

EBUS Academy **Code of Conduct**

Everyone at EBUS will be treated with dignity and respect.

Our School Board has established a District Code of Conduct for Students to promote values which foster respect for all members of the school community and to support positive means of resolving differences. These values align with the core beliefs and values of the district, as well as with the BC Human Rights Code.

We expect:

Students will:

- do their best to learn
- take increasing responsibility to learn
- submit work frequently and regularly to teachers
- appropriately credit all sources of ideas and information¹
- commit to providing frequent, timely and respectful communication

Parents will:

- provide a good learning environment in the home, including internet access
- collaborate with the online teacher in the development of a Student Learning Plan for their child
- supervise and motivate students as they grow
- assist students in providing samples of work
- share insight into each students learning with the teacher
- use financial assistance in accordance with the student learning plan

Teachers will:

- evaluate and provide feedback on student work in a timely manner
- explore the best way to help each learner
- provide professional advice
- provide clear directions and expectations
- ensure students and parents are regularly informed regarding progress and marks

EBUS Academy will:

- employ and supervise a professional teaching staff certified by the BC College of Teachers
- follow the curriculum of the BC Public School System
- use appropriate teaching and learning resources
- provide report cards, course credit information and related documents

EBUS Academy uses technology in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. We must also act in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP), Ministry of Education policy, the Human Rights Code* and school district policies.

* The BC Human Rights code prohibits discrimination on the grounds of: Ancestry, colour, family or marital status, physical or mental disability, place of origin, race, religion, sex (gender, pregnancy, transgender), sexual orientation (gay, lesbian, bisexual, heterosexual).

The following uses of EBUS systems are prohibited:

- using the network for financial gain or for any commercial or illegal activity;
- intentionally spreading computer viruses;
- political lobbying, advertising, chain letters;
- sharing harassing, abusing, threatening, or obscene materials by email or on the internet is forbidden;
- downloading, storing or printing files or messages that are profane, obscene or that use language that offends or tends to degrade others.

¹ Appropriately credit all sources of ideas and information:

The expression of original ideas is considered intellectual property, and is protected by copyright laws, just like original inventions. Almost all forms of expression fall under copyright protection as long as they are recorded in some way (such as a book or a computer file). All of the following are considered plagiarism:

- turning in someone else's work as your own
- copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
- copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not

Most cases of plagiarism can be avoided, however, by citing sources. Simply acknowledging that certain material has been borrowed, and providing your audience with the information necessary to find that source, is usually enough to prevent plagiarism.

Please note: Changing the words of an original source is not sufficient to prevent plagiarism. If you have retained the essential idea of an original source, and have not cited it, then no matter how drastically you may have altered its context or presentation, you have still plagiarized.

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