



Code of Conduct 2025-2026

Introduction

Centennial Regional High School is an inclusive school. Our mission is to educate students to achieve their full potential. We are committed to promoting equity, harmony, civility, moral dignity, and a strong sense of community. We ask for respect for self, others, and the environment to ensure that both students and staff have a safe and healthy learning atmosphere. We acknowledge that it is a shared responsibility among all members of the school community, and that adults should model these qualities and assist students in developing their skills.

It is the goal of Centennial to help each student exercise their right to educational opportunities that will lead to a sense of self-worth, good citizenship, and intellectual curiosity. It is the responsibility of all students and staff to ensure this right is exercised. Behaviour that deprives other students of these rights will not be tolerated.

We celebrate diversity. Discrimination based on race, religion, gender, socio-economic status, ability, age, sexual orientation, or any other attribute is unacceptable.

Students, parents/guardians, volunteers, teachers, and other staff members are all participants in the Centennial Community and as such, are subject to the Centennial Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct, as well as the specific rules and regulations, apply in every part of the school, and when on field trips or representing the school at an event or in any other capacity.

Behavior Towards Others

As a student, I must be respectful to all students and staff members. I must comply with staff/school directives while in the school and during participation in school organized activities and outings. I understand:

- Disruptive, insubordinate, or violent behavior is not permitted.
- School property as well as the property of others is to be respected.
- The use of appropriate and respectful language is expected while at school.
- The use of slurs and/or language that is discriminatory in nature will not be tolerated. This language includes but is not limited to negative comments about race, ethnicity, religion, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, neurodiversity, school performance and appearance.

School /Classroom Behaviour

As a student, I understand that the habits expected of me in school are designed to better prepare me for any role I play in society in the future. I agree to the following:

- School property, textbooks, library books, and furniture should be respected and kept free from damage and graffiti. Students/parents will be responsible for the costs incurred due to damage. To avoid incurring a cost for damages, students may be asked to participate in the cleaning or repair.
- Teachers are responsible for classroom discipline and will communicate the class rules to the students at the beginning of the school year. Students must respect the rules set for classroom behaviour.
- All staff must be addressed formally, for example: “Ms.”, “Mr.”, or “Sir” by students.
- Students must arrive to class on time and bring all the required materials.
- Assignments must be submitted by the due date to avoid receiving an incomplete.
- If students are absent for an in-class evaluation, at the discretion of the teacher, they can be given an alternative time at lunch, after school, or on a pedagogical day.
- All students must have a lock for their locker. This lock must be locked and remain on the locker assigned to the student at all times. If the lock is broken or lost, the student will be charged for a new lock.
- All students must use a lock when temporarily storing items in the locker room for Phys. Ed. class or other sports events.
- The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen personal items from student lockers or lockers in the locker room.
- Lockers are school property. These are assigned to specific students who must occupy their assigned locker only. Administration reserves the right to search lockers at any time.
- Laser pens, lighters, water guns, balloons, or any other objects that may be disruptive or dangerous are not permitted on school grounds. These items will be confiscated.
- Skateboards, bicycles, and scooters cannot be used inside the school.
- Gambling is prohibited on school property.
- All bags must be kept in a locker. No bags of any kind (including purses) are allowed outside of the locker unless arriving to school or leaving the building.
- Bathrooms are to be used appropriately. No loitering or destructive behaviour will be accepted. Only one person per stall at a time is permitted.
- Food deliveries are only permitted during recess and lunchtime. Any deliveries outside of lunch will remain in the office until recess or lunch.

- Cycle 1 (Secondary 1&2) students must remain on the school premises during school hours. Leaving school property will be considered "skipping".
- Students who demonstrate inappropriate behavior may lose the privilege of attending field trips, outings, and other extra-curricular activities. The final decision will remain at the discretion of the school administration.

Attendance/-Late Arrivals

As a student, I understand that punctuality and regular attendance are expected of me. I also understand that attending school as expected is a legal requirement for students until June 30th of the school year in which they turn 16 years of age. I agree to meet the following expectations:

- Classes begin at 9:40 AM. **Students arriving late must enter through the main office doors and report to the front office.**
- Students without a justified late will be assigned a detention. Failure to attend this detention can result in a double lunch detention, a double detention after school or in-school suspension.
- Students who arrive late to class will be reported as late with a time (for administrative purposes) on Mozaik. A late can result in a lunch or after school detention.
- Students who are reported absent will be changed to late with a time (for administrative purposes), only if they arrive to class.
- Students are not permitted to leave school (during class time) without permission. The school must be advised in writing or with a phone call before a student can leave.
- **Students need to sign out at the main office prior to departing**, even when it has been justified on the portal.
- Students who have an unjustified absence will be given a detention(s) at lunch or after school.
- Parents should download the Mozaik app to receive live notifications of their child's absences. This is considered the official means of monitoring student attendance. Any discrepancies can be reported to the receptionist.

Parental Involvement

As a parent/guardian, I understand that I am an integral part of the Centennial Community and that I share the responsibility of fostering a sense of well-being and the development of my child with the school. This means that:

- Students must be in school and on time.
- If a student must be absent, the parent/guardian must call the school or put the absence on Mozaik, beforehand. This justifies the student's absence.
- **A justified absence** is an absence from school/ class (for one or more periods) that is excused by a parent or guardian, staff member, administration, or health professional. A

student with a justified absence cannot be on school property unless being supervised by an adult. Parents cannot excuse a student from a period allowing the student to remain in the building but not attend class.

- A student caught on school property who has a justified absence can be placed in in-school suspension.
- Occasionally the regular school day is interrupted for school activities, sports events or other school and citizen building initiatives. **We ask for students to be present and not be given permission to leave school.** If there are concerns about what is happening in the building, please contact the front office and we will be more than happy to provide you with information.
- **An unjustified absence** is an absence from school/ class (for one or more periods) that **is not** excused by a parent/guardian, staff member, administration, or health professional.
- A student caught with an unjustified absence can be given a lunch or after school detention or an in-school suspension.
- A student who is uncooperative and chronically absent may be placed out of school until a meeting can be arranged with the parent/guardian and/or Riverside School board's Complimentary Services.
- Parents are encouraged to reach out to the school for additional resources concerning any of the above-mentioned issues.

Intimidation, Harassment, Bullying and Violence

As a student I understand that:

- There are acceptable ways in which to manage my frustrations and anger. I will not use intimidation, bullying, violence, threatening behavior, verbal abuse, harassment (racial, sexual, or other) or opposition to authority to express my anger or frustration.
- Bullying is any repeated direct or indirect behavior, comment, act, or gesture, whether deliberate or not, including in cyberspace, which occurs in a context where there is a power imbalance between the persons concerned and which causes distress and injuries, hurts, oppresses, intimidates, or ostracizes. Bullying is an unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated at Centennial. cyberspace includes but is not limited to social media, texting, posting and other online activities.
- CRHS will not tolerate any apparel, accessories, or gestures that depict symbols of hate; contain language, symbols, or images that are discriminatory; are recognized to promote hate or violent conduct; or contain threats.
- That violence is any intentional demonstration of verbal, written, physical, psychological, or sexual force which causes distress and injures or oppresses a person by attacking their psychological or physical integrity or well-being. No form of violence will be tolerated at Centennial.

- That I should report to an administrator, teacher or support staff, any incident of bullying and/or violence that I have witnessed. I understand that all information I provide will be kept confidential and that my rights will be protected.

Cyberbullying and Digital Misconduct

As a student, I understand that any inappropriate use of social media that is deemed to constitute an act of bullying, intimidation, harassment, extortion, or violence is unacceptable. Students involved in any form of cyber misconduct may be suspended or recommended for a disciplinary meeting with Complementary Services or the Director General. I understand that:

- No electronic device may be used to bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten the security and well-being of any member of the Centennial community.
- The school cannot assume responsibility for the use of social media particularly outside of school hours. However, the school reserves the right to intervene in any cyberbullying situation when it has an impact at school.
- Parents should be sure to monitor their child's online activity and report any hate speech, threats, photos containing nudity, illegal substances, or weapons directly to the police.
- Being in possession of and/or circulating photos of a minor child depicting nudity or committing a sexual act is a criminal offense.
- No technological devices (i.e., phones, recording devices, tablets, computers, smartwatches, smart glasses, etc.) may be used to invade the personal privacy of other students and staff members or to disrupt the safe and security of the school. It is prohibited to photograph or to record a student or staff member without their explicit consent.
- Teams is an educational tool and should be used solely for that purpose. Any inappropriate behaviour on Teams will not be tolerated.
- Students are not permitted to create online accounts referencing the school's name without approval from the school.
- All students must respect the reputation and privacy of other students and school staff by obtaining consent before capturing images or recording voices, and by using social media.

Technology Use

As a student, I understand that students cannot use, or have on them their electronic devices (smartwatches, listening devices, tablets, cellular devices, etc...) on school grounds until 4:05pm, when the school day is over. I agree that:

- If a student is asked for their electronic device by a staff member, they must give it to them without argument. Their phone will be kept at the office and returned at the end of the day. The first offense will result in a letter home, the second offense will result in both a

letter and a lunchtime detention, and the third offense will require a parent to come and pick up the device from an administrator. Repeated offenses may result in suspension.

- Refusal to hand over your device(s) can result in a suspension.

Dress Code

As a student, I understand that while dress is a matter of personal taste, there are guidelines that must be followed at school.

This includes:

- No clothing that bears inappropriate pictures, meaning or language
- Outdoor items including hats, caps, hoods, and sunglasses are not to be worn in school
- Jackets/coats and backpacks or any bag are not to be brought to class or the library.
- No underwear as outerwear (clothing typically worn under other clothes cannot be main attire). Shirts, shorts, pants, skirts, or dresses are required.
- A camisole or under shirt must be worn under sheer or see-through clothing.

Should there be differences in perspective, all involved have a duty to seek common understanding in a mutually respectful manner. Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress guidelines when necessary. If a student does not comply with dress code guidelines, they will be advised personally and discreetly and given an opportunity to meet the guidelines.

Use of Illegal Substances

As a student, I may not bring or use weapons, alcohol, nicotine, drugs of any kind or drug paraphernalia on school property. I understand that:

- I cannot smoke or vape on school property. Smoking or vaping on school property will result in a school suspension.
- Possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances is prohibited, and can result in a suspension, forced transfer or expulsion.

Plagiarism and Cheating

As a student, I understand that school assignments should reflect my own work or be properly cited.

- Any plagiarized paper, test or an assignment can result in an incomplete.
- Direct copying-pasting of AI generated texts is prohibited.
- Directly using text from AI or other people as part of academic work is forbidden.
- Use of AI as an “informed conversation partner” is permitted but must be properly credited and documented.

- Use of generative models for image creation is allowed. Images created using AI must be properly credited and documented.
- If a cell phone and/or electronic device is found on your person during an evaluation, a grade of zero can be assigned.

I understand that consequences for non-compliance to the code of conduct may include, but are not limited to:

- Detentions
- Confiscation of technological devices
- Recommended counseling, anger management or other social skills programs
- Loss of privileges (extra-curricular, co-curricular, trips, etc.)
- Restorative service
- In-school suspension
- At-home suspension
- Homebound Tutoring
- Transfer of schools
- Expulsion
- Police intervention

In all instances, these measures are applied at the discretion of the Administration or their delegate, considering the circumstances, severity, and frequency of offenses.