

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The items in this Code are applicable to all students when properly under the authority of school personnel during a school activity, function, or event whether on property owned, rented, or maintained by the Toronto City Board of Education or property owned, rented, or maintained by another party. Additionally, the provisions of this Code shall apply to students on school transportation and misconduct that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a district official or employee, or the property of such official or employee, or that affects the operation of the schools.

Violation by a student of any one or more of the following rules of conduct may result in disciplinary action(s), which may include detention, deprivation of privileges, parental contact, referral to legal authorities, suspension of driving privileges, Saturday school, assignment to the alternative school, emergency removal, disciplinary removal, in-school suspension, suspension, expulsion and/or permanent exclusion. A student may be suspended pending the outcome of expulsion proceedings.

A. Academic Dishonesty

A student shall not engage in any act of cheating, plagiarism, or academic dishonesty, including but not limited to the removal and/or changing of any school records.

B. Arson/Attempted Arson

A student shall not attempt to act or act in the burning or attempted burning of any item on school property.

C. Assault

A student shall not engage in any act or threatened act of physical violence or force causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical harm to another. Acts of harassment and hazing are considered assault as well.

D. Complicity

A student shall not actively or passively aid, abet, and/or otherwise encourage others to violate the rules contained in the Code of Conduct.

E. Damage to Property

A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage, destruction, or defacement to either school property or private property, through improper use or otherwise, on school premises or during school activities conducted on or off school grounds.

F. Disrespect/Disobedience

A student shall not be disrespectful toward or disobedient to any authorized staff person at any time.

G. Disruption of School/Disorderly Conduct

A student shall not cause any disruption of any classroom activity, or the operation of the school or the educational process and shall not engage in any act that is potentially harmful to the health, welfare and safety of the student himself, other students or staff. This shall also include the incitement of others toward acts of disruption.

H. Distribution or Sale of Unauthorized Materials

A student shall not distribute or sell unauthorized materials on school property.

I. Dress or Appearance

A student shall not dress in an obscene or suggestive manner or in any fashion that, in the judgment of the administration, is inappropriate because it either interferes with the student's health, safety, or welfare or that of other students, or causes disruption of or directly interferes with the educational process.

J. Failure to Pay Tuition

A student shall promptly pay any necessary tuition for school attendance.

K. Failure to Serve School Discipline

Refusing to serve an in-school suspension, Saturday school, or any other form of discipline, misbehavior while serving school discipline, failure to report for an assigned detention, and walking out of the principal's or assistant principal's office while discussing or receiving discipline will not be tolerated. The student may be required to serve the original consequence in addition to further disciplinary action.

L. False Alarms/Bomb Threats

A student shall not give false alarm of fire, bomb, or other hazard, or misuse the school's fire alarm system in any manner.

M. False Reports/Forgery

Students shall not make false accusations or give false information on any school forms or correspondence or other communications directed to the school or school personnel. This includes forging names to passes, excuses, or notes.

N. Fighting

A student shall not engage in any fight or other act of violence or force that causes harm or threatens to cause harm to another person.

O. Gambling

A student shall not engage in any gambling activities, such as playing or gambling for money or other stakes.

P. Hazing

A student shall not participate in hazing or other degrading or disgraceful acts.

Q. Illegal Possession of Building Keys and Unauthorized Entry

A student shall not possess, use, transmit or conceal any building keys without proper authorization or enter any building outside of school hours without permission.

R. Insubordination/Defiance

A student shall not refuse to comply with reasonable requests, orders and directions of teachers, substitute teachers, teacher aides, administrators or other authorized personnel during any period of time when the student is properly under the authority of school personnel. Insubordination includes but is not limited to:

- disobedience or disrespect toward any staff member
- not serving assigned detentions
- not following school rules or proper procedures
- not following assigned schedule/being in an unauthorized area
- chronically tardy to school or class
- repeated misbehavior after warning

S. Intimidation/Harassment/Menacing

A student shall not intimidate, insult, or in any manner abuse or harass, verbally or in writing, any student or staff member. This includes harassment based upon race, religion, national origin, sex or disability.

T. Loitering

A student shall not loiter or delay in any way that may cause disruption of some activity or function.

U. Misuse of a Computer

Students shall not use a computer to obtain access to lewd, obscene, scandalous, or other unauthorized information or otherwise misuse a computer or a computer program.

V. Misuse of Vehicles on School Property

A student shall not violate the prescribed rules and regulations for use of vehicles on school property.

W. Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs, and Paraphernalia

A student shall not use, sell or distribute, possess, buy, be under the influence of, or smell of, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, any substance containing betel nut, ~~or~~ narcotics including, but not limited to marijuana, hemp and hemp products, as defined in R.C. 928.01, on school property or at any school sponsored event at any time. A student shall not use, possess, offer to sell or distribute, or buy counterfeit or look-alike drugs. Possession of any type of drug paraphernalia is similarly prohibited.

X. Participation in Extra-curricular Activities

A student participating in extra-curricular activities shall not violate the rules and regulations contained in the Student Code of Conduct or in the Athletic Code of Conduct.

Y. Prescription or Non-prescription Drugs

A student shall not sell or distribute, buy, or possess prescription or non-prescription drugs. A student must follow the procedure for use of such medications at school.

Z. Profane, Obscene or Vulgar Language/Gestures

A student shall not use profane, obscene or vulgar language or gestures at school, on school buses or while engaged in or present at any school sponsored event or activity.

AA. Public Display of Affection

Students shall not engage in public displays of affection on school property.

BB. Prohibited Articles

Any object that, in the judgment of the administration, disrupts or interferes with the educational process or endangers the health, welfare or safety of students or staff is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, gambling and gambling related items, radios of any kind, tape players, personal pagers and TV sets, telephones, cell phones, and other electronic communication devices, and laser pointers.

CC. Punctuality and Tardiness

All students are expected to be on time for school and for each class, unless illness or a delayed school bus prevents timely attendance at school.

DD. Repeat Offenses

A student shall not repeatedly fail to comply with school rules and regulations or directions of teachers, student teachers, teacher aides, principals, or other authorized school personnel. Repeated violations may result in increased severity of the consequence per occurrence.

EE. School Buses

A student shall not violate the prescribed rules and regulations for student conduct on school buses.

FF. Sexual Harassment

A student shall not sexually harass another student. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- sexual flirtation, touching, advances, or propositions
- verbal or physical abuse of a sexual nature
- graphic or suggestive comments about an individual's dress or body
- the use of sexually degrading words to describe an individual
- displaying sexually aggressive objects or photographs
- sexually explicit or obscene jokes

GG. Shakedown/Strong Arm/Extortion

A student shall not force another person to give him/her money or articles of value.

HH. Theft

A student shall not take or attempt to take the property of others without their consent.

II. Tobacco/Nicotine

A student shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal, smoke, smell of, or otherwise make use of any tobacco product, any alternative nicotine product, including electronic, vapor, or other substitute forms of cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, or pipes or any tobacco or nicotine cessation products in the school building, on school buses, at school sponsored activities, or on school property at any time.

JJ. Truancy

A student shall not be absent from school without parental and school approval.

KK. Vandalism

A student shall not attempt to act or act in a way that results in the destruction or defacement of school or private property.

LL. Violation of Federal or State Statutes

Students shall not violate federal or state statutes, rules or regulations on school premises or at school activities, including but not limited to required immunizations.

MM. Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

A student shall not bring to school, possess, handle, transmit, threaten to use, or conceal any object capable of injuring himself or others. This includes but is not limited to, fireworks, explosives, pyrotechnic devices of any kind, and other dangerous weapons or ordnances, including firearms, knives and objects made, constructed, or altered so that to a reasonable person the object appears to be a firearm.

NN. Sex Offenders and Child Victim Offenders

A student who is a sex offender or child victim offender, as those terms are defined in O.R.C. §2950.01, shall be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activity for a period of one (1) year from the date of his/her release from a correctional institution. Prior to a student being denied the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities pursuant to this paragraph, the student shall be entitled to the following procedure:

1. Written notice of the intended prohibition from participation, the length of same, and the reasons for the intended prohibition from participation.
2. An opportunity to appear at an informal hearing before the Superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or dean of students to challenge the reason for the prohibition from participation, or to otherwise explain the student's actions.

If a prohibition from participation is imposed, the student will receive written notice of the prohibition, including the reasons for same, and the beginning and end dates of the prohibition from participation. The decision of the Superintendent, principal, or assistant principal shall be final.

- OO. Gang membership and/or gang activity. For purposes of this policy, a gang is an organization, association, or group of three (3) or more people, using a common name or one or more common identifying signs, symbols, or colors, whose members individually or collectively engage in criminal activity.
- PP. Violation of any Executive Orders or laws, or policies, rules, regulations or directives concerning social distancing, hand washing, wearing of masks, or other health and safety protocols generated by the District in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.751

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