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Whistler Waldorf School Code of Conduct & Expectations High School

Student Conduct

Cooperation and respect for everyone in our community are two of the core values of the Whistler Waldorf High School. We have unreserved respect for individual differences in socio-economic background, ethnic origin, gender, race, religion, and sexual orientation. All members of the Whistler Waldorf School community conduct themselves in a manner which shows respect for self and all other members of this community, whether they be adults or other students.

At the Whistler Waldorf School, we have a code of conduct. We expect students to behave in a respectful way towards teachers, adults, classmates and towards property. Each teacher is responsible for discipline in the classroom. Students will be approached in a dignified and respectful manner and asked to comply with these standards of behavior. If the code of conduct is not followed, we have discipline guidelines which will be followed. Our philosophy on discipline emphasizes the positive approach, in which the student is gradually led towards an experience of self-discipline.

Student Communication

All members of the Whistler Waldorf School community must conduct themselves in a manner which shows respect for self and all other members of this community, whether they be adults or other students. Demonstrating a lack of respect for another is an act that threatens the ability of the school to function as a learning community.

In order to maintain a community that is sensitive to and respectful of every member, the following guidelines are suggested in the event of behavior- verbal or physical- that seems inappropriate or provocative:

- Let the offending person or people know that you want the behavior to stop. Speak directly and give a clear message about how you feel and the request you are making.
- If you do not feel comfortable confronting the person alone, take a friend along or write a respectful letter.
- Speak promptly with an advisor or teacher about the situation. That person, in consultation with you, may refer the complaint to the appropriate person or group. If you do not feel comfortable speaking with an adult, take a friend along, or write a letter.

When a serious breach of respect occurs, the High School Chair, and / or the Student Support Executive Group Chair will act based on the circumstances, which could include education, counseling, suspension or dismissal.

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WWS Student Conduct Expectations: Grade School/High School

The following is intended to be a guideline of school rules and student conduct expectations, which are necessary for the safety and well-being of everyone at WWS. It is not conclusive:

Learning/Classroom Environment:

- Be on time & come to school with a positive attitude towards learning and allow others to do the same to demonstrate respect to your teacher and fellow students.
- Exhibit respectful behavior to all teachers, classmates, staff, visitors, parents & their learning environment.
- Listen attentively, without interruption, while the teacher or another student is presenting, speaking or contributing to the lesson.
- Complete homework as required by teachers.
- Abide by the school's policies and procedures, not limited to but including media, logo, off campus, discipline policies, etc.
 - Ask your teacher for permission for food/drink in the classroom. Gum is not allowed.
 - Students respect the school buildings and their contents, the grounds and gardens, and to care for them appropriately. They do not mark, write on, deface or otherwise devalue any of the school building exteriors and contents including classroom furniture, accessories and/or any of the school facilities/equipment.
 - When on/around school premises, students may not climb trees, roofs or fences at any time.
 - As above in the school environment, **Personal Electronic Devices are not allowed during school instruction, or in the classroom or on field trips** (including personal computers, Smart watches, iPods, Cell phones, Tablets, earphones, or other forms of personal electronic devices). They should **be turned off immediately and stored in backpacks once a student is on school premises. Students are to leave these devices at home during field trips.** They will be confiscated if a student fails to respect this school expectation.
 - If on occasion, a personal computer is allowed in the classroom by permission of the teacher, student work must be strictly connected to the learning standards as directed by the teacher. Any personal online searches, videos or communication may result in future handwritten assignments.

School Community Environment:

- If bikes, skateboards or rollerblades or other forms of personal transportation are ridden to/from school, they are not used during school hours in the parking lot(s), paths or on school grounds.
- Students arrive at school after 8:15 am but before 8:25 am and leave school grounds at 3:15pm. Whistler Waldorf School is not responsible for students on the school premises before or after school hours but are expected to be on time for the school day which starts at 8:25am.
- Students require the teacher's permission to leave class for any reason. Visits to the washroom should take place in the transition time between lessons.
- Students shall walk, not run, in the hallways.

- Students must refrain from behaviour that may compromise the safety and security of fellow students and teachers, such as no kicking, punching, hitting or otherwise, that may cause bodily discomfort to other student(s) at any time.
- In snow periods, students may not throw snowballs, take part in snow fights or face washing,
- Students speak respectfully to others and self at school. They may not swear or verbally threaten other students or adults. Language is inclusive and accepting of diversity.
- Students respect the school buildings, their contents, the grounds and gardens, and to care for them appropriately. They do not mark, write on, deface or otherwise devalue any of the school building exteriors and contents including classroom furniture, accessories and/or any of the school facilities/equipment. When on/around school premises, students may not climb trees, roofs or fences at any time.
- Personal Electronic Devices that connect to the internet, WIFI, or Bluetooth are strictly must be powered off, and placed in back packs during school hours, including but not limited to personal computers, Smart watches, iPods, Cell phones, Tablets, earphones, or other forms of personal electronic devices. Electronics should be turned off immediately and stored in backpacks while a student is on school premises (including parking lots and Spruce Grove park).
- Knives or matches are strictly prohibited at school. If a student is found with a prohibited item, it will be confiscated and a meeting with the Head of School will be required, (including possibly a locker/ backpack search and/or temporary suspension).
 - As per the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act (2016)*, vaping and smoking is not permitted on the school premises. If a student is found vaping/smoking at school...
 - Illegal Drugs and/or non-prescribed personal medications, Cannabis and Alcohol are strictly prohibited on school premises. If a student is found under the influence and/or with a prohibited item, it will be confiscated and a meeting with the Head of School will be required (including possibly a locker/backpack search and/or temporary suspension.)

Off Campus and Online Community

Student actions off campus and online can impact the learning environment and have the potential to reflect on the school in both positive and negative ways. When a student's behaviour off campus or online impacts the school, the school may at its discretion address the incident. Students are asked to observe the following codes online:

- refrain from making disparaging remarks online about peers, teachers, parents, or the school
- refrain from using the school name when creating groups online without prior consent of the school
- treat others with the same respect expected in the classroom environment.

See also the Code of Conduct for Virtual Conferencing

Dress Code

1. Students come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. If physical health or safety is at risk (at teacher's discretion), teacher's may ask students to change their clothes, or may provide alternative wear.
2. At school festivals and concerts teachers may request students to wear certain clothing.
3. Hats may be worn indoors, at the teacher's discretion, in high school ONLY. Individual teacher's wishes are to be respected. Logos or script on hats are not bigger than two fingers in length or width.
4. Midriffs (sternum to hips) are covered.
5. All tops have straps.
6. Legwear is mid-thigh or longer in length, opaque, and without large tears or holes.
7. Undergarments remain under garments.
8. All the above, and/or dress/logo infractions can be determined at the teacher's discretion at any time.

Logos

- Indoor clothing and athletic wear is free of logos, writing and slogans that are larger than the size of the student's fist. Outdoor clothing such as rain or snow gear is exempt from this.
- Logos, images or slogans are not scary, disrespectful, offensive or overly distracting (at teacher's discretion). They do not reference television, comic or mainstream media.
- Team clothing (sports teams, artistic or musical clubs, camps and events) in which students are active participants are permitted so long as they do not include corporate logos or sponsorship advertisements.
- Students in Grade 12 may wear clothing that have logos, writing or images that are larger than their fist if the logos are:
 - Congruent with our school's vision and mission
 - Developmentally suitable for students in lower grades to be exposed to (see logo and dress code policy above)
 - Not overly distracting
 - All of the above are at teacher's discretion

Process:

1. Teachers will observe and document infractions on attendance sheets. When there are three or more infractions, in a term, Reception will email the teacher and the Guardian. The High School Chair will speak to the student.
2. If there is another single infraction in the term, the High School Chair will meet with the student and then contact the parents notifying them of the infraction.
3. If there is another single infraction in the term, the High School Chair will request a meeting with the student and parents; a meeting will be held. It will be relayed that a change of clothing will be provided if there is another infraction.
4. Suitable clothing will be organized to be left at school to support dress code compliance.