



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Our overall mission:

BICC is committed to providing a healthy learning and working environment by promoting the values of respect, civility, safety, responsible citizenship and academic excellence throughout each classroom and in the hallways. A positive school climate exists when all members of the school community feel safe, included and accepted. Therefore, equity, inclusion and respect are critical components embedded in the learning environment at BICC.

The BICC Code of Conduct is developed in accordance with the *Education Act*. The BICC Code of Conduct also reflects the values and expectations of the BICC community.

Standards of Behaviour:

All students of BICC are expected to:

- respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws;
- demonstrate honesty and integrity towards one another, faculty and within their daily work and assignments;
- respect differences in people, their ideas and opinions at all times;
- show proper care and regard for school property and the property of others;
- take appropriate measures to help those in need and
- respect all persons who are in a position of authority.

General Interventions may include:

- Discussion with a teacher, vice-principal/ principal and/or Director of the school
- Attendance / performance/ behaviour contracts between student and teacher
- Parental contact and involvement in applying an appropriate remedy
- Loss of privilege to participate in specified school activities
- Restitution for damage or stolen property

Attendance and late policies

Students will be on time for classes and will attend classes regularly. Students are responsible for the work missed due to absence.



- Good attendance is essential for a student's overall success.
- The Director determines the legitimacy of a student's absence. The only acceptable reasons for absence are illness or unavoidable cause (as approved by the Director). It is the duty of student to ensure regular school attendance as per the Education Act, Section 21.

Academic Dishonesty:

All students of BICC are expected to abstain from academic dishonesty such that all work is genuine.

Students should completely avoid:

- copying homework from others or letting others copy homework
- using someone else's thoughts or ideas in your work without providing a source or reference
- copying from someone else's test, exam, or assignment
- bringing information into a test/exam (ie cheat sheets, writing on desks, clothing, body parts etc) that the teacher is not aware of
- using any electronic device during an exam without the permission of the teacher

Dress code:

Students are expected to dress in a manner which reflects the values of BICC.

- Clothes with offensive language or graphics are unacceptable.
- Personal property such as clothes, backpacks, binders, pencil cases, etc. must comply with BICC expectations.
- Revealing or suggestive clothing is inappropriate in a learning community.

Drugs, alcohol and smoking:

- The possession, distribution, and/or use of alcohol or illicit drugs are NOT permitted on BICC property
- Smoking is not permitted on school property or at school sponsored activities which includes field trips/excursions.
- Students under the age of 19 are forbidden by law to use alcohol and tobacco products.

Bullying and Violence:

The complete safety of students and faculty is an absolute priority and necessity at BICC.



Consequently, all students agree to abide by the BICC non-violence policy:

- Violence for any reason will not be tolerated what-so-ever
- slanderous comments, sexual suggestions, profanity (swearing), or other discriminatory terms will not be tolerated what-so-ever
- Disrespectful or threatening language or behavior (such as racist, discriminatory, or homophobic comments) will not be tolerated what-so-ever
- Bullying, intimidation (verbal, physical, mental etc), or harassment, whether uttered as threats or acted upon, will not be tolerated what-so-ever
- On-going physical, mental or psychological harassment of any student or staff member will not be tolerated what-so-ever
- Cyber bullying will not be tolerated what-so-ever

Dismissal:

The behaviours for which the Director, in conjunction with the correct staff, may consider dismissing a student include:

- Uttering a threat to inflict serious bodily harm on another person;
- Possessing alcohol or illegal drugs;
- Use of tobacco, consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs on school's premises;
- Bullying- physical, mental or cyber;
- Use of profane or improper language within school's premises;
- Theft;
- Physical assault of any kind towards students or staff and;
- Perpetual academic dishonesty

It is important to note, however, that in all instances, school discipline should be reasonable, timely, fair, age-appropriate, and should match the severity of the student's misbehavior. The abovementioned list is not exhaustive by any means. Any disciplinary or prosecutorial action taken against a student who violates the Student Code of Conduct must be based on particular circumstances of the student's misconduct.