

RCAP and POWER Code of Conduct

New Westminster Schools' Code of Conduct values:

- Integrity
- Respect
- Compassion

The District Code of Conduct supports the C's of social responsibility:

- Connection
- Caring/Compassion
- Character
- Confidence
- Competence

We believe students, staff, parents, and community working together to teach, model, and reinforce three simple beliefs will ensure success for everyone:

- Respect yourself and others.
- Respect learning.
- Respect the environment

RCAP and POWER promote the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law – prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, age, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity and expression – in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school environment.

RCAP and POWER will seriously treat behaviour or communication that discriminates based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, age, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (prohibited grounds set out in the BC Human Rights Code).

RCAP and POWER believe first in creating learning opportunities, early intervention strategies, restorative processes, and conversations in response to incidents. However, where significant or persistent negative conduct occurs, consequences including, but not limited to, the following will occur: a review of the students programming, suspension, a return to school meeting, and/or district referral.

Personal digital device use in schools:

As per Ministerial Order 89 the use of personal digital devices at school is to be restricted for educational purposes, to promote online safety and focused learning environments. Personal digital device (PDD) means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone or a tablet. Other examples included: smart watches, digital accessories (earbuds), gaming devices, and electronic toys.

The exception to these restrictions will be for students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), Learning Support Plan (LSP), or medical or health issue that specifically outlines the need for these devices for full inclusion in specific learning activities.

Security & Storage: It is important to note that security and storage of personal digital devices is the sole responsibility of the owner/user. The district assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of such devices. If students must bring a device to school, they are encouraged to ensure devices are locked away in the lock boxes provided.