

Ecole Oceanside Elementary



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Ecole Oceanside Elementary Code of Conduct has been developed in collaboration with staff, students, and parents and guardians to maintain a safe, caring, and orderly school environment, as per the Ministry of Education and Childcare guidelines, and in support of Qualicum School District policy, and the laws of BC and Canada. As well, it reflects Sections 7 and 8 of the BC Human Rights Code, which protects the rights of all individuals from discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and age.

We are a community that celebrates and values the diversity of our members.

At Ecole Oceanside Elementary

Ecole Oceanside Elementary strives to be a kind, caring, inclusive learning community where everyone belongs. It is the responsibility of all members of our community to develop and maintain a considerate and cooperative environment for all. We all have the right to learn in a respectful, safe and inclusive environment.

All members of our community contributed to our Social Contract found on the last page of this document.

We care about others by	We care about ourselves by	We care for our school by
✓ Communicating respectfully	✓ Taking care of our bodies	✓ Recognizing and respecting
and using kind words	with sleep, healthy food and	that we live and learn on the
✓ Understanding that racism and	exercise	traditional territory of the
discrimination will not be	✓ Coming to school dressed	Snaw'naw'as and Qualicum
tolerated in our school	for the weather	First Nations
✓ Showing empathy and an	✓ Staying home when we are	 ✓ Keeping our classrooms and
awareness of how others may	sick	all shared spaces clean and
feel	✓ Washing our hands	free from litter
✓ Travelling to and from school in	frequently	✓ Following the directions of
accordance with our Code of	✓ Using strategies to recognize	school staff
Conduct and <u>Transportation</u>	and manage our emotions	✓ Using school materials, library
<u>Guidelines</u>	✓ Persevering with challenging	books and devices with care
✓ Making safe choices in the	tasks	✓ Using technology safely
school, on the playground, and	✓ Asking for help when	✓ Moving safely and
while on field trips	needed	respectfully around the
✓ Being thoughtful of other	✓ Taking ownership of our	school
opinions	actions and learning	✓ Treating nature on our
✓ Being an upstander and	✓ Solving conflicts peacefully	grounds and other outside
advocating for others when they	✓ Staying on school grounds	spaces with respect and care
need help	unless supervised by staff or	✓ Recycling and composting as
✓ Respecting others' privacy, in	guardian	much as possible
person and online		✓ We never deface school
		property

When we make mistakes we

- Take responsibility and make amends to whomever/whatever was harmed
- Work to fix what we can and move forward in a positive way, learning from our mistake

We believe that positive discipline provides opportunities to learn and grow. Restorative practices help children reflect, understand and be responsible for their actions. In turn, this empowers students to resolve problems peacefully. Discipline is generally progressive and consequences are determined by the individual situation.

Range of Strategies used at Ecole Oceanside Elementary: Problem solving with staff, Parent contact/involvement, Circles, Peer Mediation, Restitution, Restorative Justice, Loss of privilege; Behaviour contract, Counselling, Detention, Time out, Reduced day, In-school suspension, Out-of-school suspension

Behaviours We Do Not Accept at Ecole Oceanside Elementary:

Any behavior that compromises the safety or well-being of any member of our community. This includes bullying, cyberbullying, discrimination, harassment, intimidation, threatening, or violent behaviours. Repeated negative behavior that is disruptive to others and physically damaging property will also not be accepted. While interventions tend to be progressive, there are instances where a severe consequence may be warranted. Students may also be subject to consequences prescribed in specific School Board Policies.

Distraction Free Learning Environment:

Students are to refrain from inappropriate use of school computers, cameras and/or other communication/wireless devices. Personal devices should be turned off and kept in lockers or backpacks during class time unless students have been given permission to use the device for educational purposes. Personal devices should not be used at recess, lunch or between classes. Pictures and videos can only be taken with the consent of the teacher and students. District Policy

Clothing and footwear need to be appropriate for school. Students will follow dress code guidelines outlined in <u>District Policy</u> and will not be permitted to wear clothes which:

- have symbols that promote the use of controlled substances
- have vulgar words, pictures or drawings
- feature offensive, violent, suggestive or hateful content

Safe Reporting:

The Board of Education for the Qualicum School District will take reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Responsibility to Inform Other Parties:

School officials may have the responsibility to advise other parties/agencies of serious breaches of the Code of Conduct, including parents, school district officials, RCMP, and MCFD

Range of Responses to Unacceptable Behaviour:

Supporting students' academic, social-emotional and physical development. Whenever possible, we strive to focus on responses that are **restorative rather than punitive**.

Responses will take into consideration the student's **age, maturity, and unique needs**. Special considerations may apply to students with special needs who are unable to comply with a code of conduct due to having a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional, or behavioural nature

Suspension

In accordance with the School Act, Sec. 85(2)(ii) and (d) the Board authorizes the Principal or designate of any school in the district to suspend a student from attendance at school for up to five days. Suspensions may be for the following reasons:

- a. because a student is willfully and repeatedly disrespectful to a teacher or to any other employee of the Board carrying out responsibilities approved by the Board.
- b. because the behaviour of the student breaches the District Code of Conduct or policy and/or has a harmful effect on others or the learning environment of the school.
- c. because the student has failed to comply with the School Code of Conduct.

Suspensions over five days are made in consultation with the appropriate Senior Staff member (as per Board Policy 701: Student Discipline and its attendant Administrative Procedures, and Section 85 of the School Act) an educational program must be provided.

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Playgrounds	Hallways	Assembly	Technology
We believe in being kind to others and our environment. We want to have fun and play in a safe, clean and inclusive place. We take turns with equipment: ' We go down the slide, one at a time, feet first; then move away from bottom ' One way on monkey bars ' One person per swing ' Two at a time on the saucer swings ' Four at a time on the rainbow structure ' One person in each section of spinner We clean up after ourselves and take care of shared toys We listen to supervisors and adults; We listen when someone says 'stop' or 'no' We follow the rules of the games we play. If we want to join in, we ask politely. We try to include everyone We put garbage and recycling into the proper bins We stay off trees We respect each other's creations in the sandpit We come dressed for the	We want our hallways to feel safe and clean. We believe in calm bodies and quieter voices. Work being displayed on bulletin boards is important to us. We will walk with calm bodies and quiet voices so we don't disturb the learning of others We will walk on the right-hand side of hallways and stairs so there is room for everyone We keep our hands to ourselves and off displays and bulletin boards We are always careful on stairs, watching where we are going We want our washrooms to be safe and clean. We put paper towels in bins, flush toilets and respect the privacy of others We show kind manners by holding the door for others and saying please and thank you We always use kind words We stay outside at recess. If we use the washroom, we go straight back outside Intermediate students understand that they are role models for younger students and have the responsibility to help set expectations	We want presenters to feel welcome and respected. We want to be able to hear, see and enjoy the presentation. We will listen politely to the speaker If we want to contribute, we put up our hands We stay seated so everyone can see We will show our appreciation by clapping politely We will enter and exit the gym calmly We will use the washroom ahead of time Our Grade 7s will sit on benches whenever possible	We believe our technology should work properly for everyone. We will make safe choices online and use equipment appropriately. We will take the time to return and plug in devices in the correct spot We will log off properly so computers are ready for the next person We will carry, use and close laptops and iPads carefully We will keep food and drinks away from devices We will stay on task; we only go on websites approved by teachers We will not add, delete apps or download content without permission Our cell phones stay in backpacks during the school day unless being *used for educational purposes. If we need to call home, we go to the office We ask permission to take and share photos and videos of others
No littering No throwing sand, rocks or wood chips No swearing	No running, shouting or bouncing balls inside No sliding down rails No pushing, shoving or	No talking during performances No hollering or stomping	No violent games No vandalizing *No cell phones during the school day
No fighting/violenceNo climbing fences	swearing No touching displays	5.5mpg	No food or drinks around technology