

# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Empire School is a place that promotes responsibility, respect, civility and academic excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment. All students, parents, teachers and support staff have the right to feel safe in their school community. With this right comes the responsibility to be law-abiding citizens and be accountable for actions that put at risk the safety of others or oneself.

## **Students must be able:**

- ✓ to work and play in a safe, non-threatening environment
- ✓ to show respect for themselves, for others and those in authority

## **Teachers must be able:**

- ✓ to teach students who behave in a reasonable manner.
- ✓ to have students who are diligent in their studies.
- ✓ to be respected.

## **Support Staff must be able:**

- ✓ to expect students and staff to take pride in their school building and classrooms and to work together to maintain a clean and organized environment.
- ✓ to have input, when appropriate, in decisions affecting the school.
- ✓ to be respected.

## **Parents must be able:**

- ✓ to have their children taught in orderly classes.
- ✓ to have students provided with a meaningful program.
- ✓ to be respected.

## **Courses of Action ~**

The following range of consequences may be used to protect rights of all students:

### **Discussion**

Your teacher, principal, or learning resource teacher talks with the student about the concern. Your parents may be informed.

### **Detention of Students**

You are detained after school for specific unacceptable behaviour. Your parents will be informed.

### **Removal of Privileges**

Your privileges, in the nature of access to playground, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, are removed under certain circumstances.

### **In-School Suspension**

Where specific unacceptable behaviour is deemed to have a negative impact upon the classroom learning environment, the student is withdrawn to an alternate location.

### **Formal Suspension**

This is a further step which can be taken by the Principal when deemed necessary.

## Vision Statement

All students can learn when taught the strategies to become independent learners.

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of Empire Public School:

- ▶ To create a safe, peaceful and nurturing environment for learning.
- ▶ To encourage our students to realize their full potential as learners and productive members of society.
- ▶ To maintain a viable partnership between school, parents and the community.

### ***BELL TIMES:***

9:00 a.m.	Entry, Announcements, Opening Exercises Instructional Block 1
10:40 a.m.	Fitness/Nutrition Break
11:25 a.m.	Instructional Block 2
1:05 p.m.	Fitness/Nutrition Break
1:50 p.m.	Instructional Block 3
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal

## Attendance

Student success depends on daily attendance and punctuality. If you will be absent or late, the school must be notified by phone before 8:50 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Parents of children not accounted for will be telephoned by the school. For your convenience, our answering machine picks up messages at all hours. Completion of studies or assignments missed because of absence is your responsibility. These should be completed as soon as possible upon your child's return to school.

## Winter Storms

(Inclement Weather)

When winter storms occur before the opening of school for the day, please listen to local radio stations for school bulletins. The stations are informed before 7:00 a.m. and you will hear one of these messages:

- \* schools are open or schools are closed
- \* buses are not running but schools are open if you can get there safely

Some of the local radio stations are:

CKTB 610 AM	CHML 900 AM	CJRN 710 AM
CKOC 1150 AM	CHOW 1470 AM	CHTZ 97.7 FM
CHRE 105.7 FM	CHSC 1220 AM	

## Empire Guidelines for Success

- ◆ Be responsible.
- ◆ Always try.
- ◆ Do your best.
- ◆ Cooperate with others.
- ◆ Treat everyone with respect (including yourself).

## Empire School Pledge

As a member of Empire School, I believe all students can become independent learners when given the strategies to do so. I pledge, to be safe, peaceful and kind to others, to CHAMP so I can reach my full potential, to take responsibility for my actions and be respectful, to represent Empire in a positive way at school, home, and in the community. I do all this for Empire Pride.

## Empire Classroom Rules

- ◆ Arrive on time with all your materials.
- ◆ Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- ◆ Work during all work times.
- ◆ Follow directions immediately.

## Attitude

The more you live, the more you realize the  
impact of attitude on life.

Attitude is more important than the past, money, education, circumstances,  
failures, successes and what other people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill.

It will make or break a school, community, organization, or home.

The remarkable thing is that you have a  
choice every day regarding the attitude you will embrace for that day.

We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing that we can do is play on the one string we have and that is our attitude.

Life is 10% what happens and 90% how you react to it.

You are in charge of your attitudes!