



202.2AP Students' Responsibilities

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LEGAL REFERENCE:

- Education Act Section 31, 33(1)
- Alberta Human Rights Act
- Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

CROSS REFERENCE:

- [202.7AP Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [202.8AP Student Suspension](#)
- [202.9AP Student Expulsion](#)
- BTPS V-TRA Protocol and Reinstatement Procedures

Resident students of Alberta have access to an education program as outlined under the Education Act. With that right comes a responsibility for students to conduct themselves in a respectable manner to ensure that their education, and the education of others, is not jeopardized by inappropriate behavior/conduct.

1. Students and staff are expected to model and reinforce socially responsible and respectful behaviors so that teaching and learning can take place in a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that recognizes diversity and respects all others regardless of race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status, or sexual orientation of that person.
2. Principals are encouraged to work with parents and staff when establishing school codes of conduct.
3. Section 31 of the Education Act says that a student, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to;
 - (a) attend school regularly and punctually,
 - (b) be ready to learn and actively engage in and diligently pursue the student's education,

- (c) 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,
 - (d) respect the rights of others in the school,
 - (e) 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,
 - (f) comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the board,
 - (g) co-operate with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services,
 - (h) be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct, and
 - (i) positively contribute to the student's school and community.
4. If a student does not comply with these requirements a principal may recommend corrective measures up to and including suspension or expulsion from school in accordance with the Education Act. The principal must take into account the student's age, maturity and individual circumstances, and ensure that support is provided for students who are impacted by inappropriate behaviour, as well as for students who engage in inappropriate behaviour.