

Safe and Caring Schools Parent Brochure

Overview

Safety and well-being are priorities in our schools. To address these priorities, and in recognition of its commitment to the Violence Prevention Initiative, the Department of Education has introduced a Safe and Caring Schools Policy.

What is the Safe and Caring Schools Policy?

This policy provides direction and guidance for school administrators, teachers, students, parents and other community members to work together to foster safe and caring learning environments, workplaces and communities for our children and youth, school staff members and parents.

What is a Code of Conduct?

The Code of Conduct is part of the Safe and Caring Schools Policy. It helps to create a positive learning environment. The Code of Conduct for your child's school applies to all members of the school community and sets expectations for behaviour that is safe, caring and respectful. It also outlines consequences for unsafe and disrespectful behaviours.

What can you do to support a safe learning environment for your child?

- _ Be aware of and follow the Safe and Caring Schools Policy and Code of Conduct at your child's school.
- _ Encourage and help your child to show positive behaviour and follow the school's Code of Conduct.
- _ Show an active interest in your child's academic and social progress.
- _ Use positive problem solving to address conflicts.
- _ Contact your school principal if you have concerns regarding your child's safety and well-being.

To learn more, contact your child's school for a copy of the provincial Safe and Caring Schools Policy or view it via the Internet at www.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/safeandcaring/policy.pdf
