

Otonabee Valley PS CODE OF CONDUCT

IT IS EXPECTED THAT STUDENTS SHALL:

- attend school regularly, be on time and be prepared for all classes and school activities
- work to the best of their ability
- behave in a courteous and tolerant manner towards others regardless differences, e.g. race, sex, language or opinion of individual
- live and act within the boundaries of behaviour necessary to minimize danger to themselves and others
- act within the limits of the law and not bring to school: drugs, alcohol, cigarettes (matches or lighters or weapons of any sort, including toy weapons
- treat all school property and the property of others with respect and care
- learn to use self-control when dealing with conflict or confrontation and develop alternatives to physical and verbal abuse
- act in a manner that is free from abusive or profane language or offensive gestures
- learn to express emotions in a socially acceptable manner
- use good manners at all times in the school (e.g., removing hats)

IT IS EXPECTED THAT STAFF SHALL:

- foster in their students a positive self-image
- treat students with respect and sensitivity
- discipline fairly and consistently
- maintain an environment where all students are able to learn
- communicate on a regular basis with home

IT IS EXPECTED THAT PARENTS SHALL:

- assist their children in developing responsible behaviour
- nurture a positive self-image in their children
- be an equal partner in the education of their children
- support reasonable disciplinary measures taken by the staff
- attend to their children's physical and emotional well-being
- ensure and facilitate regular attendance
- communicate relevant information concerning their children's individual needs
- provide a quiet place, free from distractions, for your child to complete homework

CONSEQUENCES

Our goal is to work closely with students, parents, guardians and the community to provide a safe, caring and restorative environment. Acts of positive character and responsible citizenship are promoted in our school. We look to have students develop self-discipline and others. Our goal for the school is to develop and maintain a positive learning environment. We use firm but fair discipline. Through an approach called "restorative practice", the school will focus on

repairing the harm caused by hurtful behaviour. Those who have acted inappropriately take responsibility for the hurt they have caused and take steps to “Make it right” – while victims have a say in what those steps should include.

We are responsible for the choices we make and the actions we exhibit. Consequences for misbehaviour will be appropriate to the needs and mitigating circumstances of each individual student. Progressive discipline may be used if an individual continues a pattern of inappropriate behaviour.

Consequences may include: discussion/warning, parental contact, loss of privileges, time-out, detention, student behaviour contract, restitution for damages, school community serves, referral for board support service, suspension, expulsion.

Acceptable Technology Use

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board maintains Information Technology resources to enhance delivery of curriculum, instructional activities and administration of schools.

Students need to understand that the use of these resources is a privilege. They are required to use these resources solely for educational purposes. Students are expected to treat these resources with respect. The following activities are considered unacceptable involving the use of KPRDSB resources and are prohibited:

Etiquette: transmitting or accepting information which contains swearing, harassing or indecent materials

Harm: any act that harms another person or their reputation

Illegal Activities: making illegal copies of software or committing any crime using technology

Fraud: attempts to deceive others or represent themselves as someone else

Vandalism: the deliberate attempt to harm or disrupt any part of the computer facilities including hardware, software, data or any other component.

Use of the computers, netbooks, tablets for purposes other than education

Personal Safety: personal information that identifies the user should not be transmitted over the internet.

Personal Electronic Devices (PED'S)

The board has developed an acceptable use policy for personal electronic devices to ensure the safe, secure, ethical and appropriate use of these resources. The Personal Electronic Devices Policy Code: ES 1.6 can be found on the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board website.

Students have been asked to:

- Obtain parental permission before a cell phone, camera or PED is brought to school
- Never take a photograph or video of other students, parents or staff unless permission is given beforehand
- Keep the cell phone or other PED turned off and keep it out of site while at school unless the teacher gives permission for its use.

- With teacher or office assistance, USE THE OFFICE PHONE FOR ALL CALLS WHILE AT SCHOOL

Dress Code

Staff and students are expected to dress in a neat, clean, modest and inoffensive manner which is deemed acceptable within the school's learning environment. This dress code applies to all staff and students. We ask guests at the school to respect the dress code as well.

- Shorts may be worn but they need to be of appropriate length and fit (fingertip rule)
- Tank tops may be worn if the shoulder straps are wide enough to cover undergarments (3 finger rule)
- Clothing that exposes the midriff is inappropriate
- Clothing with offensive slogans and/or pictures and that promote alcohol use and smoking are not permitted at school

Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change or to go home to change. Hats may be worn outside only. Indoor footwear is required for hygiene, safety and emergencies and must be worn at all times.

Skateboards, Scooters and Roller Blades

For safety reasons, skateboards, scooters, roller blades, heelies and other wheeled devices are not allowed on school property. Students may bring bicycles to school at their own risk. If parents allow students the privilege of riding their bike to school, it is expected that students will wear a helmet and dismount their bike immediately upon arriving on school property. Students will bring their own lock to secure their bike to the bike rack. The school will not assume responsibility for stolen or damages bicycles.