DDSB Student Code of Conduct and Virtual Learning

Students participating in Virtual Learning will be expected to abide by the School Code of Conduct at all times. All members of the school community will continue to be responsible for adhering to the expectations in applicable legislation, policies and procedures and our regular school Code of Conduct.

Durham District School Board schools will focus on prevention, early intervention with progressive discipline and restorative practices as the key to maintaining a positive, safe, welcoming, respectful, accessible, equitable and inclusive virtual learning environment free from discrimination in which students can learn and educators can teach. When inappropriate behaviour occurs, all staff members will utilize a range of interventions, supports and consequences that are developmentally appropriate, that include opportunities for students to learn from mistakes, that consider mitigating factors, and that focus on improving behaviour.

Virtual Learning Considerations:

Due to the nature of the on-line virtual environment, special considerations and expectations need to be in place to promote the safety and well-being of all students in a digital environment. All members of the school community are entitled to be safe and to be treated with dignity and respect as within a regular classroom environment. Staff will promote responsible digital citizenship and monitor student conduct and intervene using Bias- Aware Progressive Discipline.

Student Expectations:

1) Be engaged in your classroom activities- ask for help if needed.
2) Complete your assigned work to the best of your ability.
3) Protect your passwords and only access your own account.
4) If posting or engaging in a video or video chat adhere to acceptable use standards and follow your school dress code.
5) If posting information or videos as part of an assignment, please ensure copyright rules are followed.
6) All digital communications with others need to be done in a respectful manner and adhere to your School's Code of Conduct.
7) Report any incident of cyberbullying or harassment to a parent or school staff member. You can also complete a Report Bullying Now Form from your school's webpage.

Parent/Guardian are encouraged to:

1) Be engaged in your child's learning- if needed contact the teacher by email if your child needs assistance.
2) Support your child to complete their work to the best of their ability.
3) Encourage your child to participate positively and remind them of the Code of Conduct.
4) Allow the virtual classroom/live sessions to be focused between the educator(s) and students. Save your questions or comments for a follow up email if needed.