

WALNUT GROVE SECONDARY CODE OF CONDUCT

The Langley School District has developed a comprehensive Code of Conduct that acts as a guide for all schools. Knowing that each school in our district represents a unique community unto itself, each school has rules and practices that reflect the intention of the district Code of Conduct, but would be unique to their site. Practices around such things as boundaries, closed vs. open campuses, dress code, use of technology tools and other school procedures would be reflected within each school's Code of Conduct.

DANCES

Attendance at a school dance is a privilege. The following practices and rules are in effect at all school dances.

- Student ID cards will be required at the door. Students must have paid student fees.
- Alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants will not be tolerated at school dances. Students under the influence of alcohol or drugs can expect to be suspended from school and barred from future dances.
- Doors close at 7:00 p.m. No student will be admitted after 7:00 p.m. unless special permission has been arranged in advance.
- If a student leaves the dance or the school, he/she will not be allowed to re-enter.
- A student under suspension may not attend any dance held during the duration of the suspension.
- A student absent from school the day of the dance will not be admitted unless special permission is obtained in advance.
- Moshing, dancing that endangers others, or grinding will not be permitted. Any students dancing in this way will be suspended from the dance and all future dances.
- Since this is a school sponsored function no smoking will be permitted in the building.
- Students who have missed more than 12 classes in the three weeks previous to the dance will lose their privilege to attend the dance.

Guests

Student guests may be permitted providing a guest pass has been properly signed prior to the day of the dance and providing:

- The guest is in good standing at the school he/she attends.
- The WGSS student accompanies his/her guest to the dance and is responsible for his/her behaviour.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to wear clothing appropriate for the school and the learning environment. It should not be extreme or distracting to others. Today's styles of bare midriffs, spaghetti straps and revealing underwear are examples of inappropriate dress for school. Spaghetti straps, any bare midriff and any exposed underwear will not be permitted at WGSS. Students who do not confirm to the Dress Code will be asked to change or will be provided with acceptable clothing. Clothing or jewelry that makes any reference to drugs, alcohol, sex, or rude or inappropriate language will not be permitted. Students should keep our dress code and common sense in mind when making decisions about what to wear to school or school sponsored events (ie. dances).

ELECTRONIC DEVICE PROTOCOL

This Protocol covers cellular phones, MP3 Players, iPods, digital cameras and all other recording devices.

The administration, staff, and students recognize that electronic devices such as cell phones and iPods have become established in our society and that students will bring these devices to school. The purpose of this protocol is to define the use of these devices during the school day so the learning environment of the school is not disrupted.

Students are permitted to possess these devices on school property provided they agree to the following restrictions:

- Cell phones must be turned off during classes. Putting the cell phone on vibrate is not permitted during class time. There are no safety issues that require a cell phone to be on during class time that the school staff and administration cannot facilitate. If an emergency arises where a student needs to be contacted this can be easily done through the office. Having cell phones turned off also eliminates the distraction and potential abuse of text messaging (i.e. cheating on exams and assignments).
- If a student has their cell phone on in class they will be subject to the consequences established by the classroom teacher, from warnings to contacting parents, including confiscating the device for the duration of the class or the school day. If a student repeatedly ignores the protocol, the device will be confiscated and turned over to administration.
- Cell phone use is permitted during breaks as long as it does not result in a student arriving late to class.
- Cameras of any type cannot be used at any time without authorization from the administration. Taking a photo or video of an individual without their permission is both a breach of school policy as well as against the law. Incidents involving taking photos or videos without proper permission will be treated as extremely serious and consequences will be significant. All incidents of unauthorized camera use are to be reported to the administration.
- MP3 players, iPods and other audio devices are permitted in the classroom only with teacher permission. Depending on the nature of the subject, it is expected that permission will vary from class to class. Students are asked to respect the fact that the teacher determines the learning environment in the class. If these devices are a distraction to the learning environment their use will not be permitted. In such cases, students must keep the audio devices out of sight or in their locker.

SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

When you attend a school function, even away from the school, you are still subject to school rules. School functions include dances, athletic events, concerts, trips, and any other activity that is being sponsored by the school. All school regulations apply at these functions.

SCHOOL BUS

All school rules and expectations apply to students using the school bus. Abuse of the privilege of riding the bus will result in suspension of this privilege.

STUDENTS VISITING OTHER SCHOOLS

Our students may not enter any building or be on the property of any other school, elementary or secondary, at any time, without obtaining the prior approval from a Vice-Principal or Principal at that school.

DRIVING & PARKING

We expect WGSS students to drive in a responsible manner. Please remember that many elementary school students are walking to school on the roads around our school and you need to drive with extra caution around these youngsters.

We expect that students will keep the parking area clean. Drivers not obeying traffic regulations and school parking lot policies will have their parking privileges withdrawn.

LITTER

The environment is both a personal and a group concern. If we look after our school and grounds, we will have pleasant surroundings in which to spend our time. Students are expected to keep books, lockers, washrooms, desks, and the grounds clean and attractive.

FIRECRACKERS/FIREWORKS

Students are not to bring or set off firecrackers/fireworks on or around the school property. Students doing so will be suspended from school.

VIOLENCE

Violence in any form (pushing, shoving, wrestling, fighting, etc.) is unacceptable. Fighting is a suspendable offense.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

While at school, at any school function, or on school property, students are forbidden to possess or use alcohol or drugs. Involvement with alcohol or drugs will result in immediate suspension.

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted in the building or on school property

WEAPONS

A weapon is defined as any instrument designed or used to inflict injury or to intimidate another person. Weapons or replicas will not be allowed on school premises. Depending on the circumstances of the case, possession of a weapon will result in severe consequences that range from suspension to charges being laid.

VALUABLES

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. We recommend that students **not** bring small electronic devices (ie. MP3, cell phone, iPod, PSP, etc.) to school as they can be easy targets for thieves.

THEFT

Our school intends to protect its students and stealing will be dealt with very severely. Unfortunately, however, theft occurs. Please report missing items to the office as soon as possible.

PLAGIARISM POLICY

Plagiarism is a form of cheating. Plagiarism occurs when a person claims someone else's work as his or her own for credit, whether it be for financial gain or academic gain.

Examples of Plagiarism

- An assignment/project that is copied directly, in whole or in part, from another source, such as a book, the internet, or another student.
- An assignment/project that has received such extensive editing from another individual, such as a tutor or relative, that it bears little resemblance to the original work of the student.
- An assignment/project that contains ideas and phrasing borrowed from others, such as from an encyclopedia or other reference books, that are not formerly referenced.

Consequences

If a student has been found to be guilty of plagiarism, then, at the discretion of the teacher and the administration, the following consequences will follow:

- On a first offence, the student will receive a score of "0" on the entire assignment of which the plagiarized work may only be a part.
- On a second or subsequent offence in any subject in any year, the student will receive a score of "0" on the plagiarized work and will face suspension from school.

A record will be kept of the names of all students who plagiarize. This record will be part of a student's history at WGSS.