conduct

Consequences

Logical consequences are the responses to unacceptable conduct. Consequences....

- Are based on the type, severity and frequency of unacceptable behaviour
- Will be appropriate for the situation
- Will be appropriate for the student's age

Responses to Unacceptable Conduct

- Immediate intervention
- Removal from the situation
- Discussion of lesson learned
- Playground incident report
- Critical incident report
- Referral to Principal

Notification

Serious unacceptable behaviour can result in advising....

- Parents of offending student
- Parents of victim
- District officials, as required by policy
- Police/ other agencies, as required by law

Retaliation Prevention

The Vic West Code of Conduct includes the standards in the Provincial Standard for Codes of Conduct. Our Board will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of a code of conduct.