

Code of Conduct

All students of G.W. Graham Secondary School have the right to learn in a safe environment without discrimination of any kind. GW Graham Secondary School firmly upholds the values expressed in the **BC Human Rights Code** respecting the rights of all individuals – prohibiting discrimination against any person based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation in any manner. Of particular relevance within the educational environment, no person will experience discriminatory publication, which refers to publishing, issuing, or displaying-or causing to be published issued or displayed-anything that indicates discrimination against any person. Secondly no person will experience discrimination in service, which refers to denying any person any service available to the school community.

The school will treat seriously behavior or communication that discriminates based on race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation.

The G.W. Graham community recognizes the following Educational Environments and Public Spaces within the school.

Educational Environment		Public Space
Classrooms Gymnasiums Theatre	Library Office Field Trips	Hallways Concourse Outdoors

The G.W. Graham community also recognizes Instructional Time (scheduled class times between 8:16 am and 2:38 pm) versus Free Time (before/after school; morning break and lunch time). In a spirit of compromise, the G.W. Graham community agrees to the following:

Item	Educational Environment	Instructional Time	Public Spaces	Free Time
Electronic Devices	Teacher discretion	Teacher discretion	Yes	Yes
Cell Phones	Teacher discretion	Teacher discretion	Yes	Yes
Music Media	Teacher discretion	Teacher discretion	Yes	Yes
*Cameras	No	No	No	No
Laser Pointers	No	No	No	No
Hats	Teacher discretion	Teacher discretion	Yes	Yes
Chewing Gum	Teacher discretion	Teacher discretion	Yes	Yes
Food, Drink	Teacher discretion	Teacher discretion	Yes	Yes
Roller Blades Skateboards, Heelies & Bicycles	<i>Not on school property; student responsible for care & control</i>			

*Where students are using cameras for teacher sanctioned educational purposes, they are allowed. **At no time should students be recording others (video or still photos) without their permission.**

Please note that the above privileges have been extended on a conditional basis. Abuse of the above privileges will result in their cancellation.

[Computer / Internet Use](#)

School Computer use and network access is available to all students. Students' parents must first complete the Chilliwack School District Technology Acceptable Use Agreement and Consent Form through **Permission Click** to be granted access. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines respecting use. The terms and conditions are outlined in detail in the agreement.

The terms and conditions for network users are intended to ensure the efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. None of the terms and conditions are optional; violation of any provision will result in the termination of access privileges. There will be no use of social networking sites (e.g. Facebook; Instagram, Twitter etc.), or internet chat. A student user who violates any provision may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension. Students who choose to bring their own internet capable devices (iPod, iPad, smartphone, netbook, or laptop computer) are entirely responsible for its security. The school is not responsible for loss, damage or theft.

[Social Media Policy](#)

Social Media, defined as the use of technologies for information sharing, discussion and communication using interactive dialogue, is an extension of the classroom. What is inappropriate in the school community will be deemed inappropriate on-line.



[Student Dress Code](#)

At GW Graham we are in the **business of learning**. As such, we expect that students dress accordingly. Students who choose to wear clothing that is too revealing or inappropriate for this environment will be asked to change. Students who have nothing else to change into will be provided with GW wear to put on. Refusal to comply may result in the student being sent home for the day.

[Drugs and Alcohol Policy](#)

Students may not attend school, or any school related function such as dances, or field trips, in the possession of, or under the influence of, illicit substances or alcohol. Students who are suspected will be investigated and in all instances parents will be notified.

Offending students will be required to meet with the Health Promotion and Prevention Coordinator to build a support plan. If there is a second offence, the student will be referred to District Resource Team that will review the student's case, make recommendations regarding further supports, and/or review school placement. **Be aware that drug and alcohol offenses could result in being placed at one of our other secondary schools.**

Weapons

Weapons of any kind (or anything that could be considered a weapon) are prohibited on campus. Students who are in violation will be suspended from school according to School District Policy. This includes (but is not limited to) knives, pellet guns, replicas of guns or other dangerous objects such as laser pointers. The school will involve the R. C. M. P. if the situation warrants.

Threats & Violence

The Chilliwack School District and community partners are committed to making our schools safe for students and staff. As a result, schools will respond to all student behaviors that pose a potential risk to themselves, other students, staff, and members of the community. Please refer to the District's **Fair Notice** for more information about threat assessment protocols. Any kind of violence directed at other students or staff is strictly prohibited. Violence can be verbal/written (intimidation, harassment, threats in person, written or electronic) or physical (pushing, shoving, punching, etc.) Students should be aware that this includes incidents of violence off campus on the way to and from school or during lunch time. This also includes other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment. Unacceptable behaviors include bullying behaviors, cyber "hate" messaging or websites created in the student's home, cybercafés or other settings.

The consequence for students engaging in violent behavior (whether verbal/written or physical) could include suspension and may even result in students losing the opportunity to attend G.W. Graham.

Cell Phones

Students are not allowed to use their cell phones during class time. If staff see them or hear them during class time, they will be confiscated and safely stored in the office. On the first offence, cell phones will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. On the second offence and thereafter, the phone will only be returned to a parent/guardian.

In cases of illness and/or emergencies, students should be reporting to the office where a secretary will call the parent/guardian. If parents need to contact their child, they should be doing so through the office.

Personal Security

You need to protect yourself from loss of personal property:

Do not reveal your locker combination,
Do not bring valuables or cash to school,

All students must use a lock and locker in the P. E. change rooms. Students are required to lock-up their items in the lockers provided.

Do not leave items unattended, particularly in the hallways and outside classrooms.

Please report thefts or information about thefts to the office promptly. The school does not replace lost or stolen property but every effort will be made to help you recover your possessions.

Smoking/Vaping

We believe that smoking/vaping is an unhealthy act and we will do whatever we can to discourage students from smoking. In accordance with School District policy and the school act, smoking is not permitted in school buildings, on school grounds nor around the perimeter of the property. Students should not be smoking/vaping within sight of the school property. This rule also applies at all times during school field trips. Students are not allowed to be in possession of tobacco or nicotine products.

Closed Campus

G.W. Graham is a closed campus for grade 8 students. Campus is also closed for grade 9 during their first semester. Students must stay on the school grounds before school, during break, lunch, and after school when waiting for a bus or ride. Permission to leave the school grounds can only be granted by an administrator in consultation with the parents, prior to leaving.



Secondary students (grade 10 to 12) do have the privilege of leaving campus at lunch and after school. If they are going to choose this option, students must leave within the first 10 minutes of lunch in order to ensure a timely return to school for afternoon classes. Students need to be aware that if there are difficulties, this privilege will be revoked. Students are reminded of the need to be good citizens while out in the community and that they must ensure they arrive at classes on time after lunch. Students will be required to produce ID on departing the campus.