



# Ogdensburg City School District

## Community Code of Conduct

### Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Parent Code of Conduct is to provide a mutual understanding to all parents/guardians and visitors to our school about conduct expectations while on school property, at school district events and when interacting with District employees and/or students.

### General Propositions

We expect parents/guardians and visitors to have a fundamental understanding and commitment to the following general propositions:

- Teachers, administrators and parents/guardians want all children to learn in a safe environment.
- Teachers, administrators and parents/guardians must work together for the benefit of all students.
- All parents/guardians and visitors, as well as all members of the school community, deserve to be treated with respect.
- The school should be provided an opportunity to resolve issues of concern before public criticism.

### Prohibited Behaviors

In order to provide a peaceful and safe school environment, the District prohibits the following behaviors by parents/guardians and visitors:

- Abusive, threatening, profane or harassing communication, either in person, by e-mail or text/voicemail/phone or other written or verbal communication.
- Disruptive behavior that interferes or threatens to interfere with District operations, including the effective operation of a classroom, an employee's office or duty station, a campus lobby, or school grounds, school buses and transportation, including sporting events, parking lots and car-pickup.
- Threatening to do bodily harm to a District employee, visitor, fellow parent/guardian or student.
- Threatening to damage the property of a District employee, visitor, fellow parent/guardian or student.
- Damaging or destruction of school property.
- Excessive unscheduled campus visits, e-mails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written or oral.
  - School staff and administration may not always be immediately available to speak with you. The only way to *ensure* that you are able to speak with a staff member or administrator is to schedule an appointment. Staff and administrators have a practice of attempting to return all phone calls/e-mails within 24 hours with great success. Your calls and visits will be

responded to consistent with this practice if someone is not immediately available to speak with you.

- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or school staff made publicly to others.
- Any concerns that you may have regarding these matters must be made through the appropriate channels so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately, and effectively for all. Please see the communication flow chart below for more information.

## **Consequences**

Depending upon the severity of the incident, parents/guardians or visitors may be removed from or otherwise banned from campus and participation in school-sponsored events. In situations involving lesser infractions or where remediation is viable, a warning will be provided, either verbal or in writing. Should a parent/guardian or visitor fail to heed the direction issued in the warning, a ban or other restrictions designed to deter the conduct will follow. No restriction, however, will prevent the parent/guardian from working collaboratively with the District to meet the child's educational needs, nor will a parent/guardian be excluded from a child's IEP meeting.