

# **Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan**

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."

John 13:34

# Overview

The Halton Catholic District School Board (the Board) recognizes that school communities exist to foster and exemplify Catholic values. All classroom, school, and system teaching and learning environments are committed to establishing and promoting healthy, safe, and inclusive learning spaces where all feel a positive sense of self, spirit and belonging. This forms the basis for the creation of the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan as required by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Education Act. It will facilitate the implementation of comparable plans for all Board schools.

This plan applies to all students, staff, and community stakeholders of the Board on school property, at school, or during Board authorized activities, while using school authorized transportation services or in other venues or locations, including virtual spaces. This plan applies to inappropriate acts related to the definition of bullying as described in this plan and considered by the Principal to be detrimental to the moral tone, physical or mental well-being of the school.

This plan supports and promotes a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and accepting school environment through appropriate prevention and intervention practices. This is reinforced by the application of progressive discipline in compliance with the *Education Act, PPM 128 Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct (2019), PPM 144 Bullying Prevention and Intervention (2018), the Parent's Guide to the Provincial Code of Conduct (2019) and PPM 119 Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario Schools (2013).* 

# **Definitions**

**Bullying -** Bullying is defined as a form of (typically) repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

A power imbalance may occur between a pupil and the individual based on factors such as size, strength, age, intelligence, peer group power, economic status, social status, religion, sexual orientation, family circumstances, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, disability or receipt of special education. Bullying usually happens when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumours about, exclude, hit, shove, or hurt another person (Appendix C).

Bullying can take different forms. These include:

- Physical: unwanted sexual touching, hitting, shoving, stealing, or damaging property
- Verbal: inappropriate epithets, remarks, jokes or innuendos, name calling, mocking, making sexist, sexualized, racist, homophobic, transphobic, and/or derogatory or profane comments
- Social: excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them
- **Electronic** (commonly known as cyberbullying): spreading rumours, innuendos, hurtful comments, inappropriate images, cartoons or jokes, using cellphones, e-mail, text messaging, gaming platforms and/or through social media

**Bullying Prevention:** Is a whole school approach that heightens expectations for a safe, caring, equitable, inclusive and accepting learning environment. It includes a shared understanding about the nature and underlying causes of bullying and its effects on the lives of individual students and the school community.

**Bullying Intervention:** Is a comprehensive and effective response to a bullying incident that takes into consideration all parties involved in the bullying incident. It should provide specific supports for the student who has been bullied, interventions for the student who has bullied others and for the student who has been affected by witnessing the bullying.

**Positive Learning Environment:** Is the sum total of all relationships found within the school and is a critical component of bullying prevention. A positive learning environment is accepting, equitable, and inclusive of all persons regardless of race, colour, culture, ancestry, place of origin, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, religion, family status, or disability. A positive learning environment engages the school community, including parents/guardians, as well as the broader community. A positive learning environment exists when all members of the school community feel safe, respected, and actively promote positive language, behaviours and interactions.

**Safe Schools Team:** Each school must have in place a Safe Schools Team responsible for school safety that is composed of at least one student (where appropriate), one parent, one teacher, one support staff member, one community partner and the Principal or designate. The team must have a staff chair. An existing school committee can assume this role.

The Safe Schools Team is responsible to develop a school-based Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan to guide the practices of the school staff and administration. This team is encouraged to plan activities and launch initiatives that heighten awareness of bullying and its impact on the learning environment. By organizing bullying prevention and intervention activities throughout the year, schools will affect positive change in student achievement and sense of belonging.

An additional Glossary of Key Terms can be found in Appendix A.

# **Prevention and Awareness Raising**

The Board will identify and implement learning and training opportunities for system and school staff.

All schools shall implement the Board's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan in accordance with the *Education Act* and Board policies and procedures. When establishing the school plan using the provided School Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan Template (Appendix B), the Principal will solicit the views of students, parents/guardians, staff, and community stakeholders. The school plan shall include, but not be limited to:

- A comprehensive prevention and awareness-raising strategy that establishes expectations for appropriate student, staff and community member behaviour.
- An evaluation of evidence derived from School Climate Surveys, and other relevant data, to determine areas of concern in the learning environment, monitor and review current procedures and strategies.
- Utilizing evidence-based strategies to support school-wide bullying prevention. For example,
  - ✓ relationship building and community building programs that are present in the school, classroom and in the larger community.
  - ✓ activities that promote a positive school climate.
  - ✓ awareness raising strategies for students (e.g. social emotional learning, Human Rights and equity, empathy, developing self-regulation skills).
  - ✓ awareness raising strategies to engage community partners and parents/guardians in early and ongoing dialogue.
  - ✓ ways to link curriculum and daily learning (e.g. inclusive education principles).
  - ✓ ways to support and encourage role modeling by caring adults and student leaders within the school community.
- Procedures to allow students, parents/guardians, staff, and community partners to report bullying incidents safely and in a way that discourages reprisal and threat thereof. These procedures will also define the rights, responsibilities, and roles of Principals, staff, students, and parents/guardians.
- A comprehensive intervention strategy for principals and staff to address incidents of bullying, including appropriate and timely responses within the progressive discipline framework (Appendix E). This must include mitigating factors, in compliance with principles of Human Rights and equity, among others.

# Each school will also:

- Provide opportunities for regular check-ins with students at risk or affected by bullying.
- Provide opportunities for teachers to develop effective classroom management strategies using progressive discipline.
- Establish and maintain respectful and caring learning spaces, in compliance with the principles of Human Rights, equity and inclusion.
- Align supervision plans to address where and when bullying happens, as identified through school climate surveys, and as reported by students and staff.
- Review and update processes for reporting, responding, supporting, and following up on issues on an ongoing basis.

# **Programs, Interventions and Other Supports**

All schools will provide support for students who have been bullied, interventions for students who have bullied others, and for students who have been affected by witnessing bullying.

# The Board will:

- Establish and provide annual professional development programs to educate staff of the Board about bullying prevention and strategies for promoting positive learning environments.
- Review its Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan according to the Board's regular
  policy review cycle and shall solicit the views of students, educators, the Board staff,
  volunteers working in the schools, parents/guardians, Catholic School Councils, Safe
  Schools Teams, SEAC, CPIC, the Indigenous Education Advisory Council, social service
  agencies, community-based organizations, and partners.
- Post its Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan on the Board website.

# All schools will:

- Recognize the importance of using timely evidenced-based interventions and supports with a school-wide approach.
- Use teachable moments within a progressive discipline approach to address inappropriate behaviour and consider all mitigating factors.
- Have in place processes and strategies to identify and respond to bullying when it happens.
- Identify strategies for supporting all students involved in bullying.
- Communicate the progressive discipline approach to the school community and the procedures in place to support the student.

### The Principal will:

- Post the Board's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan and the school's Bullying and Intervention Plan on the school's website.
- Post the member titles of the Safe Schools Team on the school's website.

# Notifying Parents/Guardians (as per PPM 145, s. 6)

Section 300.3 of the Education Act specifies when principals are required to notify the parents/guardians of students who have been harmed as the result of a serious student incident. Principals shall disclose the following information:

- The nature of the activity that resulted in harm to the student.
- The nature of the harm to the student.
- The steps taken to protect the student's safety, including the nature of any disciplinary measures taken in response to the activity.
- The supports that will be provided for the student in response to the harm that resulted from the activity.

This section of the Act also specifies that principals are required to notify the parents/guardians of students who have engaged in serious student incidents. Principals shall disclose the following information:

- The nature of the activity that resulted in harm to the other student.
- The nature of the harm to the other student.
- The nature of any disciplinary measures taken in response to the activity.
- The supports that will be provided for the student in response to engaging in the activity.

When notifying parents/guardians of these incidents, the Principal must invite parents/guardians to have a discussion with them about the supports that will be provided for their child.

Under the authority of the Education Act and the Youth Criminal Justice Act, and protected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom Information Protection and Privacy Act, the Board or any of its employees will not disclose or provide access to information about a bullying incident unless authorized to do so by written consent or as required by law.

# Reporting to the Principal

The purpose of reporting serious student incidents is to ensure that the Principal is aware of any activities taking place in the school for which suspension or expulsion must be considered and to help ensure a positive school climate. Section 300.2 of Part XIII of the Education Act states that an employee of the board who becomes aware that a student at a school of the Board may have engaged in a serious student incident shall report the matter to the Principal as soon as reasonably possible. The employee must consider the safety of others and the urgency of the situation in reporting the incident, but, in any case, must report it to the Principal no later than the end of the school day.

In cases where immediate action is required, an oral report to the Principal may be made. A written report must be submitted to the Principal when it is safe to do so. All employee reports, including those made to the Principal orally, must be confirmed in writing, using the "Safe Schools Incident Reporting Form – Part I" (Appendix D) <a href="https://kfs.the">https://kfs.the</a> Board.org/kics/formlist.php

In all cases, the Principal must provide the employee who reported the incident with written acknowledgement, using the "Safe Schools Incident Reporting Form – Part II" (Appendix D). If no further action is taken by the Principal, they are not required to retain the report. Information that could identify the student(s) involved must not be part of the acknowledgement.

If the Principal has decided that action must be taken as a result of a serious student incident, they will file a copy of the reporting form with documentation indicating the action taken in the Ontario Student Record of the student whose behaviour was inappropriate. The names of all other students that appear on the form (both students who engaged in the activity and students who have been harmed) must be removed from the form before it is filed. Additionally, the Principal must complete all Board mandated tracking of the student incident.

# **Professional Development Strategies for Staff**

The Board will establish and provide annual professional development programs to educate teachers and other school staff about bullying prevention and strategies for promoting a positive school climate, in accordance with paragraph 7.1 of subsection 170(1) of the Education Act. The Board will put in place curriculum-linked training strategies on bullying prevention and intervention to give all administrators, teachers, and other school staff the resources and support they need. The strategies will include ways of responding to all forms of bullying. The Board shall also make resources available to other adults who have significant contact with students (e.g., school bus operators/drivers, volunteers). The Board will also recognize the ongoing need to support training for new teachers.

Topics for training will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Definitions and Understanding of Bullying
- Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression Training
- Ontario Human Rights Code with reference to Bullying
- Dignity of the Human Person: Rights and Responsibilities
- Racism and Discrimination: Responding with Faith, Hope, and Love
- Administrator training on Steps for Discipline through the lens of Human Rights and Equity
- HCDSB Tiered Model of Intervention (Appendix F)
- Training for administrators on the collection and analysis of data for planning and implementation
- Training for staff on how to create a Positive School Climate

Each school will establish and provide ongoing professional development programs to educate academic council members, teachers, and other school staff about bullying prevention and strategies for promoting a positive school climate, in accordance with paragraph 7.1 of subsection 170(1) of the Education Act.

# **Communications and Outreach Strategies**

To support a whole-school approach, the Board will actively communicate its policies and guidelines on bullying prevention and intervention to principals, teachers, school staff, students, parents/guardians, school councils, school bus operators and drivers. The Board will also provide this information to its Special Education Advisory Committee, Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, Indigenous Education Advisory Council, Human Rights and Equity Advisory Committees, and other appropriate community partners. It is important that the roles and responsibilities of all members of the school community (e.g., principals, teachers, other school staff, students, and parents/guardians) be clearly articulated and understood. Parents/Guardians play a key role in the development of safe, inclusive, and accepting schools.

The Board will make every effort to provide access to resources/publications for parents/guardians, considering accessibility, culturally responsive, and linguistic considerations, and to expand opportunities to support teachers in addressing bullying issues.

The Board will post its Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan on its website, accompanying other documents, such as, the Tiered Model of Intervention (Appendix F).

Each school will post the Board's and the school's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan on its website.

# **Monitoring and Review**

The Board will monitor, review, and evaluate the effectiveness of board policies and guidelines, using indicators established in consultation with teachers, other school staff, students, parents/guardians, and school councils. It will also consult with its Special Education Advisory Committee, Human Rights and Equity Advisory Committees, Indigenous Education Advisory Council, Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, and other appropriate community partners. The Board will conduct a cyclical review of its policies and guidelines.

Each school will annually monitor, review, and evaluate the effectiveness of the school's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan in consultation with its Safe Schools Team, Family of Schools Superintendent, teachers, other school staff, students, and school councils. The Safe Schools Team will receive School Climate Survey data, and other census-related data as it becomes available, from the Board and will review and analyze the data for planning and implementation.

# **Appendices**

# **Appendix A: Glossary of Key Terms**

**Ableism:** A belief system that sees persons with disabilities as being less worthy of respect and consideration, less able to contribute and participate, or of less inherent value than others.

**Anti-Black Racism**: Policies and practices rooted in Canadian institutions such as, education, health care, and justice that mirror and reinforce beliefs, attitudes, prejudice, stereotyping and/or discrimination towards people of African descent.

Anti-Indigenous Racism: Ongoing race-based discrimination, negative stereotyping, and injustice experienced by Indigenous Peoples within Canada. It includes ideas and practices that establish and perpetuate inequitable outcomes that stem from the legacy of colonial policies and practices in Canada. Systemic anti-Indigenous racism is evident in discriminatory federal policies such as the Indian Act and the residential school system, overrepresentation of Indigenous peoples in provincial criminal justice and child welfare systems, as well as inequitable outcomes in education, well-being, and health.

**Anti-Racism:** An active and consistent process of change to eliminate individual, institutional and systemic racism.

**Anti-racist education**: Education that is based in the notion of race and racial discrimination as being embedded within the policies and practices of institutional structures. Its goal is to aid students to understand the nature and characteristics of these discriminatory barriers, and to develop work to dismantle them.

**Antisemitism**: Latent or overt hostility, or hatred directed towards, or discrimination against, individual Jewish people or the Jewish people for reasons connected to their religion, ethnicity, and their cultural, historical, intellectual, and religious heritage.

**Colonialism:** The policy or practice of acquiring full or partial political control over another country, occupying it with settlers, and exploiting it economically. In the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, the British and French explored, fought over, and colonized places within North America which constitutes present day Canada.

**Duty to Accommodate:** Under the Ontario Human Rights Code, people identified by Code grounds are entitled to the same opportunities and benefits as everybody else. In some cases, they may need special arrangements or "accommodations" to take part equally in the social areas the Code covers, such as education.

**Equity:** A condition or state of fair, inclusive and respectful treatment of all people. Equity does not mean treating people the same without regard for individual differences.

**Homophobia**: The irrational aversion to, fear or hatred of gay, lesbian or bisexual people and communities, or of behaviors stereotyped as "homosexual."\*

**Indigenous Knowledge:** Local and indigenous knowledge refers to the understandings, skills and philosophies developed by societies with long histories of interaction with their natural surroundings. For rural and indigenous peoples, local knowledge informs decision-making

about fundamental aspects of day-to-day life.

**Intersectionality:** Intersectionality is the way in which people's lives are shaped by their multiple and overlapping identities and social locations, which, together, can produce a unique and distinct experience for that individual or group, for example, creating additional barriers, opportunities, and/or power imbalances.

**Islamophobia:** Islamophobia includes racism, stereotypes, prejudice, fear or acts of hostility directed towards individual Muslims or followers of Islam in general. In addition to individual acts of intolerance and racial profiling, Islamophobia can lead to viewing and treating Muslims as a greater security threat on an institutional, systemic and societal level.

**Ontario Human Rights Code:** The Ontario Human Rights Code is a provincial law that gives everybody equal rights and opportunities without discrimination in areas such as jobs, housing and education. The Code's goal is to prevent discrimination and harassment because of race, sex, disability and age, to name a few of the 17 grounds. All other Ontario laws must agree with the Code.

**Positive School Climate:** Is defined by the Ministry of Education as existing when all members of the school community feel safe, included, and accepted, and actively promote positive behaviours and interactions. Principles of equity and inclusive education are embedded in the learning environment to support a positive school climate and a culture of mutual respect. A positive school climate is a crucial component of bullying prevention.

Racialized: People who are seen as having a having a race, perceived in racial terms.

**Racism:** Racism includes ideas or practices that establish, maintain or perpetuate the racial superiority or dominance of one group over another. Racism exists at a number of levels, including individual, institutional or systemic, and societal.

**Racial Discrimination:** Racial discrimination is a legally prohibited act. It happens when any distinction, conduct or action, whether intentional or not, is based on a person's race and has the effect of imposing burdens not imposed upon others. Racial discrimination could happen when someone acts on racist beliefs and attitudes in areas covered by the Ontario Human Rights Code, such as employment, services, and housing.

**School Climate:** The school climate is defined by the Ministry of Education as the learning environment and relationships found within a school and school community.

**Social Location**: An individual's social location is defined as the combination of factors including gender, race, social class, age, ability, religion, sexual orientation, and geographic location. This makes social location particular to each individual.

**Systemic Barriers:** Institutional and instructional practices that negatively impact the achievement and well-being of students and lead to inequitable outcomes. Systemic barriers are caused by embedded biases in policies, practices and processes, and may result in differential treatment

**Transphobia:** The aversion to, fear or hatred or intolerance of trans people and communities. Like other prejudices, it is based on stereotypes and misconceptions that are used to justify discrimination, harassment and violence toward trans people.

White: People whose ancestry is or is perceived to be from Europe.

**Whiteness**: The academic term used to capture the all-encompassing dimensions of White privilege, dominance and assumed superiority in society.

# Appendix B: School Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan Template [SCHOOL NAME] BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PLAN

### Date:

## **Evidence Analysis, Assessment and Evaluation**

- School Climate Survey (Data regarding Bullying/Exclusion/Harassment)
- Identify the key areas of concern.
- Identify the focal point for the plan.

### **Education, Awareness and Outreach**

- Identify the communication plan for awareness of bullying and related concerns (e.g., definition of bullying/cyber-bullying, roles, and actions).
- What communication/education will take place at the classroom level? School level? School community level?
- How will behaviours be addressed through Progressive Discipline?

### **Policies and Procedures**

- What are the related Board policies and procedures around bullying prevention and intervention?
- How will these policies be communicated at the classroom level? School level? School community level?
- How will roles of individuals in enforcing these policies and procedures be communicated? (i.e. the need for ALL staff in the building to respond to and/or report incidents of inappropriate student behaviour)

### Prevention

- How will a Positive School Climate be promoted in the school? (i.e. Appendix F: Tiered Model of Intervention in Addressing Bullying and Positive Mental Health)
- What awareness raising strategies will be used?
- How will Bullying Prevention be tied to the curriculum?
- What will happen at the classroom level? School level? School Community level?

## **Intervention and Support Strategies**

- What processes will be in place to identify and respond to bullying when it happens? (i.e. Tier 2: Response and Support, and Tier 3: Intervention)
- What supports will be in place for the aggressor? The victim? The bystanders/onlookers?

# **Monitoring and Review**

- What monitoring will be in place to review year-to-date data? (e.g. Administrator review of: Safe Schools Reporting Form, school incident reporting, suspensions, anecdotal evidence)
- When will the four meeting dates be scheduled for your Safe Schools Team? (e.g. September, November, February, May)
- How will your Safe Schools Team review trends in the data from the School Climate Survey?
- When and how might your Safe Schools Team review and revise the school's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan?

# Appendix C: Safe Classrooms: Is It Bullying?

CONFLICT	RUDE	MEAN	BULLYING
Occasional	Occasional	Once or Twice	Is REPEATED
Not planned; in the heat of the moment	Spontaneous: unintentional	Intentional	Is planned and done on purpose
All parties are upset	Can cause hurt feelings; upset	Can hurt others deeply	The target of the bullying is upset
All parties want to work things out	Based in thoughtlessness, poor manners or narcissism	Based in anger; impulsive cruelty	The bully is trying to gain control over the target
All parties will accept responsibility	Rude person accepts responsibility	Behavior often regretted;	The bully blames the target
An effort is made by all parties to solve the problem			The target wants to stop the bully's behavior, the bully does not
Can be resolved through mediation	Social skill building could be of benefit	Needs to be addressed/ should NOT be ignored	CANNOT be resolved through mediation

Source: Jennifer Astles, DASA Newsletter, January 2014, TST BOCES

# **Appendix D: PPM 145 Safe Schools Incident Reporting Forms**

To be completed online using: <a href="https://kfs.the-Board.org/kics/formlist.php">https://kfs.the-Board.org/kics/formlist.php</a>



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# **APPENDIX 2: Safe Schools Incident Reporting Forms**

Report No:	Confidential SAFE SCHOOLS INCIDENT REPORTING FORM - PART I	
Name of School		
Name of Student(s)     Involved (if known)		
2. Location of Incident (check one)	☐ At a location in the school or on school property (please specify)	
	□ At a school-related activity (please specify)	
	On a school bus (please specify route number)	
	□ Other (please specify)	
3. Time of Incident	Date: Time:	
4. Type of Incident (check all that apply)	Activities for which suspension must be considered under subsection 306(1) of the Education Act  Uttering a threat to inflict serious bodily harm on another person Possessing alcohol, illegal drugs or, unless the student is a medical cannabis user,* cannabis Being under the influence of alcohol or, unless the student is a medical cannabis user, cannabis Swearing at a teacher or at another person in a position of authority Committing an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property at the student's school or to property located on the premises of the student's school Bullying Any other activity for which a student may be suspended under board policy [Note: Boards must specify on this form any other activities for which the principal may suspend according to board policy.]  Activities for which expulsion must be considered under subsection 310(1) of the Education Act Possessing a weapon, including possessing a firearm Using a weapon to cause or to threaten bodily harm to another person Committing physical assault on another person that causes bodily harm requiring treatment by a medical practitioner Committing physical assault Trafficking in weapons or in illegal drugs Committing robbery Bullying (if the student has been previously suspended for engaging in bullying and the student's continuing presence in the school creates an unacceptable risk to the safety of another person) Any activity listed in subsection 306(1) that is motivated by bias, prejudice, or hate Giving alcohol or cannabis to a minor Any other activity for which a student may be expelled under board policy [Note: Boards must specify on this form any other activities for which the board may expel according to board policy.]	
5. Report Submitted By:	Name:	
Role in School Community: _		
Signature:	Date:	
Contact Information: Locati	on:Telephone:	
☐ Violent incident Information is collected under the Privacy Act, and shall be used for	DNLY: Check if incident was a violent incident, as defined in Policy/Program Memorandum No. 120.  a authority of Part XIII of the Education Act and in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of the purpose of student discipline. Questions about information collected on this form shall be directed to the school principal.  a medical cannabis user is a person who is authorized to possess cannabis for the person's own medical purposes in	



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# Confidential SAFE SCHOOLS INCIDENT REPORTING FORM - PART II Acknowledgement of receipt of report Report No: \_ Report Submitted By: Name: □ Investigation completed ☐ Principal to communicate results to the teacher at a mutually convenient time\* ☐ Principal to communicate results to other board employee at a mutually convenient time, as appropriate\* ☐ Investigation in progress □ Once investigation is completed, principal to communicate results to the teacher at a mutually convenient time\* $\ \square$ Once investigation is completed, principal to communicate results to other board employee at a mutually convenient time, as appropriate\* Name of Principal: Signature: \_ Date: Note: Only Part II is to be given to the person who submitted the report. \* In accordance with s.300.2 of the Education Act, after investigating a matter reported by an employee, the principal shall communicate the results of the investigation to the teacher or other board employee who is not a teacher, as appropriate. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection and Privacy Act and the Education Act, when reporting the results of the investigation, the principal shall not disclose more personal information than is reasonably

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necessary for the purpose of communicating the results of the investigation.

# **Appendix E: Progressive Discipline & School Safety Charts**



Procedure No. VI-44 | Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools

# Elementary Progressive Discipline & School Safety Chart

Progressive Discipline is a stepby-step intervention process that is a partnership approach with administration, staff, and parents with the goal of assisting the student to change their behaviour.

#### Suggested Classroom Teacher Intervention Options

- Problem solving/reflection sheet activity sent home, signed by parent
- Speak with student verbal reminder regarding appropriate behaviour
- Review Code of conduct/Behaviour
- Focus on teachable moments about cultural competencies to foster an inclusive learning environment
- Note in Agenda/Communication Book to parent
- Phone call to parent
- Reinforce/reward improved behaviour
- Detention
- Behaviour contract
- Loss of privilege, e.g. attending a school co-instructional activity
- Supervised area to complete work, if available
- Parent/teacher/student meeting
- Share information and redirection strategies with administration and support staff

# Office Referral Office Consultation Office referral form completed that includes classroom interventions that have been implemented Discuss classroom interventions implemented Discuss alternative discipline options/interventions

### Principal/Vice Principal Intervention Options

- Administrator speaks with student
- Review Code of Conduct with student and/or parent
- Phone call home to parent
- Letter to parent outlining concerns
- Office detention
- Supervised independent study in school
- Logical consequence put in place
- Behaviour contract
- Consultation with support staff, e.g. SERT, CYC, BAT team, Psych services
- Meeting with parent and student
- Meeting with parent and support staff
- Referral to support staff and/or community agency
- Mitigating Factors have been considered
- May suspend or recommend expulsion

## Suspension

- Uttering a threat to inflict serious bodily harm on another person
- Possessing alcohol, illegal drugs, or unless the student is a medical cannabis user, cannabis
- Smoking/vaping in prohibited areas
- Being under the influence of alcohol, and/or illegal or restricted drugs/substances, and/or, unless the student is a medical cannabis user, cannabis
- Bullying (including Cyberbullying)
- Swearing at a teacher or at another person in a position of authority
- Committing an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property or to property located on school premises Other as outlined in Board policy

# Expulsion

- Possessing a weapon, including possessing a firearm or a replica
- Using a weapon to cause or threaten bodily harm to another person
- Committing physical assault on another person that causes bodily harm requiring treatment by a medical practitioner
- Committing sexual assault
- Trafficking in weapons or replica, illegal and/or restricted drugs
- Committing robbery
- Giving alcohol/illegal drugs or cannabis to a minor
- Bullying (including Cyberbullying)
- Other as outlined in Board policy

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# Secondary - Progressive Discipline Chart

### Classroom Teacher Interventions

- Expectations communicated to student and parent
- Verbal reminder of appropriate behaviour
- Review Code of Conduct
- Problem solving/reflective activity
- Contact with parent
- Supervised, quiet area to work
- Loss of privilege
- Update call to parent
- Detention
- Behaviour contract
- Consult with Guidance, Special Education, and/or Student Success teacher
- Conflict mediation
- Consultation and/or Office referral to Principal or Vice Principal

### Office Consultation

- Discuss classroom interventions implemented
- Discuss alternative discipline options

#### Office Referral

Office referral form completed that includes classroom interventions that have been implemented.

## Principal/Vice Principal Interventions

- Administrator(s) speaks with student
- Review the Code of Conduct with student and/or parent
- Behaviour sheet completed by student and signed by parent
- Phone call to parent
- Letter to parent outlining concerns
- Office detention
- Withdrawal from class specified length of time
- Behaviour contract
- Meet with parents and student
- Consultation with support staff, e.g. social worker, psych staff, etc.
- Meeting with parent, student and support staff
- Referral to support staff and/or community agency
- Mitigating factors have been considered

### Suspension

- Uttering a threat to inflict serious bodily harm on another person
- Possessing alcohol. Illegal drugs, unless the student is a medical cannabis user, cannabis.
- Being under the influence of alcohol, and/or illegal or restricted drugs/substances, and/or, unless the student is a medical cannabis user, cannabis
- Bullying (including Cyberbullying)
- Swearing at a teacher or at another person in a position of authority
- Committing an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property or to property located on school premises.

## Expulsion

- Possessing a weapon, including possessing a firearm or a replica Using a weapon to cause or threaten bodily harm to another person
- Committing physical assault on another person that causes bodily harm requiring treatment by a medical practitioner
- Committing sexual assault
- Trafficking in weapons or replica, illegal and/or restricted drugs
- Committing robbery
- Giving alcohol to a minor
- Bullying (including Cyberbullying)

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# **Appendix F: HCDSB Tiered Model of Intervention**

