



"Believe ~ Strive ~ Excel"
Things we just do &
Some things we just don't do

For Brockton School to be the great place everyone wants it to be, the beliefs and practices of all students will embrace the following values:

We are principled:

Honest
Truthful
Trustworthy
Personal integrity

We are caring:

Respectful of others
Supportive of our peers
Mindful of the needs of other students
Do not talk behind the backs of others
Tolerance, appreciation and empathy

We are thinkers:

Creative, positive and optimistic in our outlook on all things
Prepared to ask someone for help if things go wrong
Cooperate with our peers and our teachers
Personal commitment and action

We are balanced:

Focused on being sensitive and sensible at all times
Do not resort to physical behaviour to resolve differences
Self-management

We are committed to making Brockton School a great place for all.

Some other things we do or do not do at Brockton School:

- ☺ "Take up the challenge - try something new"
- ☺ Have a great deal of fun: *The hallmark of a strong community.*
- ☺ Behave at all times in a manner appropriate to our role as ambassadors of Brockton, off campus as well as at school. *The hallmark of a responsible person.*
- ☺ Arrive and leave school in our full school uniform: *A statement of membership.*
- ☺ Hand in to the office anything that we find that is not ours: *A statement of honesty.* This is honourable and necessary in an open school. This includes everything from a dime to a school blazer to a calculator with no name on it.
- ☺ Agree not to chew gum at school - ever.
- ☺ Avoid using foul or abusive language.
- ☺ Avoid making 'personal statements' (dress etc.) in an attempt to be 'cool'.
- ☺ Never call other people names, even in jest.

Two very important things to remember:

1. At Brockton School: "No student has the personal freedom to spoil the opportunities of others."
2. "You are known and appreciated for who you are, not what you wear."

Some things that are expected of you and are not negotiable:

- ☺ "Do your best at all times".
- ☺ All coursework and homework assignments are completed and handed in on time as required.
- ☺ Safe behaviours are necessary at all times, in the gym and outside.
- ☺ Leaving school during the day requires permission and sign out.

As you get older:

All students are expected to uphold the laws of Canada at all times, the following are expressly forbidden at Brockton School :

- ❖ Bringing weapons or knives of any sort to school
- ❖ Substance abuse: alcohol, all 'street' drugs, or other illegal substances
- ❖ Cigarettes (all forms of tobacco)
- ❖ Pornographic literature
- ❖ Theft

Violation of these fundamental principles of behaviour is most likely to result in immediate suspension or expulsion from the school. In the case of 'street' drugs, there are no second chances at Brockton School.

Some things that get in the way at school and are not allowed:

- ⊗ Use of cell phones during the school day.
- ⊗ CD players, 'Walkmans', iPods of all types
- ⊗ Expensive 'toys' - electronic gadgets

What happens if something goes wrong?

Your teachers are committed to helping you; they are patient and supportive of you at all times. First and foremost we work to help you:

- Understand what you did that you shouldn't have done.
- Understand what you should now do about it.
- Understand how to avoid doing it again.
- **This should be the end of it. Quiet and respectful conversations between you and your teachers and your advisor should be enough to help you change your ways.**

But it is possible that some other type of reflective activity may be necessary: some time spent in 'service to the school' (a detention) or a suspension from school. In both these cases, there is major inconvenience to you and your family. It is your personal responsibility to ensure that we do not need to resort to these consequences.

In summary, since Brockton School is a 'heart and mind' place, live according to your school motto:

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