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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The Winnipeg School Division (WSD) will ensure that all students receive a high quality education in a safe, equitable and inclusive school environment.
- 1.2 WSD is committed to creating and maintaining a safe learning environment in which students, staff and parents are aware of and respect the rights and human dignity of others.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Manitoba Provincial Code of Conduct, the Principal may determine the appropriate consequences for a violation of the Code of Conduct.
- 1.4 WSD may use of detention as a form of discipline for minor violations of the Code of Conduct where it is in the best interest of the child.
- 1.5 The Principal has disciplinary authority over all students of the school as follows:
 - a) on their way to and from school, in terms of their conduct towards one another;
 - b) while they are being transported to or from school; and
 - c) while students are engaged in an activity that is prescribed for the purpose of section 47.1.1 (reporting unacceptable conduct) of the Education Administration Act.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Unacceptable Conduct

Unacceptable conduct means abusing or bullying another student physically, sexually or psychologically, verbally, in writing, electronically or otherwise.

2.2 Bullying

Bullying that is intended to cause fear, intimidation, humiliation, distress, or other forms of harm to another person's feelings, self-esteem, body, or reputation or is intended to create a negative school environment for another person. The behaviour may be direct or indirect (through others) and may take place through any form of expression, including written, verbal (in the form of any language), physical or by means of electronic communication, including but not limited to, social media, text messaging, websites/blogs, or email. A person participates in bullying if they directly carry out bullying behaviour or intentionally assist/ encourage the behaviour in any way.

- a) Social Bullying: includes harmful rumors, excluding/shunning, ignoring, getting others not to be friends with a child, using negative facial expressions and body language, such as eye rolling or turning a cold shoulder or symbolic gestures.
- b) Cyber Bullying: can occur in the form of electronic communication such as cell phones, digital cameras or other electronic or personal communication devices, including social media, text messaging, instant messaging, social media sites, websites, email or posting pictures, audio or videos on the internet.

3. PROVINCIAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1 In accordance with the Public Schools Act, each school must, in consultation with parents, establish a Code of Conduct for students which includes proactive strategies such as detention as a form of discipline.
- 3.2 Each WSD school's Code of Conduct shall include a statement that students and staff must behave in a respectful manner and comply with the Code of Conduct.



4. PROACTIVE STRATEGIES

- 4.1 In accordance with the Provincial Code of Conduct (Appropriate Interventions and Disciplinary Consequences) school plans reflect outcomes related to a positive school culture and staff and parents/guardians will encourage participation in activities that promote a safe, caring and inclusive environment.

5. INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

- 5.1 WSD believes that effective student management teaches students appropriate behaviour and incorporates an appropriate range of consequences.
- 5.2 WSD will apply a wide range of consequences for behaviour that interferes with safety, learning and work. Which consequences are applied will depend on the severity of the incident, the diverse needs of the student and the frequency of the behaviour. Intervention strategies for minor incidents may include:

a) Withdrawal from Classroom Setting

A student may be temporarily removed to an alternate, supervised location to complete their assignments when inappropriate behaviour is deemed to have a negative impact on the classroom environment.

b) Removal of Privileges

A student's privileges may be removed under certain circumstances. This removal can include access to the playground, library, cafeteria or lunchroom, or participation in extracurricular activities.

- 5.3 WSD will ensure that the interventions and responses used or implemented are appropriate given the frequency and severity of the disciplinary violation; and take into account the student's state of development.

6. DETENTION

- 6.1 Students who do not remain at school during the lunch hour shall not be detained as a disciplinary measure during this period of time.
- 6.2 Detention at the end of the school day (transported students excepted) shall not exceed 20 minutes for elementary students and 45 minutes for junior and senior high students.
- 6.3 Detention during the lunch hour shall not exceed 20 minutes for elementary students and 45 minutes for junior and senior high students.
- 6.4 Students transported on WSD buses shall not be detained at the end of the school day unless the parents have been notified and are able to make other travel arrangements.

7. DETENTION AT RECESS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- 7.1 Students attending elementary schools will not be detained during recess.



8. RESPONSIBILITY

8.1 Principal

The Principal is responsible to:

- a) notify parents/guardians when a student has become subject to detention; and
- b) ensure that students who are detained must be supervised during their detention. Their supervision must be provided or arranged for by the teacher or administrator who detains them.

7.2 Student

A Student is expected to:

- a) attend school and classes regularly and punctually;
- b) comply with WSD discipline and behaviour management policies;
- c) behave in a respectful manner and comply with the Code of Conduct;
- d) complete assignments and other related work required by teachers or other employees of WSD. Students may stay after school hours to complete assignments;
- e) treat school property and the property of others with respect; and
- f) assume responsibility if they destroy, damage, lose, or convert by an intentional or negligent act school or WSD property.