

## West Nissouri Public School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),



### **STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:**

At West Nissouri Public School we embrace technology for the purposes of enhancing student learning. We also understand that cell phones serve a purpose for student's safety reasons while walking to and from school. However, in efforts to protect the learning environment from distractions and in order to protect the privacy of our staff and students, cell phones and all other electronic communication devices must be turned off and away during the entire nutrition break, on the yard at recess and in the hallways/bathrooms.

In the classroom, cell phones and electronic devices are prohibited unless students are directly supervised by a teacher and they are used only during instructional time (as directed by an educator), for health and medical purposes and/or to support special education needs.

Students must not use cell phones and/or electronic devices to take photos, videos, or sound recordings unless direct teacher supervision for instructional purposes.

Should a student need to contact a parent, they are to request permission from their teacher to go to the office and use the telephone.

Electronic devices are not to be kept on the student's person during the day. Each individual classroom will have an appropriate storage place available in a centrally locked location. All electronic devices are not the responsibility of the school. It is therefore best that such items are left at home. If a device is out during instructional time or not being used for instructional purposes, without permission and supervision, the cell phone will be taken and kept in the office. Progressive measures will be taken, if necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation,

D. Mann  
Principal

**Completed in co-operation with WNPS students' council, school council, staff, and parents (2019-2020).**

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February, 2020

### West Nissouri Public School Dress Code



It is the policy of the board that individual schools establish a dress code respecting appropriate dress for pupils, in consultation with students, school staff, volunteers working in schools, parents, and guardians. It is the expectation at W.N.P.S. that our students will dress in a manner that is suitable and appropriate for school. Appropriate attire encourages respect for oneself and others, and promotes a safe and respectful learning environment. The following guiding principles are provided to assist students in making responsible decisions.

- Footwear appropriate for safe and active play is required at all times (e.g., running shoes for physical activity, indoor/outdoor shoes worn for appropriate setting).
- Hats are not to be worn inside the school.
- Clothing should be modest and not revealing. Shoulder straps should be a minimum of the student's two finger widths.
- All items designed as underwear, or an undergarment, must not be visible.
- Tops and shirts must come down to cover the top of pants, skirts, or shorts. Bare midriffs are not permitted, and must stay covered with normal and reasonable movement.
- Length of shorts and skirts are to extend beyond fingertips when arms are extended.
- Clothing is free of designs or language that is offensive, or reference drugs or alcohol.

Students are encouraged to participate in making responsible decisions about wearing apparel. However, the final decision on appropriateness of clothing rests with the school staff.

Students who are deemed to be in contravention of the dress code will be counselled and given an opportunity to change if appropriate clothing is available (school athletic shirts are available), cover up, or turn the article of clothing inside out. A reasonable effort will be made to contact parents as well as addressing the issue with the student.

As outlined by the Ministry of Education regulations, our dress code applies to all students, staff, parents and community members in our school building or while participating in school functions.

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*We build each student's  
tomorrow, every day.*

# West Nissouri Public School



## CODE OF CONDUCT

Our Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe learning environment that encourages participation and celebrates success.

A simple set of behavioural expectations, non-negotiables, will certainly lead to a more harmonious and structured learning environment throughout our school, classroom, hallways and school yard.

This Code of Conduct was developed in consultation with staff, parents, students and administration.

**Purpose:** To build and sustain a positive learning community environment for all students so that they may reach their full potential.

### **Expectations:**

All West Nissouri students, staff, families and community members will:

- Be treated with respect at all times
- Show respect to other students and to adults
- Demonstrate respect for school property and the property of others
- Actively participate in school activities

**F** - Fair, Honest in all we do, respecting ourselves and others

**L** – Leadership, Developing Leadership Skills

**A** – Ambitious, Always striving to meet our goals

**M** – Motivated, Positive work ethic

**E** – Excellence, Striving to do our best

**S** – Sportsmanship, Showing good sportsmanship in the gym and on the field

## **Behavioural Expectations:**

- Students will attend school regularly, actively participate and complete assigned work to the best of their ability
- Recognize that positive consequences are the result of positive choices
- Recognize that the rights of others are as important as their own
- Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves
- Aggressive physical play that could be harmful will not be tolerated e.g. pushing, tripping
- Potentially dangerous items are to be left at home
- Physical, verbal (oral, written, cyber), bullying or discrimination on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, language disability, culture, religion or any other attribute is unacceptable
- Use appropriate behaviour and language at all times
- Students will dress in a respectful manner that is appropriate for the learning environment and remove their hats upon entering the school
- Students will walk in the halls in a quiet, respectful manner
- Practice good sportsmanship and courtesy at all times
- Take responsibility for keeping all school and bus property clean and in good repair
- Use of Smart Phones or other electronic devices is not allowed during instructional time or the yard unless directed by the teacher, keep at home or in backpack
- Social Media and gaming are not allowed on school computers
- Students may not possess alcohol, illegal drugs, or unless the pupil is a medical cannabis user, cannabis
- Respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching, including by ensuring that cell phones and other personal mobile devices are used only during instructional time, as directed by an educator, for health and medical purposes and/or to support special education needs.
- Electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, etc.) are distractions from instruction time and social connections. Students are encouraged to keep these devices at home. If a device used without permission/supervision, the cell phone will be taken and kept in the office. Progressive measures will be taken.

Students who live up to school expectations will help everyone enjoy the excitement of learning in a safe and supportive environment.

Teachers, support staff and school administration may apply the following consequences:

- Reminders, with suggestion for improvement
- Warning about consequences of continued misbehavior
- Re-location within the classroom
- Removal or restricting certain school privileges
- Home Referral forms completed and taken home for discussion
- An interview with the principal
- Communication with parents or guardians at home or work
- Setting up an individual student/teacher contract
- Repair, restitution or community service
- Alternate location of in-school learning
- Formal suspension from school

Activities that require consideration of suspension include:

- Uttering a threat
- Physical violence
- Being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or unless the pupil is a medical cannabis user, cannabis
- Swearing at a person of authority
- Vandalism
- Bullying
- Disruption of the moral tone of our school
- Police involvement for serious violent or illegal activities

**Together we all make WNPS a GREAT community!**

**Each of us has the right to:**

- Come to school and feel safe
- Be supported in the school setting
- Be involved in appropriate learning experiences-without interference
- Participate in activities
- Seek assistance when problems arise

**Staff and Parent Responsibilities:**

- Be appropriate adult role models
- Maintain a positive school spirit
- Share information regarding community activities and opportunities
- Provide opportunities for student leadership
- Encourage responsible behaviour
- Reinforce social skills
- Acknowledge student achievement
- Encourage a safe, peaceful, and respectful learning environment for all
- Provide co-curricular activities and opportunities for positive school participation

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