Code of Conduct for Students

Student Code of conduct is defined under Section 31 of the Alberta Education Act. These are legal obligations of all students in Alberta schools:

- attend school regularly and punctually
- be ready to learn and actively engage in and diligently pursue the student's education
- ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging
- respect the rights of others in the school
- refrain from bullying, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behavior directed towards others in the school building, during the school day or by electronic means
- comply with the rules of the school and policies of the board
- cooperate with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services
- be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct, and
- positively contribute to the student's school and community, and ensure behavior is safe, caring and respectful.

We expect all of our students to act in a manner that promotes learning, respects themselves and others, and maintains a welcoming school that is safe and caring for everyone. Any behaviours that do not follow this guideline and impact the safe and caring culture of Gibbons school will be addressed. In order to deal with violations consistently, inappropriate behaviour is categorized according to three levels of severity with possible action steps.

LEVEL ONE

Infractions may include, but not limited to:

- Classroom and hallway disturbances
- Tardiness
- Not prepared for class
- Neglect of homework
- Being off task
- Disrespect
- Intimidation
- Playground Infractions
- Unsafe behavior
- Rough Housing(rough play with no intent to hurt)
- Dress code violation
- Misuse of language
- Texting/messaging in class

Possible actions that may be taken;

- A staff member will help the student(s) be made aware of the proper behaviour.
- A teacher gives logical consequences for negative actions, e.g. a student who is late is asked to make time up at recess.
- Parent contact
- The student and teacher create a plan to correct the undesirable behaviour.
- Time apart from peers to calm down or reflect
- Missed recess.

LEVEL TWO

Infractions may include, but not limited to:

- Bullying
- Minor Theft
- Damage to property
- Defiance of authority
- Verbal abuse (profanity)
- Retribution against any person who has intervened to prevent or report on bullying
- Posting pictures to social media from school
- Misuse of electronic devices
- Academic dishonesty
- Skipping class
- Repetitive and persistent Level One misbehaviour

Possible actions that may be taken;

- Any action from Level One
- Student is referred to Administration
- Loss of privileges; eg.. school teams, dances, intramurals.
- Recess detentions
- Referral to counseling
- Community service to repair damage
- 1-3 day in-school or out-of-school suspension.

LEVEL THREE

Infractions may include, but not limited to:

- Fighting/Assault
- Harassment
- Major Theft
- Vandalism of property
- Possession or use of e-cigarettes, vaping equipment, cigarettes and tobacco products, alcohol or drugs
- Recording audio or video of anyone without explicit permission.
- Weapons or any related item that could be used as a weapon or resembles a weapon.
- Sharing or sending sexually explicit texts, content, images or videos.
- Repetitive and persistent Level Two Misbehavior.

Possible actions that may be taken;

- Any action from Level One or Level Two
- 1 5 day in-school or out-of-school suspension.
- R.C.M.P Involvement
- Possible recommendation to the School Board Discipline Committee for expulsion.

In considering each case, consequences may become more or less serious as is deemed appropriate by administration.

Student Lockers

Lockers belong to the Sturgeon Public Schools and may be searched at any time by the school administration. Students must provide their own lock or purchase a lock from the school office. Students will be required to provide their lock combination to their homeroom teacher.