

# The “Good Standing” Policy at ASES

During the past six years, we have been proud to observe continued adherence to our Archie Stouffer Code of Conduct due to our "Good Standing" Policy. Through its use, we will continue to encourage and uphold high standards of behaviour and academic effort . All students who follow school rules, demonstrate respect and complete assigned work to the best of their ability are recognized as being "Students in Good Standing" in our system. In order to review the policies and to clarify our expectations for any new students and their parents, the following specific criteria are provided.

## Intermediate Students:

If, during a time frame of one month, an **Intermediate** student:

- i) is suspended,
- ii) commits **three** major (serious) offenses including failure to complete important assignments at a level commensurate with his/her ability, **or**,
- iii) demonstrates a chronic inability to correct minor transgressions, including failure to complete daily class work,

he or she is considered to have lost his or her "Good Standing" at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. These students are excluded from participating in school activities (clubs, intramurals), attending school functions (dances, class trips) or trying out for school teams, and will lose such privileges as being trusted to leave the school property during the second break until such time as they have regained their standing.

## Junior Students:

If, during a time frame of one month, a **Junior** student:

- i) is suspended,
- ii) commits **four** major (serious) offenses including failure to complete important assignments at a level commensurate with his/her ability, **or**,

- iii) demonstrates a chronic inability to correct minor transgressions, including failure to complete daily class work,

he or she is considered to have lost his or her "Good Standing" at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. These students are excluded from participating in school activities (clubs, intramurals), attending school functions (dances, class trips) or trying out for school teams, and will lose such privileges as being trusted to leave the school property during the second break until such time as they have regained their standing.

### **Primary Students:**

If a Primary student:

- i) is suspended,
- ii) commits major (serious) offenses including failure to complete important assignments at a level commensurate with his/her ability, **or**,
- iii) demonstrates a chronic inability to correct minor transgressions, including failure to complete daily class work,

he or she will be considered to be a student **for whom we have concerns**. These students **may** be excluded from participating in some school events, depending upon current efforts to improve and our best judgement with regard to safety factors.

### **To Redeem Good Standing:**

Behaviour referrals for major offenses or chronic minor offenses will be brought to the attention of parents as they occur. If your son or daughter reaches a stage where he/she is not considered to be in 'good standing', we will endeavour to notify you by phone, letter or behaviour notice. He or she may earn the right to have this standing restored by observing and following our behavioural and academic criteria for a period of one month. As our primary goal is to keep the entire student body in "good standing" at all times, we would be happy to speak with any parents by telephone or in person

to discuss ways in which we could either prevent loss of standing or support efforts to redeem standing.

### **Class Trips:**

We wish, also, to remind you of one extension of this policy. Class trips are of particular concern as teachers are placed in a position of responsibility far away from the safe confines of the school building. If they must supervise students who find it difficult to safely follow instructions or who indulge in types of behaviour that adversely affect the reputation of our school, all are affected. For this reason, teachers, in consultation with administration, will make the final decision as to which students attend school trips. Students who have either lost 'standing' several times or who have been out of 'good standing' for a long period of time during the school year may be asked to remain at the school for regular programming even if they have currently redeemed their 'standing'.

### **In Summary:**

We wish to thank students for their efforts and parents for their support of this policy. It is our hope that it will continue to bring about improvement in our school environment and a reputation in which we can all be proud.