

Whistler Waldorf School Code of Conduct Lower School

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 and are committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. All members of the Whistler Waldorf School community must, always, 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 behaviour. 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 Conduct Expectations for our students

We expect our students:

- To come to school with a positive attitude towards learning and allow others to do the same.
- To respect adults, classmates and their learning environment.
- To refrain from behaviours that may compromise the safety and security of fellow students and teachers.

The following is intended to be a guide to the rules which we feel are necessary for your child's safety and well-being. It is not conclusive:

- Students should not arrive at the school before 8:15 am nor stay after 3:15 pm. We are not responsible for students on the school property before or after school hours. Students are expected to be on time for the school day which starts at 8:25am.
- Electronic devices, comic books, knives or matches are not to be brought to school. They will be confiscated and returned to the parents in person.
- If bikes are ridden to school, they are not to be used during school hours on the premises.

In the school building and on the school grounds:

- Students are expected to be on time for the school day.
- Students shall not leave the classroom during lesson time unless the teacher gives permission. Visits to the washroom should take place in the transition time between lessons.
- Students eat their snacks and lunches sitting down in their classrooms. Sometimes a teacher will supervise an out-of-doors eating time.
- Students must follow teacher or staff instruction or direction.
- Students are expected to complete their homework as required by teachers.
- Students shall walk, not run, in the hallways.
- Mutually respectful behavior is of paramount importance

- Bicycle riding, scooters, skateboarding and rollerblading in the parking lot or on school grounds during school hours is forbidden.
- When on school grounds, children may not climb trees, roofs or fences at any time.
- Students may not kick, punch or hit or otherwise cause bodily discomfort to any other student at any time.
- Sticks and pieces of wood may only be used in constructive play
- Students may not swear or verbally threaten other students or adults. Language is inclusive and accepting of diversity.
- Students may not throw snowballs, take part in snow fights or face washing.
- Students are expected to respect the building, its contents, the grounds and gardens, and care for them appropriately.

In the Classroom

- Students shall listen attentively, without interruption, while the teacher is speaking or when another student is contributing verbally to the lesson and all students shall raise their hands if they wish to speak.

Off Campus and Online Community

Student actions off campus and online can impact the learning environment and have the potential to reflect 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 not be worn indoors
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.

Process:

Primary Grades (1-3) Lower School

Teachers will observe infractions on attendance sheets. When there are three or more infractions, they will email parents. The teacher will speak with the parents to remind them of our policy. If there is another set of three infractions in a term, the Lower School Chair will contact the parents.

Middle Grades, Lower School (4-7)

Teachers will observe infractions on attendance sheets and remind students to wear clothing in accordance with the dress code. When there are three or more infractions, they will email parents. The teacher will speak with the parents to remind them of our policy. If there is another set of three infractions in a term, the Lower School Chair will contact the parents.