



ÉCOLE MERTON SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT 2009-2010

Our mission at Merton School is to provide a safe and caring learning environment which accepts diversity, promotes cooperation and encourages mutual respect. Our goal is to help children grow to become respectful citizens. Learning is a life-long process that requires discipline and respect. We have developed guidelines for appropriate student behaviour which are reflected in the school agenda book. Students have a right to receive a proper education. Students and staff have the right to work in a safe, orderly and respectful environment.

Students are expected to take responsibility and to be accountable for their behaviour in every aspect of school life.

Each individual contributes to the well-being and success of everyone at Merton. Parents play an essential role in the education of their children and have the responsibility to support the efforts of the school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.

Respect for Self and Others

Students are expected to treat all people with kindness, consideration and respect. Insensitivity, fighting, bullying, cyber-bullying and hurtful language are not acceptable.

Appropriate Language

Language should reflect respect for others as well as for oneself. Name-calling, swearing and rude language are unacceptable.

Appropriate use of the Internet

Students are to use the internet for school purposes only and must respect the EMSB technology policy at all times.

Care for School Property

Students are expected to respect school property and to keep the school clean at all times. .

Care for the Property of Others

Everyone is expected to respect the property of others as if it were one's own.

Academic Success

Students are expected to complete class assignments to the best of their ability and on time.

Attendance

Students are expected to be well nourished and arrive to class on time, ready and willing to work. Parents must call the office when students are absent and follow-up with an explanatory note upon the student's return to school. **Parents are expected to bring their children to school on time and to respect the school calendar when planning family vacations.**

Personal Appearance

Students are expected to be clean and neat and to dress in the school uniform as per the Uniform Policy.

Extra-curricular Activities

All school rules apply to extra-curricular activities, on school buses and on field trips.

Consequences of Inappropriate Behaviour

Expected behaviours are encouraged, taught and reinforced at Merton School. Every effort is made to guide students in a fair and consistent manner. In cases where students continue to demonstrate inappropriate behaviour, parents will be informed and involved. Consequences may include timeout, detentions, written assignments, loss of privileges, behaviour contracts, etc. In some situations the school administration may feel that suspension is warranted and may act accordingly.

There will be no tolerance for intentional physical or verbal abuse, the threat of physical harm, insubordination or directed obscenity.

It is important that all children behave in an appropriate manner so that everyone is able to learn in an environment conducive to excellence.

Please be sure to review this Code of Conduct, as well as the rules and policies in the agenda book, with your child, then sign and return the enclosed form to your child's homeroom teacher.



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We have received the school policies and other information in the student agenda book and have reviewed them together. We have also read and reviewed together the Merton School Code of Conduct. We agree to respect the school's rules, policies and Code of Conduct.

Parent's signature: _____

Child's signature: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____ Room: _____

Date: _____