

Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy

for parents

Nova Scotia's schools need to be places where students can focus on learning and staff can safely do their jobs.

The Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy supports safe learning spaces. It defines acceptable and unacceptable student behaviours and guides schools in responding to unacceptable behaviours in a consistent and fair way.

Role of Parents and Caregivers

Student success and well-being is best supported when everyone works together. You have a role to play in making sure schools are safe and supportive places to learn:

- speak with your child about appropriate school behaviours
- understand the Code of Conduct and how it applies to your child
- speak to your child's school if you have any questions about the Code of Conduct or safe behaviours
- work with school staff to respond when unacceptable behaviours happen
- model good behaviour

Guiding Principles

- 1 Responsibility:** Everyone in the school community has a responsibility to keep schools safe.
- 2 Equity:** Responses to unacceptable behaviour are fair and consider student's needs and circumstances.
- 3 Restorative and Relationship-Building:** Responses to unacceptable behaviours include action to restore positive relationships.
- 4 Clarity and Consistency:** There is a shared understanding of what behaviour is acceptable and how unacceptable behaviours will be responded to.

Learn More

Nova Scotia School Safety:
ednet.ns.ca/school-safety

Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy:
ednet.ns.ca/docs/provincialschoolcodeofconduct.pdf

Contact your Regional Centre for Education:
ednet.ns.ca/eecd-contacts/regional-centres-education-csap