

# SVRSS CODE OF CONDUCT

## FOR A SAFE AND CARING SCHOOL

**All students and staff must behave in a respectful manner and comply with the Code of Conduct.**

**The Code of Conduct serves to establish the behaviors necessary to support a safe learning environment. The Code of Conduct applies at school and all school related activities such as field trips and sporting events. Staff, students, parents and community share the responsibility for creating and maintaining the safe learning environment.**

| UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR  | DESCRIPTION OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR<br>Unacceptable behaviour is any behaviour which interferes with learning   |
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| ABUSE   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Abuse</b> is any action that causes intentional harm or injures another person, including students, staff and visitors to our building.</li> <li><b>Abuse</b> may be physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, in writing, or with social media.</li> <li><b>Abuse is unacceptable and may lead to criminal charges.</b></li> </ul>  |
| POSSESSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, SMOKING OR VAPE PRODUCTS<br><br>CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Alcohol and Drug possession is unacceptable and illegal.</b></li> <li><b>Distribution/Selling of alcohol and drug is unacceptable and illegal and SVRSS will coordinate with local RCMP.</b></li> <li><b>Smoking and the use of all tobacco products, including electronic devices</b> is prohibited on all school property including off campus school activities.</li> <li><b>Refer to SVRSS Vaping Policy</b></li> <li><b>Smoking and the use of all tobacco products is unacceptable and illegal for minors.</b></li> <li><b>Alcohol and Drug use</b> hinders learning. Students must be fit for learning.</li> <li><b>Alcohol and Drug use is unacceptable and illegal.</b></li> </ul>   |
| BULLYING<br><br>CYBERBULLING<br><br>HARRASSMENT   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bullying</b> is behavior that causes fear, intimidation, humiliation, distress or other forms of harm to another person's feelings, self- esteem, body or reputation and creates a negative school and work environment for another person.</li> <li><b>Bullying</b> may be direct (face to face) or indirect (through others) and it may take place through any form of expression – including written, verbal, physical or electronic</li> <li><b>Cyberbullying</b> is bullying by means of any form of electronic communication, including social media, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, e-mail, etc.</li> <li><b>Hazing</b> is bullying.</li> <li><b>All forms of bullying, whether by students, parents or staff in or out of school at any time is unacceptable and may lead to criminal charges.</b></li> </ul> |
| COMPROMISING THE SAFETY OF THE SCHOOL   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Compromising the safety of the school</b> occurs when students wander, loiter, leave school without permission, fail to sign out or in, skip school or class or fail to take direction from a person in authority.</li> <li><b>Compromising the safety of the school environment is unacceptable.</b></li> </ul>  |
| DISCRIMINATION  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discrimination</b> is treating someone differently on the basis of a protected characteristic such as age, ethnic origin, ancestry, culture, socio-economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, family status, mental and physical ability.</li> <li><b>Discrimination</b> may include failure to make reasonable accommodations for the special needs of any individual or group.</li> <li><b>Discrimination violates the Human Rights Code and is unacceptable.</b></li> </ul>   |

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| INAPPROPRIATE DRESS  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Inappropriate dress is the</i></b> wearing clothing that interferes with learning by not meeting safety requirements nor the decorum and dress of the learning and working environment.</li> <li>• <b><i>Inappropriate dress is unacceptable.</i></b></li> </ul>   |
| INAPPROPRIATE USE OF TECHNOLOGY and<br>INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SVSD NETWORK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Inappropriate use of technology</i></b> is accessing, uploading, downloading, sharing or distributing information or material that is objectionable or not in keeping with the maintenance of a positive school learning environment.</li> <li>• <b><i>Inappropriate use</i></b> of the internet includes social media, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, email and emerging communication technologies, digital cameras, cell phones or any other electronic or personal communication devices.</li> <li>• <b><i>Taking and distributing</i></b> a person's photo or video image without permission is unacceptable.</li> <li>• <b><i>Taking/Distributing nude or partially nude photos</i></b> is illegal and prohibited and can result in criminal charges of creating and possessing pornography.</li> <li>• <b><i>Inappropriate use of technology or SVSD Network is unacceptable</i></b></li> </ul> |
| THREAT OF VIOLENCE   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Threat of violence</i></b> is any threat of harm uttered, written or communicated electronically.</li> <li>• <b><i>The risk of the threat</i></b> is assessed by a team consisting of principal, superintendent, psychologist, mental health, RCMP and any other agency with whom the student is involved.</li> <li>• <b><i>Threat of violence is unacceptable and may lead to criminal charges.</i></b></li> </ul>  |
| TRESPASSING and STUDENT PARKING  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Only students and staff have the right to enter upon school property. Other persons wishing to enter upon school property require permission or invitation. Anyone entering without invitation or permission is trespassing. Trespassing is unacceptable and may lead to charges.</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Student cars must only be parked in the student parking lots. There is no student parking anywhere else on the SVRSS Campus, HD Shop etc.</i></b></li> </ul>  |
| PHYSICAL AGGRESSION<br>FIGHTING<br>BYSTANDERS                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Physical aggression</i></b> is the use of force against one or more person and includes fighting and assault.</li> <li>• <b><i>Physical aggression is unacceptable and is illegal.</i></b></li> <li>• Students who actively watch (bystanders), encourage, record, promote, or participate in fighting are subject to consequences.</li> <li>• Any recording or distribution of recordings are prohibited. Students are encouraged to report any shared recordings to SVRSS Staff.</li> <li>• It is expected that students who are aware of possible fights will exercise maturity and report (anonymously, if need be) the potential conflict / assault.</li> </ul>   |
| THEFT/DAMAGE   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Theft and damage to school division property including busses or to the property of any person is unacceptable. Students and staff whose personal property is damaged or stolen may bring action under The Parental Responsibility Act- Provincial Code of Conduct Page 12.</i></b></li> </ul>   |
| GANG INVOLVEMENT   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Gang involvement</i></b> includes association, affiliation, wearing colours or symbols, tagging, initiation, recruitment or any related gang activity.</li> <li>• <b><i>Gang involvement is unacceptable and illegal.</i></b></li> </ul>   |
| POSSESSION OF WEAPON   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Weapon</i></b> means any thing used, designed to be used or intended for use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ in causing death or injury to any person</li> <li>▪ for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person</li> <li>▪ <b><i>Replicas of weapons are considered weapons</i></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Possession of weapons or replicas of weapons is unacceptable and illegal</i></b></li> </ul>  |

***Students and staff are to comply with all other behaviour expectations and rules of the school!***