

North Star Code of Conduct

North Star Community School strives to provide a safe and caring learning environment for everyone. We encourage parents/guardians to review this Code of Conduct section with their children. Teachers will also review these goals with their students to provide guidance within their own classroom. A comprehensive version of the Rainy River District School Board Code of Conduct is available at the school office. Please contact Mrs. Thomas, school secretary at 597-6640 to obtain a copy.

Why do we have rules?

1. Learning

- It is easier to learn if we have rules to guide how we work together.
- The classroom is more comfortable when we all know what we can and can not do.

2. Safety

- Everyone has a right to be safe and feel safe at our school

What rules are important?

1. Come to school prepared to learn

- Have all the materials and homework assignments you need with you.
- The following items are not to be brought into the classroom or on the playground: cell phones, digital cameras, MP3 players, trading cards, skateboards or rollerblades, and any item that could pose a safety hazard to yourself or others.
- Students should dress in a proper manner for all school activities.

2. Be respectful of yourself and others. Do your best to be a good student, a friend and respectful community member. Think before you say or do something.

3. Be co-operative and positive toward others. Follow the directions of adult and student leaders. Help others when it looks like they need a hand. Be friendly and welcoming to everyone—even if you don't know them yet. Be a positive role model for all school community members. Remember the Golden Rule: Treat others the way that you would like to be treated. Working together will make us stronger and build friendships.

4. In our school:

- **Come and go quietly and calmly.** Be aware of others who are working.
- **Work and play safely. *Play fighting is not allowed.*** Keep your hands and feet to yourself. No throwing dangerous objects (rocks, sticks, snowballs)
- **Speak and act respectfully** to all school community members.
- **Respect the environment.** Do not waste or litter school materials or lunches. Use garbage cans, recycle bins, and composters.
- **Respect school property and the property of others.** This includes private property around the school as well as the belongings of all students.
- **Respect the directions of any staff member, including custodians, teachers, supply teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers, secretaries, volunteers, etc.**
- **Violent acts will not be tolerated in any circumstance.** This includes threats, racial comments, intimidations, put-downs, vandalism, harassment, or any physical violence.
- **Safety to and from school.** Students riding their bicycle to and from school must wear a bicycle helmet. This is the law. If a student arrives at school without a helmet their bicycle will be kept at the school until appropriate arrangements can be made.

If you break the rules . . . progressive discipline and restorative practices will be applied.

1. Your teacher or supervisor will talk to you about what happened & issue warnings and correction.
2. The principal may speak to you about what happened and issue consequences.
3. Your parents may be called, and a meeting arranged to discuss the problem.
4. Your parents may have to pay for damaged property.
5. You may not be allowed in the classroom for a while (in-school detention).
6. You may not be allowed to be at school for a while (suspension).
7. You may not be allowed to be at school at all (expulsion).
8. In extreme circumstances (e.g. theft, violent acts) the police may be called.

It is our goal to provide support and consequences that are age appropriate and to provide opportunities for students to learn from their mistakes and focus on improving their behaviour. Regardless of the consequence for any behavior issues, students will always be allowed to continue with school program. For additional information, please refer to the Rainy River District School Board Code of Conduct.

