

SOSS – 2025/26 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This code is designed to provide guidelines for appropriate student conduct while under the jurisdiction of the school while:

- travelling to and from school
- at school
- at any school function whenever and wherever held

Consistent with the BC Human Rights Code the Student Code of Conduct is intended to ensure that all students regardless of age, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and mental or physical disability have equal access, status and acceptance and safety within the school setting.

Students who do not meet the Code of Conduct expectations can expect consequences from the school. These consequences will be consistent with the seriousness of the issue and appropriate for the students' age, maturity, and cognitive level. Furthermore, the school will notify parents, RCMP, social service agencies, counselors or school board when deemed appropriate and/or necessary. As much as possible, consequences will be of a restorative and progressive nature rather than punitive and may include restitution, repair, mediation, conferencing, counseling, service or assistance.

Link to Okanagan Similkameen School District

Student Conduct and Discipline Policy F3 & F14 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

<http://www.sd53.bc.ca/district/pols/PolicyF-3.pdf>

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Keeping Our Schools Safe

The Okanagan Similkameen School District is committed to providing safe and caring environments in which all learners can achieve academic excellence, personal growth and responsible citizenship. Safe and caring school environments are free from acts of:

- bullying, harassment, threat and intimidation
- violence in any form
- verbal, physical or sexual abuse/exploitation
- discrimination
- theft and vandalism

Safe and caring schools do not tolerate the presence of:

- intoxicating substances
- weapons, explosives, intruders or trespassers

It is expected that students will:

- neither take part in, nor condone (provoke, encourage or make a spectacle of) any form of violence

- seek to prevent violence and potentially violent situations
- not use, possess or display any weapon, replica weapon or toy weapon on any school property or at any event that is organized or sponsored by a school
- not use, possess or sell any intoxicating or controlled substances
- demonstrate appropriate digital stewardship
- show respect for the property of others by refraining from theft, vandalism, graffiti and other inappropriate behaviors
- abstain from smoking/vaping on school and District property.
- attend daily and on time at the appointed hours
- use respectful language and refrain from using obscenity or profanity while in a school building, on school or District property and at school-sponsored activities
- demonstrate commitment to learning by coming to school prepared to learn and by contributing to a positive, orderly, and peaceful environment
- practice academic and personal integrity by not participating in or encouraging plagiarism, cheating, theft of evaluation instruments, use of unauthorized aids, or false representation of identity
- maintain appropriate standards of dress and hygiene

Starting in September 2024, there has been an update to our code of conduct concerning the use of personal digital devices at our school. These restrictions are in accordance with the **amended Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order from the Ministry of Education and Child Care and apply to Board Policy E3, Technology Access and Use**. This new order's main goals are to promote online safety and create a more focused learning environment for our students.

The new policy includes the following key points:

1. **Device Restrictions:** Students will not be allowed to use personal digital devices during instructional hours unless explicitly permitted by a teacher for educational purposes.
2. **Accessibility and Accommodations:** Exceptions will be made for students with specific accessibility or medical needs, ensuring that all students have the support they require.