

# Inappropriate Language

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School Act - section 12

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(e) account to the student's teachers for the student's

conduct; (f) respect the rights of others;

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(g) ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a

welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging;

## School Act - section 12

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(h) refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying

behaviour directed toward others in the school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means; (i) positively contribute to

the school and community.  
Chinook's Edge - AP 3-09: Student  
Conduct

## Why are we speaking about this?

- We are receiving continual concerns from students, staff and parents about the language that students are using in the school, on the playground, buses and through social media.
- As administrators, we have heard language in the hallways, classrooms and playground that is not appropriate in any context much less in a school.

## Where do the rules apply

- In the school
- On the playground
- On the bus
- On any school organized activity (field trip, after-school club, sporting events)
- On social media

## Language that is demeaning

- Causing someone to lose their dignity or the respect of others.

- Name calling

- Attacking someone's:

- Gender; stereotypical comments about being male or female

- Background; accent; culture

- Political views

- Sexuality; no commentary; never as an insult

- Appearance; comments on clothing, hairstyle, size, shape

- Family; unkind comments about any member of someone's family

Includes song lyrics, music videos, games or clothing

Discussion Example - "That's gay!"

## Language that contains violent or threatening overtones

Any comments that contain direct or indirect (includes rumours and social media):

- Threats of harm

- Threats to family members or friends

- Threats against property

- Violently charged song lyrics, music videos, games or clothing

Discussion Example: “After school you’re going to get it”

## Language that is inappropriate for a school environment

Includes:

- Sexual language used towards other students
- Sexual references in song lyrics, music videos, games or on clothing.

Discussion Example: “Rape!”

## Inappropriate Language - RVS Consequences

Consequences could be:                      - office time - call home -  
loss of privileges -

assigned recess area - no  
contact contract between  
students

of concern - service duty  
For repeated or serious  
issues, consequences

could include:

- in school suspension -  
out of school suspension -  
recommendation for  
expulsion

If you overhear something that upsets or  
concerns you, please tell any one of the  
staff members.