

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Student Responsibilities according to Section 31 of the Education Act

A student, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to

- (a) attend school regularly and punctually,
- (b) be ready to learn and actively engage in and diligently pursue the student's education,
- (c) 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,
- (d) respect the rights of others in the school,
- (e) refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behavior directed toward others in the school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means,
- (f) comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the board,
- (g) co-operate with everyone authorized by the board to provide educational and other services,
- (h) be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct, and
- (i) positively contribute to the student's school and community

Parent Responsibilities according to Section 32 of the Education Act include in part include the responsibility to

- (b) take an active role in the child's educational success, including assisting the child in complying with section 31
- (c) ensure that the child attends school regularly
- (d) ensure that the parent's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment.
- (f) encourage, foster and advance collaborative, positive and respectful relationships with teachers, principals, other school staff and professionals providing supports and services in the school,

### **ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

It is the belief of SCHS that a drug culture is counterproductive to the major purposes of an educational institution. Therefore, any students found in possession of, involved with, or using illegal substances will be disciplined. The use or possession of illegal substances while under the school's jurisdiction may result in one or more of the following: transfer of the student to the custody of parents, suspension from school, recommendation for expulsion from school, or involvement of law enforcement agencies. This policy is in effect for all school sponsored activities on and off school property. Sturgeon Composite High School follows division policy 900 in this regard.

## **SPS POLICY 900**

### **3.5 Illicit, Prohibited and Restricted Substances**

**3.5.2** The Board believes that the Division, in co-operation with families, community and law enforcement agencies, has a responsibility to:

3.5.2.3 Ensure that students who are under the influence of illicit, prohibited or restricted substances or possess drug paraphernalia while under school supervision receive appropriate consequences, which may include recommendation for expulsion.

3.5.2.4 Ensure that students who possess illicit, prohibited or restricted substances and/or distribute illicit, prohibited or restricted substances while under school supervision are recommended for expulsion.

**3.5.3** Principals shall take disciplinary action with a student found at school or at a school sanctioned activity, who has consumed, is under the influence of, is in possession of, or is distributing illicit, prohibited or restricted substances.

### **ALCOHOL**

It is the belief of SCHS that the use of alcohol is counterproductive to the major purposes of an educational institution. Therefore, any students found in possession of, involved with, or using alcohol will be disciplined. This policy is in effect for all school sponsored activities on and off school property. School jurisdiction includes:

### **E-CIGARETTES/VAPORIZERS/TOBACCO**

The use and possession of any type of cigarette/vaporizer is prohibited. There will be consequences in place for the use of these by students, and this will include suspensions. The vaporizers/tobacco products will be confiscated, and we will require a parent/guardian to pick them up. This policy is in effect for all school sponsored activities on and off school property.

### **VANDALISM**

We are proud of our school and want to ensure that vandalism does not occur. The willful and malicious destruction of property will not be tolerated. Students caught damaging school property will be required to pay for damages; may be reported to the police; suspended from school; or, in some instances, may be recommended for expulsion from school. Our students are our ambassadors and act as proud citizens of our school. We rely upon students to take ownership of the school climate and environment. Any student who wishes to report any type of concern or share pertinent information is encouraged to speak to one of the administrators or counsellors who will treat the information as confidential and are in a position to respond accordingly.

### **WEAPONS**

Any student found in possession of a weapon, or replica of a weapon, whether on their person, in their vehicle, or in their locker or desk, may be suspended and/or recommended for expulsion.

**NOTE:** A weapon is anything used, designed to be used, or intended for use in causing injury or death to any person, or for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person.

### **PHYSICAL ALTERCATION**

We believe in a safe and caring learning environment and believe that physical altercations such as fighting, is counterproductive to the major purposes of an educational institution. Students who engage in physical altercations may result in a range of consequences which may include transfer of the student to the custody of parents, suspension from school, recommendation for expulsion from school, or involvement of law enforcement agencies. This policy is in effect during school hours and for all school sponsored activities on and off school property.

### **SAFETY/FROSHING/HARASSMENT**

For students to perform at their optimum level, they have to feel safe. Acts of physical violence, intimidation and harassment remove the ability of students to feel safe. Both the **School's policy** and the **School Division's policy on "Harassment"** recognize the severity of these types of infractions. If a student froshes or harasses another student which, (1) insults the student, (2) decreases a positive school climate and/or (3) results in damage to school, public or private property, then that person may be charged by the RCMP with "willful damage" or "mischief" and/or be suspended. **Repeat or flagrant offenses may result in expulsion.**

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

**Student dress must:**

- Conform with established health and safety requirements for the intended activity (e.g. health and physical education classes, science and chemistry classes, sporting events, CTS courses, etc.);
- Respect the Board's intent to sustain a community that is positive, equitable, accepting and inclusive of a diverse range of social and cultural identities;
- Not promote offensive, lewd, vulgar or obscene images or language, including profanity, hate and pornography;
- Not promote, nor, could not be construed as or include content that is discriminatory or that reasonable could be construed as defamatory, threatening, harassing or promoting bias, prejudice or hate;
- Not symbolize, suggest, display or reference: tobacco, cannabis, alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia, promotion or incitement of violence or any illegal conduct or criminal activities;
- Not interfere with the safe operation of the school;