

KEEPING YOU SAFE AND SOUND

Your school is a safe school. You know that. Your friends know that too.

So, what can you do to help keep it that way?

First, you need to remember that everyone in your school ~ you, your parents, your teachers, the school staff, the people who volunteer to help out in the school ~ has the right to **be** safe and **feel** safe at school.

That's just common sense, right?

Of course it is! But it's also a lot of hard work.

Making sure that your school is a safe place to be is everyone's job ~ including yours!

LISTEN UP ~ THERE ARE SOME NEW RULES THIS YEAR

The Ontario government has made some new rules this year that you need to be aware of and understand. These new rules apply to everyone. They are very simple and easy to follow. They're meant to help you and everyone else keep your school and the people in it safe and secure.

The new rules are there to help you and everyone else at your school feel safe and secure. The consequences are tough ~ but if you work hard at playing by the rules you'll never have to worry about the consequences at all.

*Remember, your school
is a safe place to be.*

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER
TO HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY!

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A Safe School*

**How Can I Help
Keep It That Way?**

**INFORMATION FOR
STUDENTS**



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HERE IS WHAT EVERYONE AT SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO DO:

- ☞ Respect and obey all the laws of Canada, Ontario and the local community;
- ☞ Be honest and act responsibly;
- ☞ Respect the differences in people and their rights ~ with no exceptions;
- ☞ Treat everyone with respect at all times ~ but especially when there is a disagreement;
- ☞ Care for school property and the property of others as if it were your own;
- ☞ Do whatever you think is right to help those in need;
- ☞ Always respect people in positions of authority;
- ☞ Ask a school staff member for help if you need it to settle a disagreement;
- ☞ If you see someone break the rules, tell a school staff member.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN'T DO:

- X Bring **any** weapon to school;
- X Use **any** object to threaten or frighten another person;
- X Injure another person with **any** object;
- X Bring to school or give to anyone **any** form of alcohol or illegal drugs;
- X Use alcohol or illegal drugs;
- X Hurt another person, or encourage someone to hurt another person.

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU BREAK THE RULES

If you break any of the new rules described in this brochure you could be either **suspended** from school or **expelled** from school. Both of these consequences are very serious.

BEING SUSPENDED

Being suspended from school means you can't go to school for a certain period of time.

Under the new rules, you will be **IMMEDIATELY** suspended for:

- ☞ Swearing at a teacher or other person in authority;
- ☞ Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol;
- ☞ Threatening to seriously hurt another person;
- ☞ Having, using, giving or selling illegal drugs to another person;
- ☞ Seriously damaging school property or property located at a school.

In some cases, if you are suspended, the police will also be involved. These cases include:

- ☞ Threatening to seriously hurt another person;
- ☞ Having, using, giving or selling illegal drugs to another person;

- ☞ Seriously damaging school property or property located at a school;
- ☞ Being involved with a gang at school or near your school;
- ☞ Hurting or bothering someone because of their skin colour, religion, culture or beliefs;
- ☞ Continuing to bother or threaten someone after they tell you to stop.

BEING EXPELLED

Being expelled from school is the most serious consequence for breaking the new rules. Being expelled means you can't return to your school for at least twenty (20) days or longer ... and maybe forever. The only way you will be allowed back is if you go through a "strict discipline" program or complete the conditions set by your school for your return. You may be expelled for:

- ☞ Bringing **any** weapon to school;
- ☞ Selling or giving drugs or weapons to another student;
- ☞ Threatening or using violence while stealing;
- ☞ Using **any** weapon to hurt or threaten to hurt someone;
- ☞ Physically harming someone so that they need medical treatment from a doctor, nurse or paramedic;
- ☞ Sexual assault;
- ☞ Selling or giving alcohol to anyone.

All of these incidents will be reported to the police.