AD Rundle Middle School

Code of Conduct

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It is the expectation that all A.D. Rundle Middle School students and staff will exhibit behavior that is consistent with the principles of common decency and courtesy to others. Proper conduct is expected while on the school premises, on the way to and from school, at all school games, functions and field trips, and behavior beyond these times (including on-line behavior) that negatively impacts the safe, caring, or orderly environment of the school, and/or student learning. A.D. Rundle Middle School promotes the values expressed in the **BC Charter of Human Rights and Freedom**, the **BC Human Rights Code, and provincial standards** respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law-prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, and ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender or sexual orientation (homophobic behaviour) - in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school environment.

Behaviour expectations are clarified in the form of our **Student Code of Conduct**. Although we will take every opportunity to teach the positive behaviors outlined in the **Code of Conduct**, we expect each student to become familiar with all aspects of it. Parents will be notified of serious breaches of the **Code of Conduct**. When breaches occur, the following factors will be considered in determining appropriate disciplinary action: severity of unacceptable conduct, frequency of such conduct, age of the student, maturity level, and cognitive ability of the student.

Dress Guidelines

Clothing should demonstrate a respect for the school community and the B.C. Human Rights Code. For example, articles of clothing that promote direct or indirect messages or graphics referring to alcohol, drugs, gang culture, sex, weapons, violence, or profanity will not be permitted. Clothing may not encourage sexism, racism, homophobia, or discrimination regarding gender identity, sexual preference, race, religion, or origin.

Clothing and footwear should also be safe and appropriate for students to participate in all school activities, including Physical and Health Education, Science, Cooking and Shops. Additionally, private parts must be covered by fabric that is not transparent.

If a student's clothing does not meet the criteria above, it will be brought to their attention discreetly, and they will be given an opportunity to meet the guidelines.

This September, staff and parents were consulted in the writing of these guidelines. This is a process we will repeat annually.

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

Students using, under the influence of, or in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol for personal use or for sale in the school, on the school grounds, on the way to and from school, or at school sponsored functions are in violation of Chilliwack School Board policy and the Public Schools Act. **Students in possession of any of these items at school will be suspended from school and may be referred to**

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School-Based Prevention and Health Promotion sessions. A family and admin team debrief meeting is required after every suspension based on D&A incidents.

<u>Weapons</u>

Weapons are defined as any instrument that can be used to injure, harm, or intimidate another person. Weapons of any kind are prohibited on school premises, and students who are found with knives, pellet guns, replicas of guns or other dangerous/threatening objects on their person, in bags, purses, or in their lockers will be subject to disciplinary action. **Students in possession of any of these items at school will be suspended immediately and will be readmitted through the Violent Threat Risk Assessment process (VTRA).**

<u>Violence</u>

Violence may take the form of:

- **Physical Aggression** which includes such things as punching, pushing, shoving, tripping, kicking, hitting, spitting, destroying property, use of or threat with a weapon, etc.
- Verbal Aggression which includes such things as teasing, name calling, mocking, homophobic/transphobic behaviour, insults, putdowns, sarcastic remarks, threats, either in person or cyber bullying via social media.
- Intimidation which includes such things as targeted aggression, cruelty, graffiti, a dangerous dare, taking possessions, intimidating gestures, homophobic/transphobic behavior, cyber bullying, etc.
- **Discrimination** which includes harmful behaviour based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender or sexual orientation (homophobic/transphobic behaviour) as set out in the BC Human Rights Code.

When it is brought to our attention that any of the above behavior occurs, we strive to deal with them immediately and with consequences that are <u>fair, logical, progressive, and involve a learning experience</u>. Severe acts of physical violence (punching or kicking) will result in a suspension from school and a restorative meeting between the two parties upon return. Abusive and/or threatening language towards staff will result in a suspension from school and a restorative meeting between the student (and possibly their family) and the staff member involved.

Smoking/Vaping

Middle school students are under the legal age requirement to purchase cigarettes or vapes; therefore, smoking is not permitted in the school, on the grounds, or anywhere in our neighborhood community at any time before, during, or after school. Furthermore, students in possession of vaping paraphernalia for personal use or for sale will face the same consequences as smoking on school property. **Students in possession of any of these items at school will be suspended from school and may be referred to School-Based Prevention and Health Promotion sessions. A family and admin**

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team debrief meeting is required after every suspension based on smoking/vaping incidents. Also, smoking is not permitted on any School District 33 property by anyone of any age.

Energy Drinks and Caffeinated Drinks

In keeping with the Ministry of Education Guidelines for healthy dietary choices in schools, **energy drinks, and drinks containing caffein are prohibited for students at A.D. Rundle during school hours**. If a student is in possession of the above-mentioned beverages, it will be confiscated and held at the office until the end of the day.

Closed Campus

A.D. Rundle is a 'closed campus' for all students. This means that once a student is on the school property in the morning they cannot leave until the end of the day unless they are signed out by an adult. Families of students who leave the school grounds without permission will be contacted to ensure safety, and a consequence that is fair, logical, and progressive will be applied.

Back Packs

When students arrive at school, they are to be placed in their locker or CORE classroom in a designated space (depending on teacher preference). **They are not to be carried around the school during the day.** Students are asked to only bring necessary items to schools to reduce clutter.

False Fire Alarm/Fire Equipment

A student found guilty of pulling a fire alarm, or using fire equipment without just cause will be referred to the administration. The student(s) involved **will be suspended and may have further privileges revoked upon return to school.** Under the Criminal Code of Canada, this is a very serious offence that could result in a fine of \$500.00.

Bicycles

In accordance with provincial law, students who ride bicycles to school are required to wear a **bicycle** helmet. Wheeled transportation devices must be walked on carried while on school property. Students must securely lock their bicycles in the container. Please note that the school is not responsible for damage to bicycles or for theft of bicycles.

Skateboards/Longboards/In-Line Skates/Scooters

Skateboards, longboards, in-line skates and scooters may be used for transportation to and from school, as long as a helmet is worn. Wheeled transportation devices must be walked on carried while on school property. In-line skates must be removed on the benches at the front of the school.

Railroad Tracks and Rail Yard

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The Canadian National Railway reminds us that walking along the railway tracks, crossing the tracks and entering the rail yard are violations of private property. **Students found trespassing will be prosecuted by CNR.**

The policy at A.D. Rundle Middle School is to assist students in maintaining regular attendance in order to provide the maximum opportunity for learning.

Attendance Procedures

- 1. Make-up work will be required for all absences. It is the **student's responsibility** to check with the teacher and to complete the required make-up work (normally outside of class time) in order for the work to be marked.
- 2. It is the **parent/guardian's responsibility** to verify an absence by phoning or sending a note to the office. It is recommended that parents contact the school in advance if a student is going to be away.
- 3. If a student has to leave school prior to the end of the day, he or she must be singed out by a guardian in person or on the phone.

Students who are absent from their scheduled classes on the day of an after school extracurricular activity (i.e. athletics, field trips, etc.) will not be able to participate in that activity.

All absences, in accordance with District and School Policy require an excuse from a parent or guardian. Absences will be classified as <u>Excused</u> or <u>Unexcused</u>.

Unexcused Absence/Truancy Process

Truancy will be cause for disciplinary action to be determined by administration or the classroom teacher.

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Common Areas In-doors includes the following areas:

- Library
- Gym
- Hallway
- Bathrooms and Changerooms
- Office

Common Areas Out-doors includes the following areas:

- All outdoor School Grounds
 - \circ Fields
 - Playground
 - Front of school
 - Cross walk

Item	In-Door Common Areas	Out-door Common Areas	Classroom (With teacher approval)	Before or After School
Cell Phones/ Tablets	No	No	Yes	Yes
iPods/Music/Media- MP3-Players	No	No	Yes	Yes
Ball caps/Toques	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hoods	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chewing Gum	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Healthy Food/Drink	Yes Computer lab & Gym - No	Yes Computer lab & Gym - No	Yes	Yes
Rollerblades, Skateboards, Bicycles, Scooters Lock bikes in storage bin and scooters and skateboards in courtyard.	No	No	No	To be carried or walked while on school property

Student Name:_____

Parent Signature: _____

Please Print

PLEASE SIGN THIS SHEET AND HAVE YOUR CHILD SHOW THIS PAGE TO HIS/HER CORE TEACHER! THANK

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