

# DISTRICT AND STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

At Garden City, “*We Respect Ourselves, Respect Others, and Respect Others Property*”. We stress positive behaviour rather than having a long list of things students are forbidden to do. Also, the goal of all of our discipline practices is to change behaviour for the better, rather than to just provide consequences for unacceptable behaviour.

## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I have a **RIGHT** to learn.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to listen to instructions, work quietly at my desk, raise my hand if I have a question, concern, or need to leave, and to complete assignments.

I have a **RIGHT** to hear and be heard.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to talk, shout or make loud noises when others are speaking.

I have a **RIGHT** to be respected.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to tease or bother people or to hurt their feelings.

I have a **RIGHT** to be safe.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to threaten, kick, punch or physically harm anyone else.

I have a **RIGHT** to privacy and to my own personal space.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect the personal property of others, and to accept their right to privacy.

## TARDINESS

It is important to us that children do not miss valuable class time. We will contact the parents when a child is frequently late. We appreciate your attention to ensuring that your child arrives at school on time. If your child is late he/she should check in at the office before going to the classroom.

## Richmond School District

The Board of School Trustees recognizes its obligation to all members of the school community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment such that effective, purposeful teaching and learning may take place. To that end it is expected that all members of the school community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and the environment. A violation may warrant intervention or disciplinary action.

It is expected that all members of the school community (staff, students, parents and guests) will:

- ◇ respect the rights of others;
- ◇ respect the health and safety of others;
- ◇ respect the property of others - private and public;
- ◇ respect the legitimate authority of the school administrative officers and staff;
- ◇ respect and take pride in the schools’ physical facilities;
- ◇ respect the diversity of the school community;
- ◇ respect the non-smoking nature of district schools and property;
- ◇ respect the individual rules within each school;
- ◇ behave in an ethical and lawful manner;
- ◇ behave in a considerate and courteous manner;
- ◇ behave in a safe and responsible manner at all times;
- ◇ **not** threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within the school community; and
- ◇ **not** be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or at school functions.

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School District No. 38 (Richmond)

## DISTRICT WEAPONS POLICY

When a school administrator or staff member reasonably believes that a student is in possession of an offensive weapon or has used such a weapon in any way, the matter will be treated with utmost seriousness by:

- minimizing risk or injury to any other person;
- notifying the police;
- confiscating the weapon, where possible, and turning it over to the police;
- notifying the parent or guardian;
- suspending the student pending disciplinary action;
- notifying the Superintendent of Schools.