

## **Spencer Valley's Code of Conduct**

Every member of our school community has a right to enjoy a school life without fear or disruption. Each should expect freedom from harassment of a social, physical or emotional nature. Our code reflects the expectations that the Spencer Valley learning community will demonstrate respect, civility and responsible citizenship within a safe environment.

### **RIGHTS**

#### **Students' Rights**

Each student has a right to:

- ♦ academic opportunities that maximize the academic and personal potential of each student
- ♦ a safe, happy and productive environment
- ♦ freedom from verbal or physical abuse
- ♦ fair, consistent and just treatment
- ♦ an education appropriate to the learning needs of the individual
- ♦ Support, for social and emotional concerns



#### **Parents' Rights**

Parents have the right to expect:

- ♦ the school environment will be challenging, safe and free from disruptive behaviour
- ♦ good communication concerning pupil progress and informative records of student achievement
- ♦ their children will be treated in the same manner in which they are expected to behave
- ♦ notification of any serious matter concerning their child's school life

#### **Teachers' Rights**

In performing their duties, teachers have a right to expect:

- ♦ support for orderly behaviour at school
- ♦ respect and co-operation from students and colleagues at school and parents at home
- ♦ meetings with any parties important to resolving teaching and learning concerns
- ♦ students be prepared for class

# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Student Responsibilities

To help protect your rights students need to:

- ♦ come to school prepared, on time and ready to learn
- ♦ strive to achieve your best academic performance
- ♦ respect the ethnic, religious, gender, intellectual and physical differences of others
- ♦ attend school regularly
- ♦ dress tastefully in clothing which is inoffensive to others
- ♦ be a willing participant and demonstrate responsibility for your own learning
- ♦ co-operate with both staff and peers and take responsibility for your own actions
- ♦ complete and hand in all work as assigned
- ♦ refrain from bringing anything to school that may compromise the safety of others

## Parent Responsibilities

To maximize your child's educational opportunities, parents will need to:

- ♦ encourage your child to work to the best of their ability academically and socially
- ♦ ensure regular school attendance. Notify the school when your child will be absent or late
- ♦ instill respect for the rights of others and for public and personal property
- ♦ demonstrate interest in your child's school life and activities
- ♦ share openly with staff, information which is helpful to the school regarding the emotional or social concerns of your child

## Teacher Responsibilities

As the professionals in the school community, teachers shall:

- ♦ plan and conduct effective learning experiences for all students in their charge
- ♦ be sensitive and responsive to the behavioural needs of all students
- ♦ demonstrate caring, consistency and fairness in dealing with all students
- ♦ involve parents and support personnel in meeting student needs of either a behavioural or academic nature
- ♦ model appropriateness for students
- ♦ maintain a safe environment for all students

