



School Code of Conduct

Statement of Purpose

At Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary School, we are committed to providing a safe, caring, inclusive, and orderly learning environment where all students can learn, grow, and thrive. We believe that positive relationships, mutual respect, and shared responsibility are the foundation of a strong school community.

Our Commitment

In partnership with families, students, and staff, we strive to create a school culture where every individual feels welcomed, valued, respected, and connected. Our Code of Conduct aligns with the Abbotsford School District Code of Conduct and the principles of the BC Human Rights Code. We are committed to providing an inclusive learning environment for our staff and students regardless of their race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age.

Access to Safe Zones

To support student safety and uninterrupted learning, Safe School Access Zones are in effect around all K-12 public and independent schools in British Columbia. Within these zones, behaviour that interferes with the safe access of students, staff, families, and visitors to school grounds is prohibited. Activities that intimidate, harass, impede, or disrupt individuals entering or leaving school property are not permitted. Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary is committed to maintaining a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where students can learn free from disruption. All members of our school community are expected to respect these protections and contribute to a positive atmosphere for learning.

Student Use of Personal Digital Devices in School

To support student learning, focus, and digital well-being, personal digital devices may only be used with the permission of a staff member for educational purposes. Students are expected to use technology in a safe, respectful, and responsible manner.

Any device that is brought to school should be safely kept in a backpack and on be on silent mode.

Expectations for Student Conduct

Respect Themselves

- Take responsibility for their learning and behaviour.
- Make safe and healthy choices.

Respect Others

- Treat all members of the school community with kindness, dignity, and respect.
- Support a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

Respect the Learning Environment

- Follow school expectations and routines.
- Care for school property, resources, and the belongings of others.

Act Safely and Responsibly

- Behave in ways that promote the safety and well-being of themselves and others.
- Report unsafe situations or concerns to a trusted adult.

Unacceptable Conduct

Any behaviour that disrupts learning or compromises the safety, dignity, or well-being of others is not acceptable. Examples include:

- Bullying, harassment, intimidation, or discrimination.
- Physical, verbal, social, or cyber aggression.
- Threatening or unsafe behaviour.
- Damage to school or personal property.
- Possession of weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, or other prohibited substances.

Responses to Misconduct

At Swift, we believe that mistakes provide opportunities for learning and growth. Whenever possible, responses to misconduct will be restorative, educational, and developmentally appropriate. Students will be supported in understanding the impact of their actions, repairing harm, restoring relationships, and making positive choices moving forward.

Serious or repeated breaches of the Code of Conduct may result in additional consequences in accordance with school and district procedures.