



Code of Conduct

Each student has the obligation to respect and comply with the John Rennie Code of Conduct and to comply with administration and staff directives. In order to ensure that the rights of all, as outlined in the John Rennie High School Mission Statement and the LBPSB Safe Schools Policy, are safeguarded, we all share the responsibility to govern ourselves according to these rules.

“I am a John Rennie High School Student.”

1. I will not use bullying, violence, fighting, threatening behaviour, verbal abuse, harassment (racial, sexual or other), persistent truancy or opposition to authority in order to express my anger or frustration. I understand that there are respectable and acceptable ways in which to handle my frustrations and anger. I will seek the help from a guidance counsellor, teacher, administrator or health professional in the school, and/or my parents, whenever necessary.
2. I understand that 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 unacceptable behaviour and will not be tolerated at John Rennie.
3. I understand that violence is any intentional demonstration of verbal, written, physical, psychological or sexual force which causes distress and injures, hurts, or oppresses a person by attacking their psychological or physical integrity or well-being, or their rights or property. No form of violence will be tolerated at John Rennie.
4. I will be an *upstander* by reporting to an administrator, guidance counsellor, teacher or health professional in the school, 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.
5. I understand that I may not bring or use weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs of any kind or drug paraphernalia on school property as governed by the school board's *Safe and Caring Schools Policy*.

6. I respect the school and its property. I understand that damaging and/or defacing of school property, textbooks, library books, furniture (this includes sitting on tables), etc., will not be accepted by anyone in our school community. My parents, my guardians or I will be expected to reimburse the school for damages that I have caused.
7. I fully understand and will comply with the John Rennie technological procedures:
 - a) No electronic device may be used to bully, harass, intimidate or threaten the security and wellbeing of any member of the John Rennie community. In the event that I misuse technology by hacking, inappropriate messaging, cyber-misconduct or on-line harassment of any kind, it may result in severe consequences and police intervention.
 - b) Electronic device usage is permitted during personal time (before school, recess, lunch, after school). Devices are permitted in classrooms only when permission is granted by the teacher. Use of such devices during class time, without permission from the teacher will lead to confiscation. I fully understand that an electronic device that falls out of my pocket, or a device that is used as a watch, is subject to these rules as well. I understand that if I am asked for my electronic device, I must give it to the staff member and I must inform my parents that they are the only ones who may pick up the electronic device.
 - c) Unless it's a teacher led activity the playing of audio devices aloud is prohibited without prior approval from administration.
8. I understand that if I am being disruptive, insubordinate or violent and that my behaviour impedes the learning or teaching of any school community member, I may be removed from class until I am able to respect the learning environment.
9. I will not discriminate against anyone.
10. I will not plagiarize or cheat on exams. I understand that I may receive a zero on any plagiarized paper or cheating that occurs. I will respect the John Rennie Exam Protocol.
11. I will not gamble.
12. I will not damage and/or steal the personal property of others.

13. I will not smoke on school property. I understand that I may be fined, should the school incur any fines as a result of my smoking.
14. E-cigarettes/ vapour cigarettes are not permitted on school property.
15. I am fully aware that behaving in a courteous and cooperative manner with staff and fellow students is expected. As a John Rennie student, I am expected to acknowledge and follow instructions from all staff members. The use of obscene or offensive language is strictly forbidden.
16. I will attend, be punctual, and bring all required materials to classes, including my student agenda, as it is a required time management tool and is used as a Hallpass. I understand that I am expected to complete and submit all my assignments on time.
17. When in the Labs, Theatre, Library, school bus, work areas, on field trips or representing the school in any capacity, I understand that I am expected to respect the John Rennie Code of Conduct as well as the specific rules and regulations of the location I am visiting.
18. While I realize that John Rennie High School does not have a designated uniform, I understand that my manner of dress should reflect the academic nature of our building where we come to learn, socialize and work in a diverse community. I will not wear clothing that depicts offensive language or messages. My top garments will meet the waistline of my pants, and my shoulder areas will be covered (straps at least 1-2 inches). My bottom garments will not hang below my waistline, and the length of my bottoms must fall below my fingertip length. My undergarments will not be visible through my clothes. I understand that pyjamas do not show respect for the academic nature of our building. I will not wear my hat, bandanna or hood in the building, and I understand that that outdoor jackets and backpacks are not to be worn/brought to class or the food service area. I understand that the purpose of our dress code is to foster an atmosphere that encourages us show that our daily routines at JRHS are important to each of us as individuals.
19. I understand it is my responsibility to wear a JRHS t-shirt to all Physical Education classes and I will use a locker room/bathroom to change in/out of gym attire.
20. As a JRHS student, I am responsible to keep my locker clean. My lock combination must be kept on file at the Main Office. I am aware that the lockers remain the property of the school and may be searched by the administration at any time.

21. During lunchtime blocks, I know that **food and beverages are to be consumed only in the Cafeteria and Great Hall.** I will be responsible and clean my area after I have eaten. All of my garbage will be disposed of appropriately when I leave the lunch areas. I understand that I may not eat lunch in any academic hallways.
22. If I am to leave the building during school hours, I understand that I must have permission from a parent or guardian, and must sign out at the appropriate administration office BEFORE leaving school property. As a Cycle 1 student, I understand that I must remain on the school premises during lunch hour. I understand that if I leave the property without parent permission, it will be considered "skipping", and will carry the consequence of a one hour detention after school for each class that is missed. When leaving the property I will be vigilant, cautious and use the sidewalk.
23. I will not bring or use Laser pens, lighters and water guns or any other objects that may be disruptive or dangerous on school property.
24. I will not use skateboards or roller blades in the school or on school property.
25. I respect my school and my country and I will come to attention during the playing of the National Anthem.
26. Since I have chosen JRHS as my school, I understand that I must comply with any additional requirements as outlined by staff.
27. I will be the best student I can be. I will participate, to the best of my abilities, in different activities and opportunities offered by my school. I will strive for excellence in all I do in order to reach my highest potential and improve myself and my school.



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the John Rennie High School Code of
Conduct Policy and the Lester B. Pearson
Safe School Policy.**

Administration will impose consequences for failure to comply with the Code of Conduct on a case-by-case basis. Consequences could include, but are not limited to: detention, parental interview, suspension, planning room placement, community services, recommendation for expulsion, or potential police involvement, depending on the severity of the offence.

I have read the School Agenda and the John Rennie Code of Conduct and I agree to respect all of the stipulated rules, expectations and obligations.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

I am aware that the school is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. It is my responsibility to ensure the safekeeping of personal property brought to school.