


CODE OF CONDUCT

Maintaining the dignity of each person, in all situations, is crucial in managing behavior. Effective discipline comes from the belief that teaching individuals to take responsibility for their behavior is more motivating in creating behavioral changes than teaching individuals to be obedient in order to avoid punishment. The Student Code of Conduct applies when students are at school, on school trips or on their way to and from school.

1. **Respect:**




In order to create a peaceful school environment, students are expected to show respect to others. Students are to speak politely to all adults and to each other. Anyone entering our school is also expected to deal respectfully with school personnel.

Appropriate language is expected at all times.

In order to nurture a sense of pride in our school, students are expected to show respect for all school property (the building, books, desks, etc.) as well as respect for the property of others.

2. **Safety and Security:**

Students are to listen to and follow the directions of any staff member who is on supervision. Children are only permitted in the school yard when staff is on duty.



Therefore, students must only be in the school yard after 8:00 a.m. (morning entrance) and after 12:50 p.m. (entrance after lunch). All students are to leave the school grounds immediately upon dismissal.

Students must demonstrate appropriate on-line conduct and manners at all times. In line with the LBPSB's digital citizenship program, students should demonstrate good judgement, etiquette, and safety in all their on-line communications both in and outside of school.

All students will:

- Walk safely inside the building
- Follow the "Hands Off" rule at all times of the day

In order to ensure a safe and secure environment for our school community, no form of bullying, rough play, physical or verbal aggression of any kind will be tolerated. VES adheres to an anti-bullying/ anti-violence plan that is available on its website.

Facebook and other Social Media sites:



While Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram's popularity may make it enticing to children, there are multiple reasons why their use is not appropriate for children under the age limit of 13 years old. These include not only the critical concerns about their online safety, cyber-bullying, and harmful content, but also major threats to their privacy, health, and well-being.

If parents authorize their children under the age of 13 to open social media accounts such as Facebook, then they must assume full responsibility for their children's online behaviour. If online activity interferes with a student's learning, the learning of other students or the teacher's ability to teach, **parents may be asked to pick-up their child to resolve the issue at home.**

3. *Self-respect and School Spirit:*



In order to develop a sense of self-respect, children are expected to dress appropriately for school – if the school deems that a student is not dressed appropriately, they may be asked to return home to change or be provided with alternate clothing provided by the school.

Students should wear clean and appropriate dress. Clothing with sayings, pictures or images offensive to any individual or group will not be permitted. Skimpy or revealing clothing is not appropriate, i.e.: short shorts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, cut-offs or torn jeans. Hats and hoods may not be worn inside the building.

Students are required to wear clothing that is appropriate to facilitate participation in physical education class. Students should wear running shoes, shorts/sweat pants and a t-shirt or jogging suit on days that they are scheduled for physical education class.

4. *Successful and Meaningful Learning:*



Students must come to school prepared to learn and with the necessary materials each day. Using the school agenda is important for this purpose. Children are to respect the right of others to learn in a peaceful environment.

CONSEQUENCES:

Students whose behaviors do not comply with any part of the Code of Conduct may be subject to any of the following consequences:

Verbal reprimand	Time out	Reflection
Loss of privileges	Removal from school	Meeting with parents
Detention	Restitution	Community Service
Suspension in school	Suspension out of school	Transfer/Expulsion

In all instances these measures are applied at the discretion of the principal or his/her delegate taking into account the circumstances and severity and number of offenses. Any and all disciplinary measures included in the school's Student Code of Conduct must be in alignment with the LBPSB Safe and Caring Schools Policy:

http://www2.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/policies/Policy_on_Safe_and_Caring_Schools_Eng.pdf

and the school's anti-bullying policy:

<http://verdun.lbpsb.qc.ca/documents/ABAVPlan.pdf>

It should be noted that the administration will impose consequences or sanctions with the understanding that the long term goal is the rehabilitation and reintegration of the student who commits an offense, but that the safety of all students is always the primary focus.