

Student Expectations

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

All members of the Parkdale community are to be treated with respect and dignity. Therefore, students shall demonstrate respect for themselves, for others, and for their civic and social responsibilities.

All students will:

- come to school prepared, on time, and ready to learn;
- participate in the learning process to the best of their ability;
- show respect for themselves, for others, the space and for those in authority;
- be courteous to fellow pupils and courteous towards teachers and staff;
- be accountable for their own actions and behaviours;
- refrain from bringing anything to school that may compromise the health and/or safety of others;
- exercise self-regulation;
- show respect for school property;
- comply with the school and TDSB Code of Conduct, including all the School Expectations.

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Parents and Guardians play an important role in the education of their children/ward and have a responsibility to support the efforts of school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.

In order to fulfill their role, parents and guardians are asked to:

- ensure that their student attends school regularly and on time;
- help their student to be prepared for school;
- interact with the administration and all school staff in a courteous and respectful manner;
- communicate regularly with the school following the [Parent Concern Protocol](#);
- promptly report to the school their student's absence or late arrival;
- assist and support school staff in dealing with disciplinary issues involving their student;
- encourage and assist their student in following the Code of Conduct, including the School Expectations.

STUDENT RULES

To ensure a safe and nurturing learning environment there are certain practices, procedures and rules that need to be observed. These will be reviewed at the beginning of the year at the Welcome Assembly and posted in the online learning platform for ALL your classes. All students are responsible for reviewing and following these rules.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

According to the Education Act, the purpose of the Provincial Code of Conduct and school Codes of Conduct is to ensure that all members of the school community are treated with respect and dignity and to promote the safety of all people in schools. Under the Provincial Code of Conduct, ALL members of the school community must:

- respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal laws;
- demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- respect differences in people, their ideas, and their opinions;
- treat one another with dignity and respect at all times, and especially when there is a disagreement;
- respect and treat others fairly and promote a positive school climate that is inclusive and accepting of all pupils, including of any race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or ability;
- respect the rights of others;
- show proper care and regard for school property and the property of others;
- take appropriate measures to help those in need;
- respect persons who are in a position of authority;
- respect the need of others to work in an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE

When students breach the Code of Conduct, consequences will be consistent with progressive discipline strategies. Progressive discipline is a whole-school approach that utilizes a continuum of interventions, supports, and consequences to address inappropriate student behaviour and to build on strategies that promote positive behaviours. When inappropriate behaviour occurs, disciplinary measures will be applied within a framework that shifts the focus from one that is solely punitive to one that is both corrective and supportive. At Parkdale CI the range of interventions, supports and consequences will include learning opportunities while helping students to make good choices.

Interventions may include:

- discussion with a teacher, member of the support staff, Vice-Principal or Principal;
- attendance / performance / behaviour contracts or tracking sheets;
- parental contact and involvement;
- loss of privilege to participate in specified school activities;
- individual or group counselling;
- written or oral apology;
- detention;
- restitution for damaged or stolen property;
- community service;
- restorative justice practices.

Student breaches of the TDSB Code of Conduct and the Parkdale CI Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with Operational Procedure PR697: Promoting a Positive School Climate, and the TDSB Consequences of Inappropriate Student Behaviour, as outlined in the TDSB Common Pages.

BULLYING

Bullying is any physical, verbal, electronic, written or other behaviour that causes harm, fear or distress to another individual, including physical, psychological, social or academic harm, harm to the individual's reputation or property, or behaviour that creates a negative environment at a school for another individual.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- disparaging jokes, slurs or stereotyping;
- threats, abuse or intimidation;
- any negative verbal or physical expression, symbol or drawing which directs disparagement towards a person or a group's race, colour, ethno-cultural heritage, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or other aspect of their identity;
- offensive name-calling, pictures, cartoons, graffiti or anything that disparages others

Any expressions of racial, ethnic or gender bias, or incidences of bullying and other forms of harassment, are **against school expectations, Board Policy, and Provincial legislation, and are strictly prohibited and can result in disciplinary action.**

ASSEMBLIES

All students are expected to attend assemblies and demonstrate respect for the presenters. Backpacks and coats/jackets are to be left in their locked classroom or locker. Personal Electronic Devices are to be turned off and put away. No food or drinks (except water) are to be taken into the auditorium. Disruptive behaviour at assemblies will result in removal from the assembly.

- Students and staff from all classes during the assembly block will attend assemblies unless otherwise indicated.
- Students will not be allowed to leave the assembly without their teachers' permission; this includes leaving for the washroom.
- Food, backpacks and jackets will not be permitted in the auditorium.
- Students will listen attentively; teachers will intervene when a student's behaviour is inappropriate, and the student will be referred to the VP.

CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDs)

Use of Personal Electronic Devices (cell phones, iPods, headphones, etc.) in classrooms is at the professional discretion of each classroom teacher. Students are expected to comply with teachers' requests to turn the devices off and put them away. Use of PEDs during instructional periods should be for educational purposes only; photos and videos of any students or staff may not be taken without consent.

- Music devices used outside of classes must not be audible to others. Students are advised that the use of PEDs can prevent them from hearing announcements of an urgent nature, such as fire alarms or emergency instruction. All devices must be turned off and silent during the land acknowledgement, anthem, and announcements, and in assemblies.
- The school is not responsible for any loss, theft, misuse, damage, recovery, repair or replacement of any device brought to school or on school excursions. Infractions of the rules regarding any PEDs including cell phones will result in disciplinary action. Devices may have to be surrendered because of misuse; parents or guardians will be contacted and must come to the school to retrieve them.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Students in possession of or under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol will face a variety of consequences including suspension and possible expulsion. Please refer to the Consequences of Inappropriate Student Behaviour in the TDSB Common Pages.

LOCKERS

Students will be assigned their own locker to be used for the storage of textbooks, gym equipment, coats and items necessary for school purposes only. Students are responsible for the condition of the inside and outside of their lockers. Open food should not be stored in lockers, and all food must be removed from lockers at the end of each school day. Students are responsible for providing their own combination locks, and the combination must be provided to the Main Office.

Students may use only the locker assigned to them. Lockers not specifically assigned and occupied without permission will have the locks and contents removed. Lockers are the property of the Board and are subject to inspection by the Administration.

To ensure security of personal items, students should not share lockers or lock combinations. Students are cautioned not to store money or expensive electronic equipment in lockers. The school and the TDSB are not responsible for items that are stolen from lockers.

SMOKING & VAPING

Smoking/Vaping is prohibited on all TDSB school properties. Students who are smoking or vaping on school property will face consequences including detentions, suspensions, and fines for Toronto Public Health. School property extends to the sidewalk and includes the parking lots, tennis courts and field.

STUDENT DRESS POLICY

The TDSB has adopted a [Student Dress Policy](#) (2019) that applies to all schools across the Board, effective September 2019. The Student Dress Policy, formerly the Appropriate Dress Policy, has been revised and approved by the Board. The policy will apply to all TDSB schools to establish fair and equitable standards and practices for student dress across the Board.

The policy was developed to provide students with learning environments that are safe, equitable, welcoming, and inclusive and recognizes that decisions about dress reflect individual expression of identity, socio-cultural norms, and economic factors and are personal and important factors to a person's well-being and health.

In accordance with TDSB Policy Po42 the following also applies to the dress code policy, in that students must:

- a) Conform with established health and safety requirements for the intended activity
- b) Respect the Board's intent to sustain a community that is positive, anti-oppressive, equitable, accepting, and inclusive of a diverse range of social and cultural identities
- c) Not promote offensive, lewd, vulgar, or obscene images or language, including profanity, hate and pornography

- d) Not promote, nor, could not be construed as or include content that is discriminatory, or that reasonably could be construed as defamatory, threatening, harassing or promoting bias, prejudice or hate; attire that depicts violence, profanity, racial or gender discrimination or discrimination of any kind whatsoever;
- e) Not symbolize, suggest, display or reference: tobacco, cannabis, alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia, promotion or incitement of violence or any illegal conduct or criminal activities
- f) Not interfere with the safe operation of the school, limit or restrict the rights of others, or create a reasonably foreseeable risk of such interference or invasion of rights
- g) attire that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group.

SNACK/FOOD WASTE

Our Healthy Snack program is available to all students before school. All food wrappers and other waste are expected to be disposed of in the appropriate waste or recycling bins.

Parkdale CI has been a Platinum EcoSchool, therefore litterless lunches are encouraged. In all areas of the school where food is consumed, students are expected to clear the area of all food-related waste in accordance with EcoSchool guidelines.

SPARES

Students may have a scheduled spare after they have earned at least 23 credits. During their spare period, students who choose to remain in the school may go to the library for quiet study and/or the cafeteria until the end of period 3. Care should be taken not to disrupt any classes.

VALUABLES

Students are advised not to leave cash or valuables in their lockers or in the Physical Education change rooms, and not to bring large amounts of money or items of great value to school. The school is not able to accept responsibility for student belongings lost or stolen from classrooms, lockers or change rooms.

VISITORS

All visitors in the school must sign in at the Main Office and must have an educational purpose for being in the school. Casual visits from friends or younger siblings are not appropriate and not permitted. Members of the community must report to the Main Office to state the reason for being in the school. A Visitor Pass will be issued at the discretion of administration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are read daily. It is important that students keep up to date with announcements. Please read our electronic board located outside on the Jameson Avenue side of the school. We will continuously post up-to-date school information.

MONEY COLLECTION AND STORAGE

1. For any events (such as excursions or dances) for which there is a cost to students, please see administration if there are students who are unable to pay – we will ensure that students do not miss opportunities due to financial hardship.
2. Money collected for school events **should only** be collected through School Cash Online (SCOL) where that is not possible, monies should be locked in the vault at the end of every collection period and should not be stored in classrooms, offices, or desks.
 - a. Students collecting cash for an event (e.g., bake sale) must always have a staff member present when a cash box is outside of the main office. Cash boxes must be requested and picked up from the main office by staff **ONLY**.
 - b. All money collected should be counted (with a second staff member) as soon as possible after it is collected, and a deposit form completed – please see the Budget Secretary for direction.

- c. Students should not be asked to count, store or deposit money that has been collected, nor can they sign the deposit forms – all transactions involving money collection and deposit must be completed by a staff member.

SECURITY

1. All guests and visitors must be approved in advance by administration and are requested to sign in and out at the Main Office.
2. Keys are to be secure; all keys signed out in September must be returned in June in accordance with the Education Act and the TDSB Key Protocol. Keys should not be given to students at any time!

If you require more information, please refer to Operational Procedure PR663