

BACKGROUND

Westmount Charter School is committed to the establishment of a safe, caring and effective learning environment for its students, staff, volunteers and visitors.

Students are expected to be responsible and to conduct themselves in a manner which respects the rights and property of others.

The Superintendent requires that expectations for student behavior be clearly communicated and encourages the School to undertake activities designed to foster appropriate conduct.

Westmount also believes that parents, as partners, play a vital role in instilling and reinforcing the skills necessary for appropriate conduct.

PROCEDURES

1. The Student Code of Conduct is to be consistent with the *School Act* and Charter Board policy and reflect community values.
2. A student shall conduct himself or herself so as to reasonably comply with the following code of conduct established pursuant to the *School Act*.
 - 2.1 be diligent in pursuing the student's studies;
 - 2.2 attend school regularly and punctually;
 - 2.3 co-operate fully with everyone authorized by the Charter Board to provide education programs and other services;
 - 2.4 comply with the rules of the School;
 - 2.5 account to the student's teachers for the student's conduct;
 - 2.6 respect the rights of others.
3. Students are expected to be respectful, responsible, trustworthy, fair, caring and good citizens.
4. The following behaviors or offenses towards self, peers, staff, volunteers, visitors and /or property will not be tolerated:
 - 4.1 deliberately disrupting the learning of others;
 - 4.2 creating a disturbance;
 - 4.3 being disrespectful;
 - 4.4 being disobedient or defiant;
 - 4.5 being dishonest;
 - 4.6 harassment (also refer to Administrative Procedure AP-341);
 - 4.7 vandalism;
 - 4.8 physical aggression;
 - 4.9 using, possessing or involvement with weapons;
 - 4.10 using profane, vulgar or inappropriate language;
 - 4.11 using or possessing cigarettes or other tobacco products;

- 4.12 possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or inappropriately using prescription medications (also refer to Administrative Procedure AP-347);
or
- 4.13 engaging in any other criminal activities.
- 5. The Principal is responsible to ensure the Student Code of Conduct is communicated at least annually to parents and on an on-going basis to students.
- 6. The School will ensure that reasonable learning opportunities are provided for students in order to foster the development of responsible and respectful conduct.
- 7. The *School Act* and this Student Code of Conduct shall apply:
 - 7.1 to any School or School-sponsored activity whether on or off-campus; and
 - 7.2 to any bus transportation of students, including designated drop-off or pick-up areas; and
 - 7.3 during transportation by volunteer drivers to School-sponsored off-campus activities.
- 8. Any violations of this Code of Conduct will be addressed promptly and in accordance with Charter Board policy and Administrative Procedures.

Legal Reference: *School Act*, section 12
Cross Reference: Charter Board Policy 11 Role of the Superintendent
AP-? Discrimination and Harassment
AP-347 Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse
AP-350 Student Discipline
AP-351 Suspension
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