

Other Basic Rules, Guidelines and Expectations for Students

In addition to the TDSB *Code of Conduct* and your school's own *Code of Conduct*, TDSB provides specific guidelines and expectations for the use of personal communication devices, school board computer systems, and student behaviour on excursions and at athletic events.

Code of On-line Conduct

The TDSB *Code of On-Line Conduct (PR571)* protects the rights and safety of students and staff who use on-line systems and resources, including all material that is accessed through a TDSB computer or telecommunications network. All of the rules of the TDSB apply when using its computers and connections, and the Board has the right to monitor their use.

Some important don'ts

- Never give out information on-line that someone could use to find you in person.
- Never give out information about anyone else without their permission.
- Never share your personal password with anyone.
- Never try to impersonate someone else or use another person's account on the network.

Other items to remember

- TDSB computers are not to be used for any purpose that is illegal, pornographic, hateful, threatens someone, or is obviously offensive to an individual or group. If a message, a picture or anything else you see on the computer makes you uncomfortable, tell your teacher immediately.
- Report any computer damage that happens by accident or on purpose. Consider the others who use the system. Keep use of the computer and transfer of files to reasonable amounts of time.
- Misuse of computers or connections can result in disciplinary action, which may include legal or police action.
- All web pages hosted or paid for by the TDSB are the property of the TDSB.

See the complete *TDSB Code of On-line Conduct (PR571)* at www.tdsb.on.ca/students.

Taking Responsibility

"Responsible citizenship involves appropriate participation in the civic life of the school community. Active and engaged citizens are aware of their rights, but more importantly, they accept responsibility for protecting their rights and the rights of others."

~ Ontario Ministry of Education, *Policy/Program Memorandum 128 (October 2007)*

Personal Communication Devices

The Toronto District School Board is responding to evolving technology, including Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) such as cell phones, personal digital assistants, smart phones and laptops and recognizes the potential of technology use in the classroom to engage, enhance and support student learning.

We also understand that PEDs can be an important way for parents and caregivers to stay connected and engaged with the learning of their children, as well as a way to reach each other, when necessary.

It is also important to make sure that they are used responsibly, do not interfere with learning and respect the rights of others at all times.

To learn more, visit your school office or speak to your principal.

Know Your Rights

Every student has the right to feel safe and welcome at school. Everyone has the right to be treated with respect, dignity and understanding.

If you hear, see or experience...

- name-calling or threats
- unwelcome remarks or slurs
- obscene gestures or jokes
- unwanted touching or sexual bullying
- on-line harassment
- derogatory or offensive materials
- threats of outing someone
- intimidation or physical violence
- or anything else that negatively affects an individual or group

call:

**Student
SAFETY LINE**
416-395-SAFE(7233)
416-620-9711 (TTY)

www.tdsb.on.ca/safetyline



Getting the Most Out of Excursions and Field Trips

Field trips are great learning opportunities for students. To ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all participants, students need to follow the TDSB *Code of Conduct* and the expectations of their school while off school property during trips and athletic events.

Some Important Things to Remember

- Come prepared and follow the directions of teachers and other supervisors during the excursion.
- You will not be penalized if you miss any assignments or tests in other subjects while on a school excursion. You will be expected to complete the work within a reasonable time, as determined by the teacher when you return.
- Board policy prohibits the use of tobacco, alcohol and non-medicinal drugs at all school activities – whether they take place on or off school property.

The expectations are outlined fully in the *TDSB Excursion Procedure (PR511)* available on-line at www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs.

Student Athletes Set an Important Example

Athletes are often seen as role models for students. It is important for student athletes to promote positive social behaviours and attitudes in their peers. The TDSB *Code of Behaviour for Athletes* describes expectations for students who take part in TDSB-approved sporting events:

- Compete for the enjoyment of the game and the pursuit of individual as well as team excellence.
- Strive to understand, respect, and follow the rules of the game at all times.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and fair play.
- Conduct yourself with honour, dignity and self-control.
- Appreciate the efforts of your team mates and opponents.
- Be generous in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Show respect for authority and decisions of coaches, staff and officials.
- Respect athletic facilities and property.
- Respect the rights of opponents, team mates, and spectators on both sides.
- Refrain from the use of profanity, taunting, threatening actions and violence at all times.
- Behave in accordance with all TDSB policies.

