

EGREMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Students, staff, parents, volunteers and other community members are expected to support and participate in Egremont's Code of Conduct to ensure a positive, inclusive and safe learning environment for all. Our expectations are that everyone will:

- contribute to a positive, supportive and safe environment free from verbal, emotional and physical abuse
- respect the rights and property of others
- accept responsibility for his/her actions and accept the consequences of those actions
- co-operate in a manner which allows and assists each person to develop his/her full potential
- display the qualities and behaviour desired of a good citizen
- attempt to solve problems and to make decisions in a manner which achieves positive results
- respect the environment
- practice our 4 "C's" – Courtesy, Co-operation, Common Sense and Commitment. This will enable us to establish and maintain safety and security in our school community
- be courteous towards others at all times, to be co-operative and work together to achieve success and to exercise common sense in all situations.

DRESS

At Egremont we encourage a positive school climate. We believe that appropriate dress helps to promote and maintain all of the afore-mentioned positive attributes of a school culture.

Therefore, at Egremont we support the following Dress Code:

Clothing that is appropriate to the school atmosphere includes:

- items that are clean, neat and tidy
- tank/halter tops with wide straps
- hats (worn only outside)
- seasonally appropriate clothes

Appropriate clothing does not include those items having:

- slogans for liquor/beer companies
- offensive pictures or captions
- extensive ripped/torn material
- questionable exposure boundaries

eg. skimpy shirts, exposed midriff, short shorts, transparent fabric etc.

LUNCH PROCEDURES

1. Students must remain seated while eating.
2. Students are required to clean up after eating.
3. No open foods and no drinks are allowed to leave eating areas.
4. Students may leave the lunch area only when dismissed.

5. While on the yard, students must get permission to enter school to visit washroom or to return inside.
6. Energy drinks can have a negative impact on students and can lead to a number of problems at school. We do not want students bringing energy drinks to school. We are supportive of healthy food and beverage choices that support healthy living.

ATTENDANCE

1. Parents/guardians are asked to contact the school before 8:45 a.m. if a student is going to be absent. A reason for the absence is required. This information may be left on the answering machine outside of regular school hours.
2. Students late for school must enter through the front door and check in at the office and bring a note.
3. Students who are to leave school for an appointment must have a note signed by a parent to do so. Students must report to the office before leaving the school.
4. If town students do not attend school on a day buses don't run, please call our Safe Arrival line and let us know (519-334-3640 X-100).
5. Absent students are required to catch up work that has been missed within a reasonable time limit.

BUSES

Please see Board Policy 5301-D as well as Administrative Procedure TCP-B005 and 6502-D

1. Student behaviour while on buses must conform to and is governed by the aforementioned Board Policy and Administrative Procedures.
2. At morning attendance students who are not returning home in the afternoon by bus must present a note signed by a parent. If bussing plans change during the day, parents are asked to phone the school before 2:00 pm so bus manifest can be updated.
3. If the note applies for more than one day, the student must notify the teacher each time.
4. If a bus student rides a bike to school, a note is required and the student must notify the teacher that s/he will not be on the bus that afternoon. Any change in usual routine requires a note from a parent or guardian.
5. Students will not be given permission to ride a different bus or get off at a different bus stop.
6. Students unloading from the bus must observe zone restrictions on the yard. (Please exit the bus and move promptly to our back yard.)

YARD

1. Areas that are out of bounds are:
 - beyond the fenced areas
 - front of the school

- parking areas
 - close to bike racks
 - properties adjacent to the school grounds
2. Students must not climb trees or sports standards.
 3. Rough or dangerous play is prohibited.
 4. Snowballing is strictly prohibited.

BICYCLES

- All students are expected to wear a helmet and adhere to the 'rules of the road'.
- Students are encouraged to walk bikes on and off the school grounds.
- Bikes are to be kept within the area designated for bikes.
- Students are reminded to stay out of the bike area. Do not handle the property of others.
- Students are encouraged to use bike locks. The school is not responsible for loss or damage.
- Rollerblades and skateboards are to be kept in a location mutually agreed upon with the classroom teacher.

GENERAL

1. Classroom furniture, texts and resources must remain free of student writing or markings.
2. Students are expected to identify their books and handouts as directed by the teacher (including name and class).
3. Desks must be kept neat and clean. Students are reminded that desks are school property.
4. Students damaging the property of the school or others will be required to make restitution.
5. The staff is not responsible for items such as MP3 players, games, cameras, discs, cell phones etc. brought to school by students for their use.
6. Cell phones are not permitted for use in the school building (phone calls, texting, videoing, photographing). Breach of the school rule will result in the cell phone being taken for the day and kept in the office. Continued use of a cell phone within the building will result in the phone being confiscated and the parent being required to come into the school to pick up the device.
We have telephones in every classroom at our school and our office staff is able to receive calls and ensure a call-back or that a message gets relayed to a student.

INSIDE SCHOOLS AND HALLS

1. While moving in the halls students are expected to:

- keep to the right
- walk without interfering with others
- refrain from boisterous noise-making
- refrain from eating or drinking (except in designated areas),
- visit washroom only with a teacher's permission
- record individual washroom visits on a classroom record (if required)
- refrain from chewing gum.

Electronic devices (e.g. PSPs, mp3 players, iPods and DVD players) should only be used with teacher permission and when they support student learning and do not distract from classroom learning. We can not be responsible for loss or theft of these items.

PARENTS VISITING SCHOOL

Parents are asked to enter by the front office doors only and proceed to the office to check in when picking up/dropping off their child(ren) during the school day.

ARRIVAL TIME

Walkers should not be at school before 8:50 am. There is NO yard supervision before that time.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- There will be a minimum of 6 fire drills during the school year.
- There will be a minimum of 2 lock down drills during the school year.