

# **École Ross Road Elementary School**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

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## **NORTH VANCOUVER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The North Vancouver Board of Education believes that all schools should be secure places for safe, purposeful learning, and that appropriate student conduct, based on respect for themselves, others, and their surroundings, is essential to the development of responsible citizens. Appropriate behaviour is a shared responsibility among the students, their parents and the school system. In addition and in accordance with North Vancouver Board of Education Policy 302, students at École Ross Road Elementary School are expected to meet the standards set out in the BC Human Rights Code that include the prohibited grounds of discrimination, specifically behaviours that discriminate against a person or class of person by publishing or displaying a statement, publication, notice, sign, symbol emblem or other representation that indicates discrimination because of the race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or age of that person or that group or class of persons. Anti-bullying measures will ensure all students, regardless of their sex, race, religion, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, enjoy a safe, inclusive and welcoming learning environment. North Vancouver Board of Education Policy 302: Student Conduct, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.sd44.ca/Board/PoliciesProcedures/Series300/Policy302/Pages/default.aspx>

## **ÉCOLE ROSS ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Ross Road is a welcoming, caring and inclusive community, which fosters a culture of engaged learners and critical thinkers, who are responsible and respectful toward themselves, others and the environment. The Ross Road Code of Conduct reflects the importance we place on being a safe and caring school with a positive, inclusive school climate. It implies a similar commitment from our parent community. The Ross Road Code of Conduct clarifies our expectations for appropriate student behaviour, and consequences for inappropriate behaviour, which apply at school and any school function or activity, at any location. Consequences are intended to be appropriate, preventative, restorative, constructive and fair.

The Code of Conduct is a part of daily life at Ross Road. It is based on three fundamental responsibilities:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

Examples of appropriate behaviour for our students:

- Attending school punctually and consistently
- Following staff instructions
- Showing respect for oneself, others, the school and the environment
- Helping to make the school a safe, caring and productive place
- Engaging in purposeful learning activities
- Completing assignments and tasks in a reasonable time
- Telling a trusted adult as soon as possible of incidents of bullying, harassment or intimidation
- Acting in a way that reflects positively on our school community

Examples of inappropriate behaviour for our students:

- Interfering with the learning or well-being of others, including their emotional well-being
- Interfering with a safe and caring school environment
- Discriminating against a person or class of persons by publishing or displaying a statement, publication, notice, sign, symbol, emblem or other representation that indicates discrimination (BC Human Rights Code)

All staff members at École Ross Road Elementary School are responsible for the fair and consistent implementation of the Ross Road Code of Conduct. It is the intent of this code to encourage and reinforce positive behaviour. When a student does not follow the Ross Road Code of Conduct, the teacher, aide, or administrator involved, may file a Conduct Concern Form, to track repeated misbehaviours. Consequences for misbehaviour may include a conversation, an apology, loss of playtime at recess or lunch, communication with parents, referral to the Principal or Vice Principal, or an in-school or home suspension. Each situation is handled on an individual basis, using our best judgement in the circumstances. Depending on the situation, Ross Road may notify and consult with a student's parents, the RCMP and/or School District officials. Consequences may not be apparent to others, as we try to handle situations respectfully and confidentially.

## **SCHOOL RULES**

### **Morning Entry**

Students are requested not to arrive at school before the 8:41 am bell, unless they are supervised by their parents or guardians, or are participating in activities supervised by staff, such as band, sports teams, or classroom work.

### **Recess and Lunch**

Students are reminded that eating lunch at school is a privilege, however, they may not leave the school grounds to go home for lunch, unless they have written parent/guardian permission, and sign out at the office. Students returning to school at lunch, or at any time during the day, must sign in at the office. We strongly discourage students from going out to the commercial areas in our community for lunch without adult supervision, as we cannot ensure their safety.

### **School Phone**

Students may use the school phone, with permission, to call home regarding school issues. The phone is not for students to make playdates. Afterschool activities should be planned and organized before coming to school.

### **Cell Phones, Electronics and Personal Property**

- Students may not use cell phones, or electronic devices during the school day without the permission of a supervising staff member. Taking photos without teacher supervision is not permitted.
- Students are encouraged to leave electronic devices and valuable items at home, as we cannot ensure that they will not be damaged, lost or stolen.
- The personal safety of all students on the school grounds is a clear priority. Students may not bring any personal possessions to the school that might jeopardize their personal safety or the safety of others. Inappropriate clothing, music with inappropriate lyrics, hardballs, weapons, toy weapons, and items used as a weapon, are not permitted at school.
- Electronic devices and games are discouraged at school, as they can be a distraction, and are difficult to supervise. Staff cannot be responsible if they are damaged or go missing.

### **Bicycles, Skateboards, Rollerblades and Scooters**

Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, and scooters may be ridden to and from school for transportation only. Students are required to dismount and walk once they are on school property.

### **Smoking/vaping**

There is to be no smoking or vaping of any kind at any time on school property.

### **Dress Code**

Students at Ross Road are expected to dress appropriately for school, in a manner that shows respect for themselves and others.