

This is a shortened version of the Crestwood Secondary School Code of Conduct. Full copies are available in the main office.

At Crestwood Secondary School **we believe in the following:**
Students must be allowed to learn. Teachers must be allowed to teach.

Physical, verbal (oral or written), sexual or psychological abuse, bullying, or discrimination on the basis of race, culture, religion, gender, language, sexual orientation, or any other personal attribute is not permitted.

Damage to property in the school environment (including school grounds, school buses, on school excursions) is not permitted.

Students will remove their hats for the National anthem and the Moment of Silence that follows, and at the request of a teacher.

Inappropriate language, racial slurs, derogatory comments or harassment will not be tolerated. The Crestwood Secondary School policy on inappropriate language follows the Kawartha Pine Ridge D.S.B.'s Safe Schools policy which states unequivocally that physical, verbal (oral or written), sexual or psychological abuse, such as, but not limited to, sarcasm, ridicule, humiliation, bullying or discrimination, based on race, gender, ethnicity, language, disability, sexual orientation or any other personal attribute is unacceptable;

Students are expected to dress in neat, clean, modest attire, appropriate for school atmosphere. In general, the standard for school attire should be comparable to that set for the business community. Clothing that exposes undergarments will be considered inappropriate for a school environment.

Generally the top of the pants and the bottom of the top should meet.

Students who arrive inappropriately dressed will be asked to change or to make arrangements to facilitate a change, and parents will be contacted.

Students will refrain from wearing to school any article of clothing carrying a slogan pertaining to: degradation of religion or race, sexual innuendo, obscene words or images, hate messages or drug or alcohol references.

Known gang attire will not be permitted at Crestwood. Bandannas have been associated with gang involvement. The wearing of bandannas of any colour is prohibited by male and female students. Chains, spiked collars and wrist bands are not permitted on school property.

Students ensure that pagers and cell phones do not disrupt the learning environment by turning them off in class.

Laser pointers, and two-way personal communication devices will not be permitted at C.S.S.

Fighting will result in immediate suspension.

Students are not to bring weapons (knives, replica handguns, or actual firearms) on the property. Students with weapons will be immediately suspended and the police will be notified.

NOTE: The principal may also apply these rules to a pupil when the pupil's conduct outside the school environment negatively impacts on the school.

Infractions for which the principal shall consider whether to suspend:

- a) Uttering a threat to inflict serious bodily harm on another person;
- b) Possessing alcohol or illegal drugs;
- c) Being under the influence of alcohol;
- d) Swearing at a teacher or at another person in a position of authority;
- e) Committing an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property at the pupil's school or to property located on the premises of the pupil's school;
- f) Bullying (Aggressive, typically repeated behaviour intended to cause harm, fear or a negative environment for another individual; a symptom of the misuse of power, authority or control over another person or group)
- g) Any other activity for which a student may be suspended under Board policy (KPR policy also includes: persistent opposition to authority, wilful destruction of school or Board property, use of profane or improper language, conduct injurious to the moral tone of the school or to the physical/emotional well-being of self/others, habitual neglect of duty)

Infractions for which a Suspension is Mandatory and may lead to an expulsion:

- a) Possessing a weapons, including possessing a firearm or a replica;
- b) Using a weapon, including a replica, to cause or to threaten bodily harm to another person;
- c) Committing physical assault on another person that causes bodily harm requiring treatment by a medical practitioner;
- d) Committing sexual assault;
- e) Trafficking in weapons or in illegal drugs;
- f) Committing robbery;
- g) Bullying if the pupil has previously been suspended for bullying OR if the pupil's continued presence in the school creates an unacceptable risk to the safety of another person OR if the behaviour is intended by the pupil to cause harm, fear or distress.
- h) Any activity listed in subsection 306 (1) that is motivated by bias, prejudice or hate
- i) Giving alcohol to a minor;
- j) Engaging in another activity that, under a policy of the board, is one for which expulsion is considered.

When a student is expelled, they may be removed from one school or from all schools of the Board. The Expulsion Committee will establish requirements for reentry into one of the Board's schools following the expulsion.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PED)

The use of electronic devices such as calculators, palm pilots, electronic day planners and laptops which function as educational support or aids are welcomed and encouraged. Electronic devices of an entertaining nature are not unless specified by the teacher as a curriculum support. PEDs may be used only during regularly scheduled breaks, such as lunch hour, or in areas designated by principals. Cell phones and other PEDs must be turned off and stored out of sight in classrooms during instructional time. PEDs may never be used in washrooms or change rooms. They may not be used during any tests or examinations.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should a student call 911 about an emergency without first informing school administration; ideally, if there is time, students should inform school administration and allow them to make the 911 call.