

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

St. Thomas Aquinas High School and the School Board consider it to be a privilege to represent your school in an extra-curricular activity. Therefore, certain behavioural expectations come with this selection. This Code of Conduct for participating in extra-curricular activities will inform all participants and their parents what these expectations are.

PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
2. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of their activity.
3. Refrain from public criticism of other participants.
4. Uphold the rules of the activity, spirit of such rules and encourage other participants to do the same.
5. Treat other participants with due respect. Encourage other participants to do the same.
6. Attend all classes, prior to and following the excursion, and complete all assignments missed during that time. All students are responsible for all assignments and tests while they are absent from school. Students are responsible for acquiring all work assigned from their teachers prior to the commencement of the event and completing assignments according to the teacher's deadlines. Failure to do so will result in student's loss in the next activity as determined by the teacher.
7. Ensure the proper Consent forms are completed and hand in 2 days prior to the event. Each student must complete a consent form and return it with parental signature to the teacher supervisor for each trip.

PARTICIPANTS MUST:

1. Participate in a manner that insures the safety of all participants involved in the activity.
2. Respect other participant's dignity: Verbal or physical behaviour that constitutes harassment or abuse is unacceptable.
3. All participants are required to dress appropriately (i.e. keep a shirt or uniform on at all times on the field of play or on the indoor surface of play).
4. Report inappropriate behaviour (i.e. bullying) to school supervisors immediately.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

The following are some examples of unacceptable behaviour that could involve suspension or other disciplinary action from the school administration. Please be aware that these are merely examples and other forms of unacceptable behaviour not on this list could be subject to disciplinary action.

- Any vulgarity, profanity or intimidation directed to fellow participants.
- Use or possession of laser pointers in any school or facility used by the school (this includes hockey arenas, curling rinks, etc.).
- Any unacceptable behaviour while being transported to and from the event (not picking up garbage, swearing, disobedience to a coach or bus driver, disrespect to other students).
- Any unacceptable behaviour in a motel/hotel and/or restaurant while on a school trip (unnecessary mess, failure to pay phone bills or other payments).
- Any vandalism or theft when visiting another school.
- The consumption of any drugs not prescribed by a doctor (this includes alcohol).
- Negative cheering from the stands (instead of calling the other team down, boost your team up!).
- Any form of hazing or other initiation activities will not be tolerated.
- Any action or behaviour that would bring discredit to your school.