

Behaviour

Behaviour is purposeful and responses to behaviours will take into consideration both the circumstances of the situation and the needs of the students.

- Expected behaviours must be actively taught both at home and in school
- The strategies used to develop understanding and respect for the rights of others will vary from student to student
- Discipline is the teaching of appropriate behaviours and promoting the learning of self-management, thereby ensuring student safety

In addressing any misbehaviour, responses shall be:

- Chosen initially to ensure a safe and caring learning environment
- Appropriate for the student's stage of development and considerate of the student's individual needs
- Reasonable, realistic and timely
- Reflective of the severity of the misbehaviour, its frequency, duration and intent
- Instructive such that they enable students to generate appropriate responses and solutions in the future



Responses

The following are examples of responses that may be considered in addressing inappropriate behaviour:

- Interviews and conferences that may involve students, staff, parents, division personnel and/or police and other community support agencies
- Development and implementation of a behavioural plan or contract that may include counselling, mentoring or mediation
- Removal from the situation for a period of time
- Restitution
- Student detention
- Withdrawal of privileges
- Withdrawal from course(s)
- Making amends either monetarily or through school-based community service
- Suspension: in-school or out-of-school
- Required change of location for studies
- Expulsion (involvement of school administration, Superintendent and Board are required).

All responses as listed in this Code of Conduct brochure shall be in accordance with the policies of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division. To access the policy manual, go to the Divisional website: www.sjsd.net



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Code of Conduct

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The St. James-Assiniboia School Division believes that every child can learn if provided with support and encouragement and that parent/guardian engagement in a child's education contributes to the success of our students. **Respect, integrity, responsibility, consultation, and excellence** are the core values of the Division, its policies and practices. As such, parents/guardians, students and staff work together in the school setting to ensure success for all learners. In order to achieve our goals, it is expected that everyone involved in the school community will abide by the St. James-Assiniboia School Division Student Code of Conduct Policy, the Public Schools Act, and the Codes of Conduct from individual schools.



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Philosophy

Our goal is to provide a safe and caring learning environment which fosters personal growth in students and prepares them to be responsible citizens. Students are expected to exhibit self-discipline and to be responsible for their behaviour. Responses to behaviours will consider both the circumstances and the needs of the students.

St. James-Assiniboia School Division Student Code of Conduct

Parents/Guardians will be responsible for:

- Honouring their obligations as outlined in the Public Schools Act and the Child and Family Services Act
- Communicating regularly with school personnel regarding the education of their child
- Following established protocols for expressing concerns
- Treating staff and students with dignity and respect at all times
- Ensuring regular and punctual attendance of their child
- Encouraging and supporting completion of all school assignments

Students will be responsible for:

- Attending school regularly and arriving on time
- Being prepared for all classes by bringing required materials and completing homework assignments
- Completing missed work
- Displaying academic integrity (e.g. not plagiarizing)
- Engaging in educational opportunities through active classroom participation
- Being good citizens
- Expressing themselves using socially acceptable language and behaviour for the school setting
- Respecting the diversity of all people in the school community
- Demonstrating self-discipline, and showing courtesy for all people in the school community
- Showing respect for property, rights and safety of themselves and others
- Resolving conflicts and difficulties through consultation and problem solving
- Complying with the Codes of Conduct of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division and its individual schools

Staff will be responsible for:

- Adhering to the policies of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division and to the tenets of the Manitoba Teachers' Society Code of Professional Practice regarding responsible professional behaviour
- Treating parents/guardians, students and staff with dignity and respect at all times
- Establishing and maintaining a safe and caring learning environment conducive to student progress
- Providing an environment that enhances self-esteem
- Communicating information about student progress, attendance and behaviour to students, parents/guardians and administration, as appropriate
- Promoting a positive school culture



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