

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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POLICY
Safe Schools**

The Board believes it is their responsibility to provide safe schools and a positive climate for all members of the school community in which each member will be able to develop fully to their potential. Although members of the school community seldom become involved in behavior that has a negative effect on the school climate, such instances occur. When such instances occur and are in violation of the Safe Schools policy, the Board recognizes the need for intervention.

In accordance with the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, the British Columbia Human Rights Code* and the district's collective agreements, the Board of Education values all of its students and employees without discrimination "*because of the race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or age of that person or that group or class of persons.*"

The Board expects members of the school community to treat others with respect and courtesy and to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the respect of others in order to promote a safe and positive school climate. This includes resolving conflict in a nonviolent and responsible manner, respecting the property of others and not having any involvement with illegal substances.

The Board shall consider the conduct of any member of the school community that adversely affects school climate to be a breach of the Safe Schools Policy warranting appropriate forms of intervention and/or disciplinary action.

Cross Refs: Student Behaviour Policy, Weapons Policy, Student Discipline and Suspension Policy, Ministry of Education - Safe, Caring & Orderly School

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