

Administrative Procedure 350

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Background

Conduct and behaviour are closely associated with learning, and an effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment.

Procedures

1. Students are expected to:
 - 1.1 Attend school regularly and apply themselves to their learning responsibilities in both school and distributed learning courses.
 - 1.2 Conform to reasonable standards of socially acceptable behaviour.
 - 1.3 Respect the rights, person, and property of others.
 - 1.4 Preserve the degree of order necessary for a positive climate for learning.
 - 1.5 Submit to the authority of staff and respond accordingly.
2. Discipline of a student shall be similar to that of a kind, firm, and judicious parent, but shall not include corporal punishment.
3. The District shall maintain a Code of Conduct, and following this model, principals will establish school codes of conduct to apply to students during any school activity, and may hold students responsible for their conduct on the way to and from school or a school activity.
4. Parents are expected to play a supportive role in affirming District and school expectations of conduct, in maintaining contact with the school, in ensuring care and appropriate supervision of their children when the parents are absent from the District, and in being available on short notice to attend a school interview when such is deemed necessary by the Principal.
5. In cases of serious misbehaviour or lack of application to school studies, a Principal or Vice-Principal is authorized to suspend a student for up to five (5) school days, in accordance with Administrative Procedure 355 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students.
6. Where necessary, the Superintendent or designate may extend this suspension for disciplinary or investigative reasons.
 - 6.1 A suspension, which is extended for more than fifteen (15) school days, shall be reported to the Board.

7. Only the Board may make a decision to no longer offer an education program to a student sixteen (16) years or older.
8. Procedures shall be established which provide, in cases of suspension, for appropriate involvement of District Office staff and parents, and for provision of an appropriate education program within a reasonable time after suspension.

Reference: Sections 6, 7, 17, 20, 22, 26, 65, 79, 85 School Act