

Sturgeon Composite High School

Code of Conduct 2023 - 2024



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-STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT-

Student Responsibilities according to Section 31 of the Education Act

A student, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to

- (a) attend school regularly and punctually,
- (b) be ready to learn and actively engage in and diligently pursue the student's education,
- (c) ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging,
- (d) respect the rights of others in the school,
- (e) refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behavior directed toward others in the school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means,
- (f) comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the board,
- (g) co-operate with everyone authorized by the board to provide educational and other services,
- (h) be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct, and
- (i) positively contribute to the student's school and community be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct.

Parent Responsibilities according to Section 32 of the Education Act include in part include the responsibility to

- (a) act as the primary guide and decision-maker with respect to the child's education,
- (b) take an active role in the child's educational success, including assisting the child in complying with section 31,
- (c) ensure that the child attends school regularly,
- (d) ensure that the parent's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment,
- (e) co-operate and collaborate with school staff to support the delivery of supports and services to the child,
- (f) encourage, foster and advance collaborative, positive and respectful relationships with teachers, principals, other school staff and professionals providing supports and services in the school, and
- (g) engage in the child's school community.

-ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT-

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offences.

Plagiarism includes:

- submitting or presenting work that was done by someone else
- submitting work that is taken from another source and not referenced properly
- submitting work in one course that has already been submitted/assessed in another course
- submitting work that is copied from another person
- allowing someone to submit your work as their own

Cheating on tests or examinations includes:

- communicating with other students during the assessment
- bringing unauthorized materials or devices into the exam room
- attempting to read another student's answers
- leaving your exam paper exposed
- providing or gaining access to questions and/or answers for a test or assignment in advance

Parents will be notified and a mark of zero will be awarded. A record of the incident will be kept and repeat offences will be dealt with by school administration.

-STUDENT DISCIPLINE-

Please note that student discipline applies to any of the following behaviors that occur during school hours or at any school sanctioned event, including and not limited to field trips, athletic trips, school sports, and school extracurricular activities.

MISSED CLASSES AND LATES

- Students are expected to attend classes regularly and on time.
- Skipped classes will result in a meeting with administration, a phone call home, and lunch detentions. Repeated occurrences will result in out of school suspensions.

HARASSMENT- Verbal or Physical

Harassment is any conduct that threatens, intimidates, undermines, torments, frustrates or provokes a reaction from a person. Slurs based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or culture, etc. will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will include: contact with parent/guardian, detentions and/or out of school suspension, and possible RCMP involvement. Serious offences may lead to a recommendation for expulsion.

PHYSICAL ALTERCATION

We believe in a safe and caring learning environment and believe that physical altercations, such as fighting, are counterproductive to the major purposes of an educational institution. Students who engage in physical altercations, encourage, watch, video or photograph an altercation may be faced with a range of consequences, which may include transfer of the student to the custody of parents, suspension from school, expulsion from school, or involvement of law enforcement agencies. This policy is in effect during school hours, for all school sponsored activities on and off school property, and if the altercation happened outside of school hours but has impacted the learning environment of SCHS.

FROSHING

“Froshing” of students and student-athletes is prohibited at Sturgeon Composite High School. If a student froshes another student which: (1) insults the student, (2) decreases a positive school climate and/or (3) results in damage to school, public or private property, then that person may be charged by the RCMP with “willful damage” or “mischief” and/or be suspended. **Repeat or serious offenses may result in expulsion.**

WEAPONS

Any student found in possession of a weapon, or replica of a weapon, whether on their person, in their vehicle, or in their locker or desk, may be suspended and/or recommended for expulsion. The item in question will be confiscated and will not be returned to the student. Students should not bring multi-tools or pocketknives to school.

Note: A weapon is anything used, designed to be used, or intended for use in causing injury or death to any person, or for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person.

VANDALISM

We are proud of our school and want to ensure that vandalism does not occur. The willful and malicious destruction of property will not be tolerated. Students caught damaging school property will be required to pay for damages; may be reported to the police; suspended from school; or, in some instances, may be recommended for expulsion from school. Our students are our ambassadors and act as proud citizens of our school. We rely upon students to take ownership of the school climate and environment. Any student who wishes to report any type of concern or share pertinent information is encouraged to speak to one of the administrators or counsellors who will treat the information as confidential and are in a position to respond accordingly.

ILLEGAL, RESTRICTED, OR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

It is the belief of SCHS that these substances are counterproductive to the major purposes of an educational institution. Therefore, any students found in possession of, involved with, or using these substances will be disciplined. The use, possession, or distribution of these substances while under the school’s jurisdiction may result in one or more of the following: transfer of the student to the custody of parents, suspension from school, recommendation for expulsion from school, or involvement of law enforcement agencies.

Students found to be smelling strongly of marijuana or coming to school already under the influence of drugs or alcohol can be suspended.

Students found to have any of these substances on them will have the substances confiscated and not returned. This policy is in effect for all school sponsored activities on and off school property. Sturgeon Composite High School follows division policy 900 in this regard.

These substances include, but are not limited to: alcohol, tobacco and tobacco products,

e-cigarettes and vaporizers, cannabis/cannabis products, drug paraphernalia, and any other illegal, restricted or prohibited substances.

Sturgeon Composite High School follows [Sturgeon Public Schools Policy 900](#).

POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, VAPORIZERS, AND OTHER CONTROLLED/ BANNED SUBSTANCES

Students may not use, or be in possession of, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, vaping products, or other controlled/banned substances while in school, on the school premises, on school or Division property, while utilizing Division-provided transportation services, during school-related functions, or on school property. Failure to comply with this policy may result in one or more of the following:

- Confiscation of banned items
- Suspension and/or expulsion
- Bylaw ticket and fine

Please refer to the Drug-Free Protocol for Sturgeon Public Schools for further details.

SMOKING: STURGEON COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL IS A TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL

In order to fully support our students to lead long, healthy, active lives, Sturgeon Composite High School is a tobacco-free zone. Students of any age are not allowed to use any type of tobacco, marijuana products, or e-cigarettes/vaporizers while on school property. Out of respect for our community residents, please be reminded that smoking on walkways and green spaces is against public bylaw.

Students are reminded that all smoking and vaporizers (including e-cigarettes and vaping products) are prohibited on school and Division property. Anyone using a vaporizer (including e-cigarette) on school property will have the device confiscated, the student may receive a three day out of school suspension, and/or bylaw tickets and fines may be imposed.

Smokeless Not Harmless: athletes against tobacco programs will also be available for students in our athletic programs at the teacher's discretion. These programs deliver a comprehensive health education to students and young athletes. Visit www.saspcn.com for more information or support outside of the school.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

The School Resource Officer Program, originated in 2001, is a collaborative project involving the Morinville RCMP Detachment and Sturgeon Public School Division. This initiative falls within the School Divisions' mandate and philosophy for "Safe and Caring Schools". Sturgeon Composite High School supports this Safe and Caring Initiative and purchases the services of a School Resource Officer (SRO). The presence of the School Resource Officer within the school allows students, staff, and parents to interact with an RCMP Officer in a manner that is consistent with fostering positive community relations. The SRO is available to all stakeholders.