



CODE OF CONDUCT

School Philosophy

Minnetonka School has a commitment to ensure that every student has the opportunity to achieve their highest academic, social, and emotional potential. We believe that these emotional and social needs must be addressed in order to promote academic and social growth. We also believe that individuals can learn to make behavioral choices which will facilitate their own and others' development.

Student behaviour will be most positive when:

- * the basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter are adequately met
- * there is an atmosphere of mutual support throughout the school community, which includes all stakeholders in the learning environment: students, staff, parents, and the community at large
- * The child is regularly having their needs met in the areas of Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity as described in the [Circle of Courage](#)
- * the school is aware of any factors that may affect the student's ability to behave responsibly and positively

This plan is intended to provide a common basis for communication and understanding among all members of the Minnetonka School Community.

Teachers and other adults have an on-going responsibility to prepare students for their role as citizens and to model these attributes in their daily interactions with students.

Students and staff need to demonstrate the importance of respect for themselves, others, and property.

Behavioral Expectations

- a) BE KIND
- b) BE USEFUL
- c) DO YOUR BEST

The following expectations derive from the Public Schools Act:

- Pupils and staff must behave in a respectful manner and comply with the school's code of conduct.
- Abuse (physical, sexual, psychological) and bullying orally, in writing or otherwise of any person is unacceptable.
- Discriminating unreasonably on the basis of any characteristic set out in subsection 9(2) of the Human Rights Code is unacceptable
- Using, possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs at school is unacceptable
- Possessing a "weapon" as defined in Section 2 of the Criminal Code (Canada) will not be tolerated on school sites