

## **St. Jude Code of Conduct 2025-2026**

St. Jude, as part of Riverside School Board, recognizes its role as an educational organization, with the power and responsibility to impact citizenship through education. We recognize diversity as a fact. We must value and honor all faces, voices, realities, and experiences, and ensure that ours is an organization where children, youth and adults are acknowledged, respected, welcomed and empowered. We commit to the ongoing work required to keep equity and inclusion at the forefront of our reflection and decision-making, in dedication to social emotional well-being, educational excellence and success for all.

Our Code of Conduct is based on our six core values: respect, empathy, cooperation, perseverance, engagement and appreciation. Expectations for behaviour at school will be based on the premise that everyone should be treated with respect. At St. Jude School, we are here to help our students develop personally, socially, and academically.

The staff, students and parents at St Jude School will continue to work as a team to reduce the incidents of negative behaviors that may take place during the school year. Students who do not abide by the Code of Conduct will have consequences that are appropriate to their actions. School staff will work together to educate students in making better choices when faced with a conflict.

The school is a key player in familiarizing students with diversity, encouraging their openness and better preparing them to act and interact with others in a changing world. Openness to diversity and the establishment of harmonious intercultural relations at school are indeed important factors to consider in order to guarantee a school climate conducive to the success of all students.

School rules provide structure and consistency for young students who are still developing their sense of responsibility and self-discipline. By establishing clear rules and expectations, teachers and administrators can help students understand what is expected of them in terms of behavior, academic performance, and social interaction.

School rules and expectations help create a safe and secure learning environment. When students know what is expected of them, they are less likely to engage in disruptive or harmful behaviors that could interfere with their own learning or the learning of their classmates.

School rules and expectations can help prepare students for success in future academic and professional settings. By learning how to follow rules, respect authority, and take responsibility for their actions, students develop important skills and values that will serve them well throughout their lives.

## **COMMUNITY CARE**

St. Jude is a strong community-oriented school. It is important that our St. Jude families keep our community in mind and do their part in slowing or stopping the spread of transmissible diseases. When students are sick, it would be appreciated if they were to be kept at home until they are symptom free. Parents are encouraged to speak to their children about the importance of good hand hygiene, coughing into their elbows and doing their part to help keep the community safe and healthy. Whether it be a flu, gastro, chicken pox, or lice, no one wants their child to catch these from another child at school. Regardless of guidelines, it is certain that students may still come into contact with transmissible illnesses or catch lice from one another. However, when we keep our children home while they have symptoms, we can greatly reduce the transmission to other children.

## **School Rules**

### **Respect and safety**

- a. I respect personal property of all individuals.
- b. I respect my school environment – both inside and outside.
- c. I walk quietly in the hallways while other students are learning.
- d. I will leave all personal and valuable possessions at home.
- e. I will follow instructions from adults.
- f. I will play safely (playfighting, tackling and purposely hurting others will be dealt with as a form of physical aggression).
- g. I will follow the school transportation rules. (See Bus Safety Rules)

## **Strategies for In-School Incidents/Negative behaviors:**

- Discussion and reflection
- Restorative Justice Practices
- Social Groups
- Behavior Contract
- Intervention Plan
- Removal from activities if the behavior is deemed dangerous to oneself or others
- Behavioral Tracer
- Loss of recess (AM and/or Lunch Recess and/or PM recess)

- In-school suspension
- At-home suspension

## **DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP**

At St. Jude, we believe in a model for supporting safe and responsible use of the internet in teaching and learning. Modelling what appropriate and responsible use looks like is an imperative aspect of digital citizenship when using technology within our learning. As a parent, you are an integral part of the digital citizenship development of your child. Please review the description of a St. Jude digital citizen with your child and view the recommended parent links included below.

### **A Digital Citizen**

- Uses school platforms in a respectful manner.
- Treats people online with kindness and respect.
- Participates in positive educational, cultural, activities using technology.
- Uses critical thinking.
- Uses technology to relate to others in positive, meaningful ways and maintains honesty and integrity while using technology. Remove that sentence?
- Respects the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech in a digital world.
- Respects and protects him/herself, others, and intellectual property!

\*All communication through school board platforms such as Teams may be tracked.

### **LINKS FOR PARENTS-**

- Childnet [http://https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers)
- Digizen [http://http://www.digizen.org/parents/](http://www.digizen.org/parents/)
- Common Sense Media <http://www.common sense media.org/blog>

Any negative student behaviors that occur on Social Media that arise in school will be dealt with according to the rules of the school's code of conduct.

### **Cell Phones in School**

In accordance with the ministry mandate on the removal of electronic devices from the classroom, St. Jude School will implement the following rules and regulations **as of January 9, 2024:**

- During all class time, from bell to bell, the use of electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.) is not permitted.
- Students must ensure that their device is **turned off during class time.**

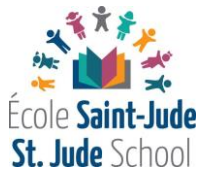
- All devices must be left in the student's locker or in the classroom's electronic device box/pouch.
- Any student caught using their device during class time, regardless of the location (classroom, hallway, bathrooms, etc.), will have that device confiscated and sent to the office.
- Any device that is sent to the office can only be picked up by the student at the end of the school day.
- The use of devices will be permitted for planned pedagogy and used with the authorization of the teacher.
- Any student who is caught using their device inappropriately will have it removed. In this instance, the parent/guardian will be contacted.
- Students who do not adhere to the electronic device policy repeatedly can lose the privilege of using their device during school hours.

### **Personal items in school**

Toys and electronic gadgets are not permitted in school (for example, cell phones, I-pods, gaming devices, collectable items, makeup, etc.). The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken items. If your child brings items like this to school, they will be taken away and sent home at the end of the day. On special occasions, teachers may allow students to bring personal items to school and this will be communicated in advance from the teacher.

### **CLOTHING**

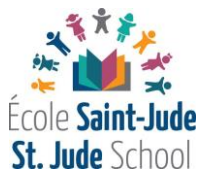
- Students are outside during various times of the day. They need to be dressed according to the forecasted weather.
- Clothing is expected to be respected:
  - No swearing, inappropriate comments on clothing
  - No crop tops
  - No spaghetti straps
  - No "short" shorts or short skirts
  - No flip flops (sandals with support are permitted)



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- No caps or “hoodie covers” in school
- In gym class, students must be wearing clothing that is functional (Ex: sweatshirt/t-shirt, shorts, jogging pants, etc.)
- Proper athletic shoes are expected in gym class
  
- From November to March, winter clothing is expected. It will be announced in a parent email to start and end the winter clothing season.
- Winter clothing includes coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and gloves.
  
- In the Fall and Spring, two pairs of shoes are expected (indoor and outdoor pair)



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## **END OF DAY DISMISSAL**

### **Walkers**

Dismissal is at 3:35. Parents have until 3:45 to pick up their children. There is no supervision after 3:45. Daycare charges will be applied. The fee for daycare is \$1 per minute.

Parents must provide a note to the office for students who will be walking home alone.

Any changes to the end day dismissal must be called into the office and you need to speak with someone.

In the case of any discrepancy, students will be kept at school as this is the safest option.

It is prohibited to park in the bus loading zones on Millington as well as in the handicapped zone in front of the school.

Students walking home alone after school need to have filled out the parent consent to walk home form.

## **BUS SAFETY RULES**

Bus safety is very important at St. Jude School. Our students' safety is our number one priority. We will focus on ensuring that our students understand bus safety rules and that they put them into practice every day. If students do not follow the bus rules, they may have their transportation privileges suspended. It is then the responsibility of the parents to ensure a ride to school for their child. Your cooperation is also needed to help us ensure that the students are safe during bus arrival and departures.

Students are never permitted to switch buses or get off at alternative bus stops other than the one they have been assigned to.

### **Students on the bus**

1. Always be at the bus stop on time (10 minutes prior to scheduled time).
2. Do not play on the street while waiting for the school bus.
3. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before boarding the bus single file in an orderly fashion. Use the handrail.
4. Find a seat quickly without pushing other students. Keep the aisle clear.
5. Remain seated, talk quietly. Eating and/or drinking is prohibited.
6. When riding on the school bus, the driver is in charge. Always listen to the driver's instructions.
7. Never put your head or arms out of the school bus windows.
8. Know where the emergency exits are, and DO NOT tamper with them.
9. Never throw anything inside the bus or out of the school bus windows.
10. When disembarking, wait until the school bus comes to a complete stop before leaving your seat. Descend in a single file.
11. Walk a safe distance (3 meters) from the school bus so the driver can see you and know that you are out of danger.
12. Should you need to cross in front of the bus, keep safe 10ft and watch for the driver's signal. Do not run. Proceed with caution at all times.

Please ensure that the following bus safety rules are understood and explained to your child. Transportation is a privilege; therefore, Riverside School Board has the right to cancel the service if these rules are not followed. Also, please be advised that RSB has the right to install video cameras in all the vehicles if need be.

Students who receive bus reports are open to receiving consequences for their conduct on the bus. As any situation that occurs in school, students will be met with and educated on expected behaviors. Consequences for continued behaviors may range from warnings, to 1 day to 5 day suspensions to removal from the bus.