

Administrative Procedure 160 – Appendix C

The Alberta Education Act, Current as of September 1, 2019

Board Responsibility

33(1) d. A board has the responsibility to ensure that each student enrolled in a school operated by the board and each staff member employed by the board is provided with a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.

(2) A board shall establish, implement and maintain a policy respecting the board's obligation under subsection (1) to provide a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that includes the establishment of a code of conduct for students that addresses bullying behaviour.

(3) A code of conduct established under subsection (2) must

(a) be made publicly available,

(b) be reviewed every year,

(c) be provided to all staff of the board, students of the board and parents of students of the board,

(d) contain the following elements:

(i) a statement of purpose that provides a rationale for the code of conduct, with a focus on welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments;

(ii) one or more statements that address the prohibited grounds of discrimination set out in the *Alberta Human Rights Act*;

(iii) one or more statements about what is acceptable behaviour and what is unacceptable behaviour, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means;

(iv) one or more statements about the consequences of unacceptable behaviour, which must take account of the student's age, maturity and individual circumstances, and which must ensure that support is provided for students who are impacted by inappropriate behaviour, as well as for students who engage in inappropriate behaviour,

(e) be in accordance with any further requirements established by the Minister by order.

(4) An order of the Minister under subsection (3)(e) must be made publicly available.