

Fernwood School Code of Conduct

At Fernwood Elementary School our focus is on student learning. We have established a safe and caring environment for purposeful learning. Social Responsibility is a school-wide and community focus. We use the BC Performance Standards to assess student progress and have established the Three R's as our **Statement of Acceptable Conduct**.

Fernwood Elementary School Three R's

At Fernwood School we show we care:

- By being Respectful
- By being Responsible
- By Reaching Out to others

It is expected that all students come to school to engage in learning. Increasingly through the grades, as they mature, they will self-monitor their social behaviour. All grade five students will become 'Firebirds', our peer leaders.

Unacceptable conduct is any conduct that fails to follow the Three 'R's. In addition, we do not allow:

- "hands on" - rough play
- throwing missiles (rocks, ... etc)
- verbal put-downs
- exclusion from group of activities
- physical violence or threats
- willful damage to school building or contents

Consequences

At Fernwood School we adopt a pro-active approach and have regular classroom meetings to deal with issues. Daily announcements and a school-wide Gotcha system encourage positive behaviours.

In the event of unacceptable behaviour the follow sequence of events is recommended:

- the classroom teacher deals with the student
- the classroom teacher informs the parents/caregiver
- the incident is recorded in a behaviour log
- more serious incidents are referred to the Principal

Students are encouraged to work through the effect of their actions constructively and one of the following may occur:

- restitution to individuals involved
- verbal or written apology
- performing a school community service
- establishing a 'personal behaviour contract'
- loss of use of playground time
- referral to the School Based Team
- reimbursement - if property loss or damage is involved
- referral to Youth and Family Counsellor
- in-school or out-of-school suspension

In accordance with School District Policy and the Criminal Code the more serious incidents will be referred to the Superintendent and may be referred to the RCMP

Concerns

If parents, caregivers, or students have any concerns about safety they are encouraged to contact the classroom teacher or the principal as soon as possible.