

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct for Maple Ridge P.S. is designed to provide a framework to ensure that school is a safe, productive learning environment for all. Our Code of Conduct requires that students are to be treated with respect and dignity. In return, they must demonstrate respect for themselves, for others and for the responsibilities of citizenship through acceptable behaviour.

The Code of Conduct is communicated to students, in a way that even the youngest students can understand, through our "Living Above the Line" motto. We ask students to keep their behaviour "above the line", and when behaviour doesn't meet that standard, we ask students to reflect on changes needed to bring their conduct back "above the line".

Our Code of Conduct is derived from the Ontario Standards of Behaviour and the Accepting Schools Act. The Code of Conduct is subject to change at any time, based on directions from the Ministry of Education or the Durham District School Board. It contains the following elements:

1. Respect, Civility and Responsible Citizenship

All school members (students, staff, visitors, parents), when engaged in school activities, **MUST**:

- demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- respect differences in people, their ideas and opinions;
- treat one another with dignity and respect at all times
- respect and treat others fairly and equitably and 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;

2. Physical Safety

School members **MUST NOT**:

- be in possession of any weapon, use any object to threaten or intimidate another person, or cause injury to any person with an object;
- be in possession of, or under the influence of, or provide others with, alcohol or illegal drugs;
- engage in bullying, commit sexual or other assaults, inflict or encourage others to inflict bodily harm on another person.

3. Code of Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves according to our school Code of Conduct:



COOPERATION: *Be a care giver!*

- Be a friend to others
- Play fairly and safely in the proper areas
- Solve problems peacefully, and seek staff assistance if needed
- If you have a conflict say "STOP" or ask an adult supervisor for help



ATTITUDE: *Be positive about yourself, others, and your school!*

- Be responsible!
- Do your best in all that you do!
- Encourage and help others

RESPECT: *Show respect to all you encounter!*



YOURSELF

- Dress appropriately
- Be reliable, on time and prepared for class
- Produce quality work

OTHERS

- Be courteous and polite
- Care for school and personal property
- Choose respectful language

THE ENVIRONMENT

- Keep our yard clean
- Conserve classroom supplies
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



EXCELLENCE: *Grasp the opportunity to excel at all that you do!*

ACADEMICS

Do your best in reading, writing, math, science, and social

ATHLETICS

Join intramural games, leadership club and sports.

ARTS

Join drama, arts, band, and more.

SERVICE

Be a school leader, office, lunch, library helper, or student mentor.

Students who do not comply with the school rules and expectations outlined in this Code of Conduct will receive support and correction in a fair and considerate manner through the progressive discipline model.