



Wesley Christian Academy Code of Conduct

Wesley Christian Academy is committed to promoting responsibility, respect, civility, and academic excellence in a safe learning environment. A positive school climate exists when all members of the school community feel included and accepted, and embrace behaviours and interactions based on Christian principles. Our Code of Conduct incorporates the general behavioural expectations for students and parents as outlined in the Parent Handbook.

Purposes of the Code of Conduct

- to promote responsible citizenship and Christian community by encouraging appropriate participation in the life of the school;
- to maintain an environment where conflict and difference can be addressed in a manner characterized by respect and civility;
- to ensure that all members of the school community, especially people in positions of authority, are treated with respect and dignity;
- to encourage the use of non-violent means to resolve conflict; and
- to promote the safety and well-being of people in the school.

Rights

Our Students have the right to:

- learn in a quiet, peaceful and loving environment;
- be treated with friendliness, honesty, fairness and respect;
- have clean, tidy and pleasant surroundings;
- develop and maintain good, healthy habits;
- respect personal space and property;
- voice an opinion in a respectful way; and
- feel safe and free from any type of unkindness and harm whether verbal (swearing, name calling, putdowns, etc., either in person or communicated electronically) or physical (hitting, spitting, pushing, tripping etc.)

Student and Parent Responsibilities

To Contribute to a Christian Learning Community of Civility and Respect

Students are accountable for their actions and the choices that they make. Therefore, they are expected to follow guidelines for behaviour and comply with the instructions or directions given by staff both in and out of the classroom. Attitudes are as important as actions. Disrespectful words, tone or attitude is considered a breach of expected conduct and will be dealt with by teachers and/or the administration. This includes time spent during the school day as well as before and after school hours.

All members of the school community must:

- co-operate with one another, and behave in a way that does not distract or disturb others;
- treat others politely, courteously and respectfully;
- demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- respect differences in people, their ideas, and their opinions;
- respect the rights of others;
- show proper care and regard for school property and the property of others;
- seek assistance from a member of the school staff, if necessary, to resolve conflict peacefully;
- not swear, use inappropriate language, or make lewd gestures;
- adhere to the dress code;
- adhere to standards of academic honesty;
- be punctual;
- complete homework by assigned deadlines;
- follow all other classroom rules; and
- take appropriate measures to help those in need.

To Ensure a Safe Learning Environment

All members of the school community are responsible for making the school a safe place, and therefore, must not:

- threaten, hurt, intimidate, tease or exclude others, or behave in a manner which constitutes on-line or in-person bullying or harassment;
- use any object to threaten or intimidate another person;
- cause injury to any person with an object;
- inflict or encourage others to inflict bodily harm on another person;
- engage in forms of behaviour motivated by hate or bias;
- steal, damage, misuse or destroy the property of the school or the property of others;
- engage in sexual harassment or commit sexual assault;
- be in possession of, or be under the influence of, or provide others with alcohol, restricted or illegal drugs;
- be in possession of any weapon or any replica of a weapon, including firearms; or
- breach municipal, provincial or federal law.

Consequences

Every effort will be made to instill in students a sense of responsibility and accountability for their choices, and to teach and encourage adherence to the Christian principles on which this Code is founded. We expect all parents and guardians to assist in this objective by modeling the expectations outlined in this Code. Where the Code of Conduct has been breached, the school may, at its discretion, take appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with our Discipline Policy.