G.W. Graham Secondary School

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G.W Graham Code of Conduct

All G.W. Graham students have the right to learn in a safe environment that is free of discrimination of any kind. G.W. Graham firmly upholds the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code, respecting the rights of all individuals and prohibiting discrimination against any person based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation in any manner.

Social Responsibility

All students, staff, and guests have the right to a safe and inclusive environment. Use of discriminatory language such as slurs, harmful language, or offensive humour, regardless of intent, will be addressed through restorative or disciplinary action.

Of particular relevance within the educational environment, no person will participate in discriminatory publication which refers to creating, displaying, or encouraging anything that indicates discrimination against any person based on characteristics like race, age, or sexual orientation. Additionally, no person will experience discrimination through the refusal of services due to characteristics.

Any student or staff member who experiences or witnesses discriminatory behaviour is encouraged to report the incident to an administrator. All reports will be taken seriously and treated with confidentiality to the extent possible.

Incidents of discrimination can be discretely reported through our Anti-Discrimination Reporting Tool	
	https://forms.office.com/r/XkcQugJQT6

Cellphones and Technology

G.W. Graham recognizes the importance that cellphones and technology play within our lives. Within the educational setting, it is well-documented that these tools can also serve as distractions from educational programming. G.W. Graham and the Chilliwack School District are committed to providing high-quality instruction. In order to support this, the following cellphone and technology expectations are in place at G.W. Graham:

- Cellphones and earbuds are **not to be used during instructional times** unless directed by a teacher for enhancing or supporting student learning
- Video/photo recordings are not permitted, including during non-instructional times and in common spaces, unless they are authorized by a staff member for educational purposes

Should students fail to meet the expectations listed above, it may result in the confiscation of their cellphone for the class/day at the teacher's discretion. Should ongoing issues arise, students may be required to work with administration to create a plan to support their learning and cooperation with school expectations.

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If a parent/guardian needs to contact their student during the school day, they should call the school (604-847-0772) and connect with them through the office. If a student needs to contact their parent/guardian during the school day, they should do so through the office.

Cellphone use is never permitted within washrooms.

Attendance

Students are expected to be at school daily and to report to all classes on time. Your education is of the upmost importance and is the key to unlocking your future. Research shows that students who miss 10% of classes (chronic absenteeism)—this is 2 classes per month or more—dramatically decrease their learning, engagement in their classes, and jeopardize their future.

Learning is more than just completing homework and doing well on tests. It's about building critical and creative thinking skills, communicating and collaborating with others through discussions, debates, projects and hands-on learning opportunities, with active participation in classes and asking questions. Try and make it to school every day so you can participate in this rich learning.

We do know that there are occasions when life and other responsibilities, or difficulties will get in the way. If that happens, please follow these simple procedures:

- ABSENCE: If you are going to be absent or late from school, have a parent/guardian contact the school by phone, email, or through Safe Arrival to provide an excuse for your absence or tardiness.
- LATE: If arriving late to school, report directly to your current class as soon as you arrive.
- EARLY DISMISSAL: If you need to leave school for an appointment, guardians should call into the office to provide this information prior to you leaving.
- COURSEWORK: It is the student's responsibility to check with the teacher and to complete any required make-up work.
- MAKE SCHOOL A PRIORITY

School Devices and Internet Use

School Computer use and network access is available to all students. Parents/guardians must first complete the Chilliwack School District Technology Acceptable Use Agreement and Consent Form through Permission Click to be granted access. Responsible and appropriate use of internet privileges will mean ongoing access. Sites not intended for educational purposes must not be accessed. More information regarding conditions is outlined in detail in the "User Agreement."

The terms and conditions for network users are intended to ensure the efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. None of the terms and conditions are optional. Violation of any provision will result in the termination of access privileges. A student user who violates any provision may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

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Social Media and Digital Citizenship

It is expected that all members of the school community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and environment. Social media, defined as the use of technologies for information sharing, discussion and communication using interactive dialogue, is an extension of the classroom. What is inappropriate in the school community will be deemed inappropriate online. Violation of these principles will warrant intervention and/or disciplinary action.

Being a good Digital Citizen includes the understanding that you are part of a global community. When G.W. Graham students engage digitally within this community, they are expected to:

- Conduct themselves safely and respectfully
- Know they are responsible for what they digitally create, share, or consume

The staff and administration will take an active role in supporting students in making wise choices while engaging digitally.

Student Dress Code

Clothing should be suitable for a school learning environment. Clothing and footwear should be comfortable and appropriate for students to participate safely in all school activities including physical education, science, cooking, and shops. Clothing should demonstrate a respect for the school community and the B.C. Human Rights Code. For example, articles of clothing that promote direct or indirect messages or graphics referring to alcohol, drugs, gang culture, sex, weapons, violence, or profanity are not permitted. Clothing may not encourage sexism, racism, homophobia, or discrimination regarding gender identity, sexual preference, race, religion, or origin. Clothing fabric must cover private parts, and not be transparent in those areas. Any person dressed in an inappropriate manner, will be advised personally and discretely, and given an opportunity to meet the school dress code.

Drugs and Alcohol

Students may not attend school, or any school related function such as dances or field trips, in the possession of, or under the influence of, illicit substances, marijuana, or alcohol. Students who are suspected will be investigated, and in all instances, parents will be notified. Students who are involved in or present at incidents involving substance use will be considered in violation of the Drug and Alcohol Policy and therefore subject to the same consequences.

Offending students may be required to meet with the school Child and Youth Care Worker to build a support plan. If there is a second offence, the student may be referred to the District Resource Team who will review the student's case, make recommendations regarding further supports, and/or review school placement.

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Weapons

Weapons of any kind (or anything that could be considered a weapon) are prohibited on campus. Students who are in violation will be suspended from school according to School District Policy. This includes (but is not limited to) knives, pellet guns, replicas of guns, bear spray/mace, or other dangerous objects such as laser pointers. The school will involve the R.C.M.P. if the situation warrants.

Threats and Violence

The Chilliwack School District and community partners are committed to making our schools safe for students and staff. As a result, schools will respond to all student behaviours that pose a potential risk to themselves, other students, staff, and members of the community. Please refer to the District's Fair Notice for more information about threat assessment protocols.

Any kind of violence directed at other students or staff is strictly prohibited. Violence can be verbal/written (intimidation, harassment, threats in person, written or electronic) or physical (pushing, shoving, punching, etc.). Students should be aware that this includes incidents of violence off campus on the way to and from school or during lunch time. This also includes other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment. Unacceptable behaviors include bullying behaviors, cyber "hate" messaging, or fraudulent digital content intended to harm, harass, or humiliate another person. The consequence for students engaging in violent behavior (whether verbal/written or physical) could include suspension and may result in students losing the opportunity to attend G.W. Graham.

Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping are unhealthy acts and are not permitted in school buildings, on school grounds, nor around the perimeter of the property. Students should not be smoking or vaping within sight of the school property, nor should they smoke or vape on our neighbours' residential properties. This rule also applies at all times during school field trips. Students are not allowed to be in possession of tobacco, nicotine, or vaping products. If a student is caught vaping or smoking in the school or on school grounds the vapes or cigarettes will be confiscated and destroyed. Should a student continue to violate these expectations, additional consequences, including suspension, may be implemented.

Open Campus

Students at G.W. Graham Secondary have the privilege of leaving campus at lunch and after school. Students need to be aware that if there are difficulties, this privilege will be revoked. Students are reminded of the need to be good citizens while out in the community (respecting our neighbours' property, interacting with our neighbors respectfully, depositing trash in garbage cans, etc.), and that they must ensure they arrive at classes on time after lunch.

Academic Misconduct

Plagiarism/Cheating demonstrates a lack of integrity and character that is inconsistent with the goals and values of G.W. Graham Secondary School. Excellent written expression of well-formulated ideas is a fundamental skill for academic and career success. Plagiarism interferes with the assessment and

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feedback process that is necessary in order to promote academic growth. It may prevent further improvement in areas of weakness and delay the student in reaching his or her potential.

Plagiarism includes:

- Taking someone else's assignment or portion of an assignment and submitting it as your own
- Submitting material written by someone else or rephrasing the ideas of another without giving the author's name or source. This includes the misuse of AI.
- Supporting cheating by providing your work to others, whether you believe it will be copied or not.

All incidents of plagiarism or cheating will be dealt with in a serious manner. Among other consequences, plagiarism or cheating may result in loss of credit for the assignment or test.