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LRHS Code for Student Rights and Responsibilities

Introduction:

The student's objective in attending school is to improve their level of education, to obtain academic knowledge that will allow them to be successful in their desired work path or career, to become global citizens, and respectful, responsible adults.

All students and staff have the right to work in a safe, and nurturing environment.

All students and staff have the right to be treated with respect and the obligation to respect other people's health, safety and right to security.

Dress code:

Hats and headwear will be permitted at school, but teachers and staff members may request that students remove their headwear during their specific class and in specific areas of the school (ex: the school office). It will be the responsibility of the students to follow this rule when asked to do so.

Shorts and skirts that are shorter than mid-thigh are not permitted at school.

Tops that are low cut in the front or back, or that show midriff are not permitted at school.

Undergarments must be covered by clothing and must not be visible.

Sheer clothing may only be worn over an opaque article of clothing that respects the abovementioned criteria.

Nightwear and pajamas are not going to be tolerated at school, unless it is for an activity day.

Any piece of clothing (including headwear and masks) should:

- Not promote offensive, lewd, vulgar, or obscene images or language, including profanity, hate and pornography.
- Not promote or allude to, discriminatory ideas, or that reasonably could be construed as defamatory, threatening, harassing or promoting bias, prejudice or hate.
- Not symbolize, suggest, display or reference: tobacco, cannabis, alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia, promotion or incitement of violence or any illegal conduct or criminal activities;

Any student not following the dress code guidelines may be asked to change into appropriate clothing.

Language:

Foul, abusive, hate or discriminatory verbal language and/or gestures will not be permitted amongst the student body. Such language or gestures directed towards any staff member will result in consequences and may involve in-school or out of school suspensions.

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Tardiness and Truancy:

Students are required to be present at the beginning of the first class of the day. All lates must be justified by administration or a parent/guardian. Students are expected to be in class **BEFORE** the beginning bell for that period. Truant students are required to make up class time they have missed.

The school is required by law to report chronic absenteeism to the department of Youth Protection.

Aggressive Behavior:

Running, shoving, rough play or wrestling is not permitted in the school. Excessive rough play, wrestling, climbing trees, or physically dangerous free time activities are not permitted on school grounds.

All vandalism is strictly prohibited. Damage due to kicking or hitting of doors, lockers, garbage cans or other school property will be repaired at the expense of the student(s) who committed the act of vandalism.

Screaming and yelling in the school will only be tolerated in accordance with special events or appropriate activities.

Fighting (physical or verbal) will result in suspension from school in equitable measures for all parties involved.

Students in violation of keeping peace may be asked to adhere to additional sanctions before being allowed to return to school.

Bullying:

Any form of bullying will not be tolerated.

This includes but is not limited to any act of intimidation, humiliation or demeaning of another person, taxing, cyber-bullying, obscene gestures, and threats, on social media, by text or otherwise.

When necessary, police will be implicated for intervention on such matters.

Cell Phone Policy and Smart Devices:

Cell phones and any smart devices need to be used in an appropriate manner following all legal and school rules. When teachers permit, students may use their cellphones in class as a technological tool. The school reserves the right to confiscate the device if the device is used in a way that is deemed inappropriate by the teacher in charge. In general, cell phones and other smart devices should not be used when they could pose a security or safety risk, or when they distract from work tasks. Please note that the following sequence will be followed for any cell phone and smart devices which get confiscated by a staff member:

1st offence = Confiscation of the device until the end of the school day.

2nd offence = Student's device is confiscated for the day and student will get a full lunch detention.

3rd offence = A period of 1 week during which the student must submit his/her device(s) to the office at the beginning of the school day and collect them at the end of the day.

Students can expect to be approached by any staff member, should they be found in breach of this policy. They should likewise expect to be asked to relinquish their device, at which point it will be forwarded to administration. Refusal to do so will be considered insubordination, and will result in additional disciplinary measures.

Classroom Behavior:

Students who come to class must be ready and willing to work. Students do not have the right to refuse to do the work assigned in class. Students who refuse and/or are physically incapable of doing class work (sleeping on desk) will be removed from class and their parents will be contacted to decide on the best course of action. Students who consistently fail to work in class will be dealt with on an individual basis and may be placed on academic probation.

All student must respect the right of their peers to have the potential and opportunity to learn in a healthy class environment. Distractions and sabotage of class environment will not be allowed or tolerated.

Permission to Leave School Property:

Secondary 1 and 2 students must always remain on school grounds. They are not permitted to leave school property.

Secondary 3-4-5 are allowed to leave school grounds only if they have the written permission of their legal guardians. At the beginning of each school year, a document is sent home to that effect, where the legal guardians need to sign that they agree with their child/children leaving school grounds. Permission to leave school grounds implies that the students are leaving and are in movement. It is not permitted for students to loiter in front of the school on private property. It is implied that the students leaving school property are in movement and will return to school without causing issues for the community.

LRHS- A Smoke/Vape free Environment:

Laurentian Regional High School is a smoking/vaping free environment where the use of tobacco products and vapes are prohibited on all school property and at school sponsored events. The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. All students on the school premises share responsibility for adhering to and supporting this policy. Students caught smoking/vaping on school grounds will be suspended for a period of three days outside the school. The same will apply for anyone among the group of students smoking/vaping, even though they may not have participated in the action. The cigarettes or the vapes will be confiscated and only returned to the parents. It is also possible that a student be fined for smoking/vaping on school grounds.

It is implied that secondary 1 and 2 students will not be able to smoke/vape at school at any time since they cannot leave school grounds. For secondary 3, 4, and 5 students that are allowed to leave

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school grounds as per their legal guardian's permission will be able to vape/smoke outside of school property. Again, no loitering in front of the school or on private property will be tolerated. Please refer to the permission to leave school property section.

Energy Drinks:

Energy Drinks, such as Red Bull and Monster drinks will not be tolerated within the building. If these kinds of drinks are seen within the building, they will be confiscated and not returned.

Illegal Substance Possession and Abuse:

The possession, use, sale or transfer of any illegal substance on school grounds, or school transportation, is an illegal act that is punishable by law. The school is obligated to inform the police of all illegal activity, and the police will be notified and involved in all activities pertaining to illegal substances on school grounds.

Measures such as police involvement, complete loss of cell phone access at school, restricted free time, and access to school activities, as well school suspensions/or school community service will be applied to cases of repeat substance use and distribution at school. Any students caught with drugs or any other illegal substance will be assigned a five-day suspension at home. The same will apply for students who are seen in the same group of students implicated with illegal substance, even though they are not caught in the action of doing it.

Insubordination:

Pursuant to all the articles mentioned above, a student does not have the right to be insubordinate concerning a request made by a staff member (Supervisor, Teacher, attendant, Spec Ed. Tech, Administration etc...) This includes argumentative behavior.

Consequences for such matters may include:

- Loss of recess and lunch hour.
- School community service.
- Loss of cell phone access at school.
- In-School suspensions.
- Out of school suspensions (1 to 5 days).
- Academic probation.
- Any other modification plan deemed to help change unwanted behavior.

Every student of LRHS is expected to review and make himself/herself familiar with the matters addressed in this Code. In addition, every student is responsible for reviewing various other policies and procedures relating to his/her enrolment in LRHS which can be found on the school's website.

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Every student is expected to adhere to these policies and to encourage other students to do the same.

I have read the above Code for Student Rights and Responsibilities and I fully understand and agree to the conditions of this document.

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