

## CODE OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

Every student at South Lincoln High School has the right to attend school in a safe, comfortable and inviting atmosphere. Any individual who interferes with this right will be removed from the school until their behaviour is deemed acceptable for re-entry.

The environment at South Lincoln High School should be a place where all students can learn with a sense of security and freedom from harm. Teachers and students must always respect the opinions, rights, and property of others. The development of responsibility within this framework is essential to student growth and an environment conducive to learning. Students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines at all times:

- Be courteous to fellow students, and obedient and courteous to all teachers, office staff and support staff.
- Follow District School Board of Niagara and South Lincoln school rules.
- Be responsible for their conduct while on the school premise or while traveling on school buses or on school field trips.
- Demonstrate respect for authority, peers, property, learning and self.
- Exercise self-discipline.

Within these parameters, the following consequences (in no particular order) may be imposed if students are found to be engaging in inappropriate behaviour at school or at any school sponsored activity including field trips.

- teacher interview/detention
- parent/guardian involvement
- vice-principal or principal involvement (including suspension)
- removal from a particular course (if required)
- police involvement or any other consequence deemed necessary by administration

## ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Bullying is an act of aggression causing embarrassment, pain or discomfort. It can take on several forms: physical, verbal, gesture, extortion and exclusion. It is an abuse of power that may be done individually or in groups. It can be done in person, by phone, in written form or over the Internet. ***Bullying will not be tolerated at South Lincoln High School.***

Students who are bullied or students who witness bullying are encouraged to report any incident to school staff or administration. Examples of bullying include:

- any form of physical violence such as hitting, pushing or spitting on others
- using offensive names, teasing or spreading rumours about others
- interfering with another person's property by stealing, hiding damaging or destroying it
- using put-downs, belittling others' abilities and achievements
- hurtfully excluding others from a group
- writing offensive notes or graffiti about others
- making degrading comments about another's culture, religious or social background
- forcing others to act against their will