Greater Essex County District School Board

Policy: Safe Schools

Reference No: P-AD-16

The Greater Essex County District School Board is committed to creating and promoting a safe environment in its schools and Board properties for staff, parents/guardians, visitors, volunteers and the community. Safety of students is a primary concern of the GECDSB. It is important that all students have a safe, caring and accepting school environment in order to maximize their learning potential and to ensure a positive school climate for all members of the school community. All school staff play a critical role in building and sustaining a positive school climate.

Every member of the school community has a responsibility to assist in creating and maintaining safe, secure, and harmonious learning, teaching, and work environments. All members of the school community have a role in leadership and modeling of appropriate behavior. To that end, the GECDSB supports the local Police % School Protocol.

This policy authorized the creation of procedures for implementation, which shall be considered guidelines pursuant to the Education Act.

Corresponding GECDSB Regulations:

- R-AD-28 Code of Conduct
- R-AD-29 Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- R-AD-30 Progressive Discipline
- R-AD-37 Delegation of Authority Regarding Student Discipline
- R-AD-51 Suspension and Expulsion
- R-AD-08 Student Searches

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The Provincial Code of Conduct, the Greater Essex County District School Board Code of Conduct, the Greater Essex County District School Board Safe Schools Policy, the Education Amendment Act (Progressive Discipline and School Safety), 2007, and the Education Amendment Act (Keeping our Kids Safe at School), 2009, create expectations for behavior for all persons on school property.

Pursuant to the Education Act, Principals are required to maintain proper order and discipline in schools, and pupils are responsible to their Principals for their conduct and are required to accept such discipline as would be exercised by reasonable, kind, affirm, and judicious parents/guardians.

Police-School Board Protocol

a) The Greater Essex County District School Board endorses the work of the Police-School Board Liaison Committee in its development of the local Police- School Protocol.
b) The Local Police-School Board Protocol document located in each school's Safe Schools binder shall guide school Principals in investigations requiring police consultation or response.

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