

## Student Code of Conduct

### Purpose

In keeping with its mission and Alberta legislation, and its Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment Policy, the Aurora Learning Foundation, Edmonton is committed to:

- Providing all students with a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment;
- Establishing a reasonable and caring balance between individual and collective rights, freedoms and responsibilities within the school community; and,
- Publishing as part of student registration, school start information and other forms, writing expectations for student behaviour (to students and their parents) while at school, at school-related activities, or while engaging in activities that may have an impact on others in the school.

### Expected Conduct

In keeping with the mission and vision of the Aurora Learning Foundation each enrolled student and every staff member is responsible for acting positively in support of a welcoming and caring learning environment by:

- Acting at all times in keeping with the vision and mission underlying the school;
- Pursuing integrity, uprightness, honesty and decorous conduct;
- Respecting all people, property, opinions and authority;
- Showing responsibility for their actions, progress and the environment;
- Being committed to self-discipline and the pursuit of excellence.
- Respecting oneself and the rights of others in the school;
- Conducting oneself with kindness, consideration and generosity to all in a manner that contributes to a welcoming, caring and respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging;
- Refrain from and refuse to tolerate bullying whether in or outside of the school or school hours or electronically;
- Inform a responsible, trusted and caring adult in a timely manner of incidents of bullying, harassment, intimidation or other unwelcoming or uncaring acts;
- Attend school regularly and punctually;
- Diligently and actively being prepared to learn and actively pursue learning;
- Being accountable for individual behaviours to teachers and school staff;
- Cooperating with school staff to make the school a positive learning environment for all;
- Knowing and following the rules of the school; and,
- Join and benefit from the human rights club established by the students.

### Unacceptable Conduct

Unacceptable behaviours that may negatively affect an enrolled student or staff member of the Aurora Learning Foundation community or the school's learning environment, whether in or outside of the school or school hours or electronically, include, but are not limited to those described:

- *Discrimination.* In keeping with the *Alberta Human Rights Act*, no student or person may discriminate against a student on the basis of an individual student's race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religious beliefs, gender (including pregnancy, sexual harassment, and gender identity) physical disability, mental disability, marital status, family status, source of income or sexual orientation.

- *Acts of bullying, harassment or intimidation.* As defined by the *School Act*, Section 1.1(b.1) bullying is the “repeated and hostile or demeaning behaviour by an individual in the school community where the behaviour is intended to cause harm, fear or distress to one more individuals in the school community, including psychological harm or harm to an individual’s reputation.
- *Physical violence.*
- *Acts of retribution* against an individual who has intervened to prevent bullying or informed about bullying or other unacceptable behavior.
- Illegal activities including, those involving illegal or restricted substances, possession or use or threat of use of weapons, and theft or damage to property.

## **Consequences**

Students are expected to conduct themselves in keeping with their responsibilities as students.

The school will investigate each instance of unacceptable conduct and pursue disciplinary action in a matter consistent with the principles of fundamental justice and the school’s student discipline policy. In grave circumstances, an individual found to have engaged in unacceptable conduct may be subject to possible suspension or expulsion. The disciplinary decisions will take account of the student’s age, maturity and individual circumstances.

## **Remediation and Support**

In order to foster a positive learning environment, the Aurora Learning Foundation, Edmonton will engage in reasonable and caring efforts to support both the individual(s) who may have been the subject or victim(s) of unacceptable behaviour(s) and to support perpetrators of unacceptable conduct to improve their conduct.