**SOOKE SCHOOL DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

A “Code of Conduct” is a statement about how we work together. It outlines both our rights and our

responsibilities as members of a school community. A committee of students, parents, and school staff

developed our “Code” in accordance with School District 62 Policy and the B.C. Human Rights Code.

**A SAFE AND CARING COMMUNITY**

As members of our school community, we have a responsibility to act in ways that are free of:

• Bullying, harassment, threat and intimidation;

• Physical violence and/or violence of any form;

• Verbal, physical, online or sexual abuse;

• Discrimination, especially based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status,

family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or

age (BC Human Rights Code);

• Theft and vandalism.

Our safe and caring school environment does not tolerate the presence of:

• Intoxicating substances;

• Weapons and explosives, regardless of whether real or replica;

• Intruders or trespassers;

• Smoking, vaping or associated paraphernalia.

**ACCEPTABLE CONDUCT**

• The school expects that students will actively participate through effort and punctual, regular

attendance, in their assigned education program.

• Students are expected to respect the rights and property of all staff and students.

• Students are expected to comply with classroom expectations set by individual teachers to ensure

that all students' rights to effective and efficient learning environments are respected.

• Students are expected to wear clothing that does not promote drugs or alcohol, display offensive

language or images or violate any part of the BC Human Rights Code.

• Students are expected to respect all school and school related events and ensure they are free from

use of restricted substances, weapons and of intimidation.

• Students are expected to respect the appropriate use of school computers, internet access and cell

phone use while at school.

• Students are expected to stay on campus throughout the entire day.

**UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT**

• Students will not interfere with the learning or learning environment of others.

• Students will not display behaviour that includes bullying, harassment, intimidation, or be racially,

ethnically, or sexually prejudiced.

• Students will not steal, smoke, vape or be in possession of, or under the influence of, drugs or alcohol

while on the school property or in attendance of any school events.

• Students will not plagiarize (copy) electronic or print media or other students’ work or display any

academic dishonesty.

• Students will not be involved in any acts of verbal or cyber-hate messaging/websites.

• Students will not be involved in any illegal acts such as assault, theft or damage to property.

**RESPONSE TO INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR**

Action at Sooke School District middle schools will be determined by each individual situation. Every effort

will be made to support individuals and to determine the root causes of behaviour. When working with

students, the Principal or Vice Principal may adjust the action based on the maturity, grade level, progressive

discipline and ability of the student to understand expectations of their behaviour. If the safety or educational

program of others is compromised, or it there is an ongoing failure to meet the expectations of the Code of

Conduct, a range of consequences will follow:

• Conference with all affected parties

• Notification of parents by phone or email

• Referral to school-based team

• Removal from classroom, playground, or privileges

• Referral to counselling or supportive interventions

• Formal suspension from school

• Referral to the Sooke School District Student Review Committee (indefinite suspension)