

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Lake Trail Middle school is a positive environment that fosters learning and community engagement. It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to maintain this amazing school community that embraces diversity, honours relationships, and prepares all learners for a changing world.

Lake Trail Middle School's Code of Conduct has been created to maintain a safe, caring, and respectful school environment. The purposes of the Code of Conduct are:

- to clearly communicate behavioural expectations to the school community;
- to maintain a safe, respectful, and welcoming learning environment for all students, staff, and parents;
- to encourage the development of socially responsible behaviour resulting in a positive reputation for students and the school community.

***The Code of Conduct applies to all members of the school community at any location or activity that will have an impact on our school environment.***

### **Respect for Others**

- Treat each other with respect, kindness and courtesy through the display of appropriate behavior, speech and other forms of communication.
- Respect the rights of others to work and learn free of distractions.
- Respect the rights of others' privacy.
- Display acceptance for all people, including, but not exclusive of, ethnicity, sexual orientation, appearance, abilities and religion.
- Be honest, truthful and true to yourself.
- Refuse to engage in any form of harassment or intimidation whether it be verbal, physical, social or psychological.

### **Respect for Yourself**

- Be actively involved in your school community.
- Use personal electronic devices and the school computer network in a responsible manner that doesn't distract or interfere with your learning or the learning of others.
- Our schools are a place of learning and a place of work. Wear clothing that is appropriate for the intended activity, avoid wearing clothing that promotes drugs or alcohol, displays offensive language/images or encourages discrimination.

- Keep your school and school grounds free of smoke, drugs, alcohol and weapons at all times.
- Be ready to learn.
- Complete assignments to the best of your abilities and in a timely manner, in order to demonstrate understanding of learning.
- Maintain good nutritional habits whenever possible.

### **Respect for Property**

- Keep the school facilities and grounds clean and tidy. All members of the school community are expected to clean up after themselves.
- Respect the personal property of others.
- Lockers are a privilege to be used to store school-related items and supplies in. Lockers are the property of the school.
- Use bikes, scooters, skateboards or rollerblades outside of the school and store in the appropriate lock up area when not in use. Helmets are mandatory at all times.
- Follow safety rules for all areas of the school including specific rules in areas such as gym, science labs and shops.
- Be responsible for books, textbooks and library books. Books are assigned using a bar code and students are responsible for the book with the barcode signed out them.

### **Responses to Conduct Issues**

- Responses to unacceptable conduct will be thoughtful, consistent and fair.
- Reasonable steps will be taken to prevent retaliation against the person who reported a code of conduct issue.

Decisions regarding code of conduct issues will be made with respect to the best course of action for the individual and our community. Responses to code of conduct issues will take into consideration the student's age, maturity and past conduct. Wherever possible, students will be encouraged to participate in the development of meaningful interventions through discussion and mediation. The focus of any intervention will be preventative and restorative in nature, rather than merely punitive.