



WESTSYDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT "ONE PAGER" 2024-2025

At Westsyde, we expect students to attend all of their classes, to be on time for their classes, and not to leave class unless it is necessary.

1. LATES

If a student is late, regardless of the reason:

- Students go to the office first to get a slip, then go to class. Enter respectfully without disruption.
- Teachers mark the student late in MyEdBC (or check that they were excused).

2. ABSENCES

If students are absent, they are expected to make arrangements with their classroom teacher regarding making up the missed work. A guardian should inform the office by phone or the School Messenger app (before 9am) if the absence is excused, otherwise teachers will mark students absent in MyEdBC and guardians will get a call home.

3. SIGNING OUT

If a student leaves class early, teachers will mark them absent in MyEdBC unless excused by a guardian. Students must sign out at the office.

Process for Students who are consistently late/absent to class:

1. Teacher has a conversation with the student
2. Teacher contact parent (phone, email, parent portal)
3. After parent contact and issue continues, referral to Vice-Principal

4. CELL PHONES

Cell phone usage during instructional hours (class time) is not permitted without explicit permission from the classroom teacher. A formal cell phone policy will be published soon, following consultation.

5. DRESS CODE

The Student Dress Code recognizes that a student's choice of dress can form an important part of self identity. Students must not wear clothing which undermines the District's commitment to a safe and inclusive learning environment. This includes:

- Clothing that advocates illegal activity, tobacco, drugs, alcohol
- Clothing that promotes hatred
- Clothing that contains profanity, pornography, or obscene images
- Clothing that presents a safety hazard in the learning environment

For a detailed look at School District No. 73 Student Dress Code, please visit the sd73.bc.ca website and search dress code - (Administrative procedure 350.2).

6. SMOKING/VAPING

We do not want any students smoking or vaping. The only areas where students are allowed to smoke/vape are the corners of the parking lot outside of the Art Lounge and Band Lounge. We have a zero tolerance policy for smoking or vaping on school grounds; doing so will result in suspension.

7. DRIVING/PARKING

Students and visitors are expected to drive safely in a manner that does not endanger others or create noise that is disruptive to neighbours or the learning environment. Students may only park in the front lot. Students may lose the privilege of parking on school property if they are disrespectful or unsafe.

8. BULLYING/HARASSMENT

Westsyde Secondary School has a zero tolerance policy with regards to bullying behaviour. All students have the right to feel safe at school. If you are being harassed, threatened, intimidated, bullied, or assaulted, or if you witness someone who is, please tell a teacher, counsellor, principal, or use the BC ERASE Reporting tool (QR code posters are all around the school).

9. LOCKERS

We encourage students to use a locker so they aren't carrying unnecessary belongings to class. Students can be assigned a locker from the bank allotted to their homeroom. Note: lockers are school property and must be used appropriately as per the Student Code of Conduct. The Vice-Principals reserve the right to open lockers anytime it is deemed necessary.