



Elm Creek School

Promoting a Positive and Safe Learning Environment

Grade 7-12 Student Expectations



“Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) schools have a responsibility to provide positive and safe school cultures that are inviting, secure, and inclusive learning environments for its students, staff, and community. PRSD believes that this kind of learning environment is essential to effective teaching and learning, the personal growth of our students, and for preparing students to be responsible citizens.

The PRSD Student Code of Conduct provides a set of standards for building a foundation for responsible student behaviour and for creating clear guidelines for appropriate student behaviour and what student behaviour will not be accepted in PRSD school. Any student responsible for behaviour or conduct which does not respect the PRSD Student Code of Conduct and/or the educational purposes of PRSD is subject to disciplinary action” (taken from Prairie Rose School Division Student Code of Conduct 2019-2020).

*****The following student expectations have been created for Elm Creek School in accordance with our divisional code of conduct and are in place to develop and sustain a positive school climate where we all feel safe and happy.*****

Course Load Expectations

- Should students drop a class, they are encourage to take a Blackboard Class or Independent Study Option (ISO) course—these students will be in an assigned room for that period.
- Grade 11s and 12s are encouraged to take three to four courses per term, keeping credit requirements in mind.
- Grade 10s will have an assigned room for study hall and/or library period where they will sign themselves in at the beginning of class.
- All Grade 9s must have a full timetable (non-French students will have Sprint or library/assigned prep time).
- Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis if students require support from student services.

Credit Recovery Process

- This is to be done on an individual student basis.
- Student must have a final mark no lower than 45% to be eligible for a possible recovery credit.
- Only compulsory courses are eligible for a recovery credit.
- To obtain recovery credit, students must redo entire unit(s) and complete final evaluation as determined by the teacher.

Assessment Policy

- Deadline expectations will be made clear on all course outlines regarding late work:
 - Assigned homework must be completed by the due date. If this does not occur, you can expect:
 - *To be required to work in the library or other designated spot at lunch or preps until your assignment is complete.*
 - *Parents will be contacted if work is still incomplete. A final deadline will be set.*
 - *A grade of zero may be assigned if the student is unable to hand in their work by the deadline.*
- Teachers may grant credit at their discretion.
- Giving out marks *before* the exam—two weeks prior to exam, students may be given a range of their mark.
- Giving out exam marks *after* the exam—staff will agree on a day to share exam marks with the students after the exam.

Extra-Curricular Eligibility

- Students must have all work completed thoroughly, and no outstanding assignments to take part in extra-curricular activities (i.e. drama, sports, Fun Days, etc.).
- Students must adhere to school rules, have no suspensions, and at all times demonstrate exemplary conduct.
- In the event that staff feel that a student's behavior/attitude is not exemplary, after consultation with parents and the principal, that student may lose his/her privilege of participating in extra-curricular events.
- Should a student have an unexcused absence or has missed school due to illness, he/she is not eligible to participate in extra-curricular school activities that day.

Technology Devices

- As per divisional policy, devices are to be used for educational purposes and with permission of supervisors (*see AP #113 – Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices*).
- Students will respect the teacher's rules regarding devices.
- No pictures should be taken during class or at breaks, unless required by a teacher for a course.
- Personal devices such as tablets and phones may be used at noon hours in a school-appropriate manner. No video game systems (hand-held or consoles) allowed.
- Consequences: *Lose the device for the day; pick up at the office. If it is a recurring issue, parents may be contacted, and may need to come pick up the device.*

Appropriate Language

- No swearing, inappropriate language or derogatory comments are to be made in classes, gym or in the hall at breaks, etc.
- Consequences: *Teacher may deal with students on an individual basis (“choose a different way to say that”); you may be asked to leave the class; if it is a recurring issue, further consequences may occur.*

Hats / Clothing

- As per divisional policy: “student dress shall be in good taste, create positive impressions, and should not be offensive to any group in the greater community....Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing in the school building and on all trips representing the school.” (*see AP #511 – Student Standards of Dress*).
- Hats are in your lockers between 8:40 and 3:40. Hoods and earbuds may not be worn during class time.
- Dress code applies to the entire school, including the gym. T-shirts and shorts (or team uniforms) are appropriate dress for the gym.
- Consequences: *Teacher may deal with students on an individual basis regarding inappropriate clothing; student may lose the hat for the day. If clothing and/or hat is a recurring issue, parents may be contacted and further consequences may occur.*

Safety and Supervision – Gym

- For safety reasons, you must be supervised in the gym at all times. NO exceptions!
- Gym doors will be locked when no staff member is available to supervise.
- This applies during the school day and after school.

Supervision – Hallways

- Students must be in their first class before opening exercises.
- No students in the hall during a prep. Pick a spot and stay there. If you are wandering, you will be asked to go home.
- Students may be in:
 - *Canteen, library or empty classroom*
- Once you are in the classroom, you are in there for the entire class. No leaving without the teacher’s permission. This applies to preps, study periods and regular classes.
- Consequences: *You may be assigned to a teacher’s classroom. If this is a recurring problem, you may be sent to the office to call a parent to come pick you up and take you home. If a student drives him-or-herself home, parents will be contacted for student’s safety.*
- Supervision after school: While students are encouraged to go home, if you must stay here for a practice or game after school, you must remain in the canteen/gym area.

Lunch Recess Expectations

Indoor:

- Sitting to eat at table in the canteen or a classroom
- Walking only (no running or playfighting)
- Clean up after yourself
- Choose school appropriate language

Recreation Time:

Library:

- Must have supervision
- Laptops must be used with supervision by librarian or classroom teacher

Gym:

- Take note of intramural / elementary / sports practice schedules
- Must have adult supervision

Playground/Outdoor Areas:

- Students may use the outdoor areas, including play structure and fields from 12:47 – 1:22 only

Non-Compliance and Insubordination

- As per PRSD Code of Conduct, students who are disrespectful to staff, and demonstrate inappropriate behaviours, or defy school behavioural expectations may face consequences such as:
 - Removal from class; consultation with parents; in-school or out-of-school suspensions

For further information, refer to the Prairie Rose School Division Code of Conduct and/or Administrative Procedures which may be found on the PRSD website. There you will find details regarding the rights and responsibilities of students, parents and all divisional staff.