

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY
AGENDA**

Monday, May 13, 2024, 4:00 pm
Video Conference

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Committee of the Whole Report

Date: May 13, 2024
To: Board of Education – Public Meeting
From: Roberto Bombelli, Deputy Superintendent
Subject: Codes of Conduct Order Amendment – Personal Digital Device Restrictions

Background:

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has amended the *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order (Order)* to promote provincial consistency and to support boards of education in ensuring their schools have appropriate policies in place to restrict student personal digital device use. The amended Order will come into effect on July 1, 2024.

This Order sets out the standards that boards of education must meet in establishing student codes of conduct for their respective districts. The information in this support guide is provided for your convenience and guidance and is not a replacement for the Order.

Introduction:

The *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order* sets out the standards that boards of education must meet in establishing student codes of conduct. The order specifically defines that boards must include one or more statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices at school for the purpose of promoting online safety and focused learning environments. In addition, statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices at school must address the following:

- restrictions on the use of personal digital devices at school, including during hours of instruction;
- use of personal digital devices for instructional purposes and digital literacy;
- use of personal digital devices that is appropriate to a student's age and developmental stage;
- accessibility and accommodation needs;
- medical and health needs;
- equity to support learning outcomes.

Considerations:

The attached *Burnaby School District Code of Conduct* incorporates draft language to address the amended *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order*. Feedback from our Partner Groups is requested and appreciated.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Burnaby School District's Code of Conduct has been established to maintain a safe, caring and healthy learning environment.

It is the shared responsibility of students, staff, parents / guardians and the broader community, to demonstrate positive conduct while attending any school or District related activity, at any location.

All members of the school community have an obligation to:

- Support learning
- Promote safety
- Respect property, environment, personal space and privacy
- Model courtesy, compassion and respect

All members of the school community are expected to comply with appropriate use – which may vary by the student's age and developmental stage – of personal digital devices and restrictions, including:

- During instructional time, only using personal digital devices for educational, learning accessibility, and/or medical purposes and with the permission of the classroom teacher
- During the school day, keeping personal digital devices safely stored, on silent mode, and out of sight, except when allowed by the school or classroom teacher

All members of the school community must refrain from engaging in any in-person or digital communication or behaviour that is considered to be:

- Interfering with the learning and working of others
- Bullying, harassing, intimidating, retaliating, discriminating or violent
- Unsafe or illegal including the possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances, or the possession of weapons or replicas

All members of the school community are expected to comply with the purpose and spirit of the BC Human Rights Code, including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age.

Every effort will be made to support individuals and to determine the root causes of behaviour. If the safety or educational program of others is compromised, or if there is an ongoing failure to meet the expectations of the Code of Conduct, a range of consequences will follow. Whenever possible, incidents will be resolved by discussion, mediation and restitution.

All members of the Burnaby School District community have the right to be treated fairly and consistently, and should know and understand this Code of Conduct.

FIELD EXPERIENCES REPORT

Date: May 13, 2024

All field trips will follow the safety guidelines outlined in Administrative Regulations and Procedures 6.60.01. All Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 settings in place at the time will be followed.

A. FINAL APPROVAL

1. School

Forest Grove Elementary School

Grades	7
Destination	Gibsons, BC
Date of Field Trip	June 10 – 12, 2024
No. of Students	41
No. of Teachers	1
No. of District Support Staff	4
No. of Volunteers	1

FUNDING

Est. Pupil Cost	\$200
Est. TOC Cost	-
Est. School Fund Cost	\$6,765
Est. Total Cost	\$14,965

Purpose & Objectives Students will engage in alternate outdoor activities at Camp Elphinstone while participating in canoeing, archery and a low ropes course with their peers.