

# ***Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Operating Policies and Procedures***

## **OP 331 - Student Conduct**

### **Policy**

The Principal of each school with the assistance of parents, students and staff shall develop a code of student behavior, which is based on the system document, "**THE CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION - CODE OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR HANDBOOK**," in order to promote a positive and productive school environment.

### **Procedures**

1. The Principal may make adaptations to the system document providing that the following are addressed and maintained:
  - 1.1 The encouragement of a positive school climate and an environment conducive to learning;
  - 1.2 The emphasis upon early identification, planning, implementation and regular review of appropriate programs for students;
  - 1.3 The encouragement of the use of pastoral care services within the school, program services, the community and outside agencies;
  - 1.4 An emphasis on the understanding and reinforcement of expected student behavior;
  - 1.5 An outline of realistic and logical consequences related to the failure to meet the expected behavior standards;
  - 1.6 The rights and responsibilities of students;
  - 1.7 The expectations and consequences congruent with the student's level of maturity;
  - 1.8 A degree of flexibility to allow staff to deal with individual students within the system Code of Student Behavior;
  - 1.9 The behavioral expectations will include reference to attendance, punctuality, respect for authority, property and others, appropriate dress and substance abuse (alcohol, drugs and tobacco), and

- 1.10 The philosophical rationale that explains the basic principles upon which the code of student behavior is based.
2. Principals, will annually review the impact of the code of student conduct on student behavior.
3. The Principal of the school will review the school code with parents, students and staff on an annual basis and make any appropriate amendments and/or deletions.
4. The Principal of the school will submit any revisions to the school code to the Superintendent, for review and recommendations.
5. The Principal of the school will ensure that the written school code is communicated, distributed and explained to all students and parents in September of each year.

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