

**North West Central School
2018 - 2019
Parent & Student Handbook**



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Our Vision: Strive for excellence and independence in a positive and supportive environment to promote lifelong learning.

Our Mission: Our mission is to empower students to reach their full potential and to foster lifelong learning in a safe and caring environment.

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2.0 NWCS Staff

Teaching Staff

Teaching Assignments

Cindy Thomson (Principal)	Math, History, Physics
Trish McDonald (Vice-Principal)	Student Support
Justyna Charette (Zubrowski)	Grade 3/4
LeahAnne Davis	Math and Health Science
Shari Gebhard	PAA 6-10, PE, and Career
Alexandra Graham	Grade 3/4
Kristen Healey	Kindergarten
Jodi-Lee James	Grade 5
Courtney McDonald	ELA, Student Support, PeBL Mentor and Physical Science
Helena Olson	Math, Middle Year Science and History
Andrea Poletz	Grade 2 afternoons
Amber Ross	Grade 8-10 Career and CWEX
Mark Saunderson	Intern
Lindsay Sakundiak	Math and senior sciences
Brooke Schultz	Middle Years ELA, Social, Science, PE
Shelby Simpson	Middle Years PAA, Arts Ed. and Health
Erin A. Swan	Grade 2 mornings
L. Erin Swan	Counsellor
Alanna Zerr	Grade 1

Support Staff

Cheryl Bacon	Educational Assistant
Amanda Barker	Educational Assistant
Brenda Jenn	Educational Assistant
Barb McIntosh	Educational Assistant
Emily Nelson	Educational Assistant
Candice Renwick	Educational Assistant
Amber Roth	Educational Assistant
Dana Turk	Educational Assistant
Carrie Marshall	Caretaker
Fran McLeod	Caretaker
Barb Bell	Librarian and Distance Learning
Jodi Seibold	Secretary

Bus Drivers

Bus Driver Subs

Deanne Kirk	306-831-9666	Amber Atkinson	306-304-2468
Pat Richards	306-932-7209	Savannah Coey	306-426-7977
Kelly McQueen	306-460-9497	Jessica McLeod	306-932-2080
Brandi Webber	306-460-6996	Ryan Webber	306-460-9477
Bob Smith	306-460-6567		



SUN WEST SCHOOL DIVISION 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

LEGEND	
	Student First/Last Day
	No School
	School Holidays
	Staff Only Prof. Development
	No School, in Lieu of Student-Parent - Teacher Conferences
Instructional/Operational Days: 183.5 / 187.0	
Student Days:	
September 1 - 91.0	September 2 - 92.0

AUGUST						
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3.0 NWCS Code of Conduct

RESPECT: self, others, property	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>SOUNDS LIKE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use respectful language: verbal and body language • Be polite • Be friendly • Keep conversations at an acceptable level • Participate in class • Listen the first time so directions don't need to be repeated <p>LOOKS LIKE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress modestly, follow school rules regarding acceptable dress code • Act with honour • Wait for your turn and to be acknowledged • Respect the property and equipment of others and the school • Respect the space of others in the classroom, halls, and outdoor spaces including the parking lot and playground • Listen • Try your hardest • Everyone should feel safe • Clean up after yourself: garbage, recycle • Have confidence • Respect yourself: take care of your body, mind and spirit • Show empathy, try to understand how others feel and what his or her life is like • Follow the rules without being asked or reminded • Choose behaviours that allow ALL to learn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be punctual- on time • Attend class regularly • Be prepared- bring materials • Follow directions • Use class time appropriately • Be on task • Be organized and neat • Set a positive example • Self monitor • Meet deadlines • Complete assigned work • Do homework • If absent, find out what you missed and catch up on missed assignments • Ask for help/ ask questions • Have a positive attitude • Leave cell phones in lockers • Use devices when appropriate • Admit to mistakes • Be safe and fair • Be honest • Pay attention to posters, announcements and whiteboard messages • Take care of your property • Help others when they need it • Follow through with what you have been asked to do • Try new things

Student and Parent General Information

4.0 Lines of Communication

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Parents and teachers both want what is best for students and often a meeting can help resolve problems and keep the lines of communication open. However, if you still have concerns, please contact school administration to discuss further.

5.0 Reporting to Parents

Good communication between teachers and parents is in the best interest of our students. Parents must be aware of their child's behaviour and performance in school and it is our goal to keep you informed. Below are the initiatives taken at NWCS to keep parents informed about school activities and programs as well as individual student performance and behavior.

Powerschool	The Parent Portal will be updated on or before the 15 th and the 31 st of every month. Parents can see the updated assessments and attendance on this website. Progress reports are always available on your Powerschool account.
Report Cards	Grade 1-9 will have 3 report cards, while the High School level will have 4. Kindergarten will have 2 report cards.
Parent/Teacher Interviews	November and March
Parent Contact	When teacher has concerns or positive feedback to share

Thursday notes go out every Thursday via email. Highlights from the Thursday note can also be accessed on our NWCS Facebook page.

Parents have access to their child's attendance, incomplete assignments, and marks through PowerSchool. Marks are updated on or before the 15th and the 31st of each month. The link for PowerSchool is on Sun West School Divisions website under the parents' tab or you can download the app on your phone or tablet. If you require assistance please contact the office at NWCS.

NOTE: If you are not reading the Thursday Note, you are missing vital information. This is our way of getting all types of information home to you!

6.0 Bell Times

NWCS bell times will be as follows:

<u>Elementary</u>		<u>High School</u>	
Warning Bell	8:52	Warning Bell	8:52
Class Starts	8:57	Period One	8:57
Recess	10:48	Break	9:53
Class Resumes	11:00	Period Two	9:57
Lunch	11:53	Break	10:53
Noon Recess	12:15	Period Three	10:57
Class Starts	12:35	Lunch	11:53
Recess / InMotion	2:14	Period Four	12:35
Class Resumes	2:30	Break	1:25
Elementary Dismissal	3:20	Period Five	1:29
		In Motion	2:14
		Period Six	2:30
		Dismissal	3:20

7.0 Telephone

If parents need to contact students during class time, a message will be taken at the office, and the student will be called to the office at break, recess, noon or the end of the day. A phone is available outside the main office for students. Students may use the phone with the permission of a staff member. Play arrangements should be made prior to school time.

8.0 Cell Phones

NWCS monitors the use of cell phones. If students use their cell phone for non-school related purposes during class time, it will be taken for the period and/or the remainder of the day and the student will be able to pick it up at the office at 3:20. If taken a second time, the student's parents may have to pick it up.

9.0 Textbooks

Textbooks are provided free of charge for each student. However, if textbooks are damaged or lost students will be responsible for the cost of a new textbook.

10.0 Physical Education Uniform

Students are **required to change** into appropriate gym clothing, which includes a clean pair of **NON MARKING running shoes** (no skateboard shoes) and clothes that are separate from their regular school clothes. Although there is no set uniform, students are expected to wear appropriate clothing – with no holes. Students are asked to take their gym clothes home and wash them on a regular basis. Note: Each year, the school provides opportunities for students to purchase school clothing. Watch for the information in the school newsletters about purchasing these items. Students should have a towel, deodorant, shampoo and soap at school if they shower after class.

11.0 Indoor Shoe Policy

High school and elementary students are asked to have a separate pair of shoes to wear indoors during weather conditions that require students to remove their shoes. Their gym shoes can be used for this purpose. Students are asked to leave their outside shoes off until they are clean and dry.

12.0 Lockers and Locks

Lockers and locks are provided for students. Students should NOT use their own locks as this often leads to problems with lost keys or forgotten codes. Students are expected to keep their lockers neat and clean at all times and free from stickers. Problems with lockers or locks should be reported to the office. **All students are encouraged to keep their lockers locked.**

13.0 Bicycles

We ask that bicycles be parked in the bike rack located at the school. It is a good idea to have your bicycle serial # recorded at home.

14.0 Lost and Found

After an honest effort has been made to find a lost article, report the loss to the office. If you find an article, please turn it into the office – someone may be looking for it. There is a lost and found container across from the Learning Lab. At the end of each semester, unclaimed items will be donated.

15.0 Accidents/Illness

If a student is injured or becomes ill, the parents are notified. If the office is unable to contact the parents, the student will be taken to the hospital if necessary. All injuries and illnesses during school time must be reported to the office before the student signs out. It is **critical** that a contact person and number be supplied in case of emergencies and that a Marsh Incident Report form be filled out and sent to the office via email. The Sun West School Division has accident insurance for students engaged in authorized school functions. Parents may also purchase optional student accident insurance (available in September).

16.0 Students not Feeling Well / Flu / Colds / Head lice

Out of concern for the health of your children and their classmates, please refrain from sending students to school or on class trips if they are sick, (ie: flu or bad cold), or have head lice or nits. Health officials encourage anyone who is showing flu like symptoms to stay at home and limit their contact with people. Please have alternate care in place for your children for days when they should not be at school. We appreciate your cooperation in this important matter. Please encourage your children to use proper hand washing practices.

17.0 Graduation Ceremony Requirements

Graduation at NWCS is recognized as a significant academic accomplishment. To participate in our graduation ceremonies, a student must meet the minimum requirements set out by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education. To be eligible to take part in NWCS's Graduation ceremonies, a student must be registered in the required classes and have a minimum of 40% in these classes on the third term report card. If marks are low, students will be monitored closely to ensure that they end up with the required classes to graduate. Students who have completed ELA A30, ELA B30, History 30, a 20 or 30 level Science and a 20 or 30 level Math and TWO other 30 level courses, but do not have 24 credits may apply for an Adult 12 when they turn 19 years of age.

18.0 Supervised Homework Room

The Homework Room is for students who have not completed their homework on time and is usually held in the Learning Lab. When students are assigned to the Homework Room, they are required to be in the room from 11:53 to 12:35. NWCS follows the practice of mandatory completion of assignments for all classes. If nothing is completed on an assignment in class or at home, then the student will be put in homework room and the teacher will mark what he/she gets completed. If students miss homework room the first time, parents will be contacted by the teacher of the missing assignment. If students miss a second time, they will complete their assignment in the office in the afternoon and parents will be notified by email.

19.0 Noon Lunch

All students who remain at school during the noon hour are required to stay in the designated areas. Kindergarten – Grade 5 students may not leave the school grounds without a parent note and teacher permission for each occasion. A permission slip to leave the school grounds at noon for students in grade 6-9 is included in the student's registration form. When this is signed, it is good for the whole school year unless it is abused by the student. If that happens, it may be revoked for the rest of the school year.

20.0 Billets for Bus Students

Students travelling to school by bus are asked to provide the name, address, and phone number of a billet **in Plenty on the registration form on Permission Click**, so they have somewhere to stay in the event of extreme weather. In extreme cases, the school can billet as well. Please update this information on the yearly registration form.

21.0 Student Arrival Time

K-5 students are expected to go outside prior to school. Please do not send your child to school prior to 8:40 as supervision does not start until 8:40 in the morning.

22.0 Student Leadership Council (SLC)

The SLC is elected each year at NWCS to organize and direct student activities. General aims of the SLC are:

- a. To form an organization to unite and initiate all activities within the school that is for entertainment, physical development and education.
- b. To arrange for and finance entertainment, sports activities, and education projects.
- c. To promote harmonious relations within the school and outside with the public.
- d. To promote school spirit.

School Colours: The colours are identified as blue & white with a Wildcat logo.

23.0 Extra – Curricular Activities

Following is a list of extra-curricular activities in which students may be involved with outside of the school hours. Other activities may be added if opportunity arises. The majority of the following are for High School students; however, there are opportunities for students in Grades K-5 to take part in specific activities. At all sporting events, fan behaviour should be appropriate and demonstrate respect for athletes.

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>High School</u>	
Soccer	Jack.org	Art Club
Volleyball	Volleyball	Badminton
Memorial Gardens	SLC	Track & Field
Christmas Concert/Festival	Curling	Football (9-12)
Cross Country	Cross Country	Golf
Pass, Punt and Kick	Basketball	
Kids in the Kitchen	Yearbook	
Marafun		

24.0 Noon Activities

High School: The gym will be supervised for grades 6-12 students during the lunch break from 12:05 to 12:35.

25.0 General School Fees

Following is a list of fees to be paid on behalf of each Grade 1 – 12 student. Please pay these fees ASAP by e-transfer, cash, cheque or credit card (through Permission Click). Kindergarten students do not pay school fees.

Extra-curricular/SLC fees	Grade 1 – 9	\$10.00/student
	Grade 10 – 12	\$20.00/student
		\$50.00/family

PAA (Industrial Arts and Home Economics) – Students may be charged for materials used for various projects.

26.0 Bullying and Harassment

Bullying is hurtful, done on purpose, an imbalance of power and repetitive. There are three kinds of bullying: physical, verbal and indirect. NWCS staff will deal with incidents that they observe or are made aware of. We want all students to feel that NWCS is a welcome and caring environment. When conflict or problems arise, teachers will work with students to find a solution that works for everyone.

Physical	Verbal	Indirect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Punching -Kicking -Hitting -Spitting -Tripping -Pinching -Slapping -Head-butting -Pushing -Shoving -Headlocks -Breaking bones -Bloody nose/black eyes -Choking -Throwing snowballs -Drowning -Swirlies -Violence against friends and family -Pulling hair -Biting -Locking in a closed space -Pulling someone away from what they are doing -Wedgies -Noogies -Pranks -Dirty Tricks -Scaring others - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Swearing -Saying mean things -Uttering threats -Calling names -Taunting -Mocking -Extortion (taking someone's money) -Prank or intimidating phone calls -Coercion (forcing someone to do something) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wrecking property -Spray painting/graffiti -Popping or slashing tires -Budging in line -Vandalizing -Throwing rocks at vehicles -Stealing -Lying -Making someone do something -Dirty looks -Humiliating or embarrassing someone -Racial or ethnic slurs(saying mean things about someone's family background) -Rumours -Gossiping -Spraying someone with water -Not letting others play with you (alienation, leaving out, isolation) -Talking behind someone's back -Copying someone (mocking) -Setting someone up to take the blame -Threatening emails or cyberbullying

- Classroom teachers continually work with their students on topics such as empathy and respect for one another.
- Our code of conduct was created with input from all students and is posted in classrooms, hallways and busses. It clearly outlines how respect and responsibility look in our school.
- The school, in conjunction with the SCC, has guest speakers in to talk to students.
- Staff regularly have discussions with students who are not following the Code of Conduct.
- Staff make phone calls to parents, whose students have not followed the Code of Conduct.
- Students serve In School Suspensions or Out of School suspensions for inappropriate behavior.
- Staff meet with parents and students to promote positive behavior.
- Students are consistently told that if there is a disagreement between them and another student that they cannot resolve, they need to ask an adult for help.
- Staff work to help students develop coping strategies when they are feeling frustrated or discouraged.
- Counseling is available on a regular basis in our school.
- Staff members are trained in Non Violent Crisis Intervention and Collaborative Problem Solving.

While we realize that all of the above strategies are not always successful with all students, staff at NWCS are doing our best to promote positive interactions and positive behaviors and we appreciate your support. If you have concerns, it is imperative that you contact your child's teacher and soon as issues arise.

27.0 Tobacco Use and Swearing

The facility and grounds of NWCS are tobacco free, including vape free. Students will serve an In-School or Out of School Suspension for violation of this rule.

Students should use respectful, appropriate language at school. If caught swearing, students will serve a noon hour in the office. If it occurs, a second time in a month, students will spend an afternoon in the office.

28.0 Alcohol and Drugs

The school environment must be alcohol and drug free to provide the best opportunities for student growth and development. NWCS is concerned about student physical and mental health and recognizes that drug abuse and chemical dependency interfere with a student's well-being and ability to perform. As part of alcohol and drug abuse education, the following strategies will be used.

- a. Promoting prevention strategies
- b. Providing educational opportunities and materials
- c. Taking appropriate actions in response to alcohol and drug related incidents
- d. Facilitating consultation and rehabilitation by referral to appropriate agencies

The Zero Tolerance Rule:

NWCS has zero tolerance for illegal drugs and alcohol during school hours and at extra curricular and school related functions. There is no amount of alcohol or illegal drugs that a person may consume or possess that would be acceptable. If students choose not to follow this rule, there will be an automatic suspension.

29.0 Peanut, Nuts and Peanut Butter Allergies

NWCS is a nut aware facility, as we have students within our school who have serious allergies to peanuts and/or other nuts. In order to prevent any serious harm to these students, food that contains, or "may contain" any type of nut cannot be brought to school. Look for the peanut free symbol. Students who knowingly defy this policy will have consequences.

30.0 Energy Drinks

Students are encouraged to refrain from consuming "Energy" drinks at NWCS, which contain high levels of caffeine. Health Canada warns that these drinks can cause a short term boost in energy; high intakes can also increase blood pressure and cause your heart to beat faster. Instead, we encourage healthy food, drinks and snacks. A proper balanced diet combined with exercise and a good night sleep will give everyone the energy they need to perform all day!

31.0 Scents

Fragrances are found in a wide range of products including perfumes, colognes, aftershaves, deodorants, soap, shampoos, hairsprays, body sprays, make-up and powders. Exposure to perfumes and other scented products can trigger health reactions in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines and sensitivities to chemicals. We ask that students, staff and visitors consider the sensitivity of others and help contribute to a scent-reduced environment.

32.0 Student Dress Expectations

Students are expected to conform to certain dress standards acceptable to standards of today's workforce and society. We request that you use the following guidelines:

- Clothes should be selected with good taste and judgment in mind
- Any type of clothing that displays alcoholic, pornographic or slang expressions or message is unacceptable.
- Apparel such as beach wear, backless tops, short shorts, short skirts, halter, tube tops or t-shirts with spaghetti straps would be considered inappropriate.
- Undergarments should not be visible

33.0 Behaviour of students while being transported

When students are transported to and from school or extracurricular activities, special care is taken to ensure the safety of all involved. It is crucial that students exhibit appropriate behaviour. Students are responsible to the school during all times of transportation. The rules and guidelines set out by Division Policy, School Policy and the Education act will be applied and used for reference for all activities.

34.0 Exams and Assignments (Gr. 6-12)

Students' final standing in courses will be determined by classroom work, assignments, and exams. In addition to more frequent, small exams teachers give during the year, there will be major comprehensive exams (finals for grades 8-12 students) in late January and June. These results comprise a significant portion of the final standing.

Exam Rewrites

- If a student is unhappy with his/her mark, he/she should talk to the teacher outside of class time to set up a plan for a rewrite. Teachers may require students to spend time reviewing material with them, prior to a rewrite. The teachers will let the parents know about the plan that has been arranged.

Assignments

NWCS follows the practice of mandatory completion of assignments for all classes. If nothing is completed on an assignment in class or at home, then the student will be put in homework room and the teacher what he/she gets completed.

Missed Exams:

Students who miss a test must bring in a note, signed by the parent, or a phone call by the parent explaining why the student was absent. A missed test will be written on the next day, unless there are extenuating circumstances or other arrangements are made with that teacher. Students who do not turn in required assignments or who miss exams will be expected to complete the assignment or exam before writing the final exam. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete in the class.

Cheating:

Students caught cheating on exams or assignments are considered to be a major infraction of NWCS policy. The teacher **will** contact the parents/guardians of that student outlining the event to them. Administration, in consultation with the teacher, will decide on the appropriate measures to be taken with the student and will report this decision to the student and parents as soon as possible.

35.0 Attendance

Please notify the school before 9:00 am if your child is going to be absent or late from school for illness or other reasons. Parents who have not contacted the office by 9:45 will receive ALERT notifications that day until the absence is explained. If you receive an ALERT notification and you have contacted the school already, please disregard.

Attendance is a very important to student success. Attendance at all classes is compulsory. Responsibility for attendance rests with the students and parents. The school expects regular attendance and keeps accurate records of a student's attendance.

Absences will be excused for the following reason:

- illness – verified by phone call from parent
- medical/dental – verified by phone call from parent
- compassionate – verified by phone call from parent (or staff knowledge)
- special circumstances – verified by phone call from parent

36.0 Policy for Class Options

Administrators will meet with all grade 9-11 students and their parents in the spring to finalize class selections for the fall. If parents give permission to drop a class, this must be completed by the end of September for semester 1 and by the end of February for semester 2. Once a student has started a class, all attempts must be made to complete that class.

37.0 Sign in/out procedure

If students have to leave school early, or arrive late, they are expected to sign in/out. This ensures that the office is aware of student whereabouts at all times. If you are picking up your child during school hours, please have them sign out.

38.0 Lates

Students are expected to be on time for classes. Parents will be notified through ALERT solutions if their child was late for class(es). If lates become an issue, there will be consequences including noon hours in the office and in school suspensions.

39.0 Parents Driving students to Events

Sun West School Division requires that parents have 2 million liability insurance on their vehicles in order to transport students and a criminal record check. All drivers must complete Form 552-2 Driver Authorization Application annually which is included in the mail out package at the beginning of the school year.

40.0 Student Vehicles

Students are to refrain from driving their vehicles during school hours, 9:00 a.m. to 11:53 and 12:35 to 3:20 unless students are going home early. **After school, if students leave before the busses, they MUST drive responsibly. If not, students will lose this privilege.** There are no plug-ins for student vehicles in the winter months.

41.0 Storm Policy

In the event of blizzards and severe wind chill, the following policy will apply:

- Buses will not run if the temperature is –40 Celsius or colder with the wind chill factor
- Buses will not run if there are hazardous driving conditions.
- Bus cancellations will be announced on CJYM radio and posted on the Sun West website (www.sunwestsd.ca).
- NWCS will be open. Teachers will be at the school. Students who are present will do prepared assignments or review.
- If a winter storm develops during the school day and road conditions are treacherous, students who arrive on a bus will return on the same bus unless their parents pick them up at the school. If busses do not run, students will be lodged with their designated billets.
- Students without a billet in town will stay at the school with staff.
- Students who drove to school may only return home after their parents confirm with the office that they have their permission to do so. They can only take siblings with them.

42.0 Elementary Playground Rules

- Safety and respect are our main concerns on the playground.
- In consultation with other schools, we have decided to try keeping 'technology' (DS, iPods, et cetera) off of the playground. The basic reason for this is two-fold: we think it is important that recess is a time for all students to be outside and to be physically active, and as well, we have found that often the root issue of some conflict on the playground is technological devices that belong to specific students.
- Students will be expected to leave their backpacks near the outside pillars or the outside bench near the East doors and go directly to the playground upon arriving at school. This is to ensure that all students are being supervised by the outside

supervisor before school. **Teachers begin supervising the playground at 8:40 am.**

- All students are expected to go outside for recess and remain outside until the bell has rung.
- Students are to use equipment safely and for intended use. Whatever equipment students use should be placed back as they found it before they began playing with it. Snowballs, unfortunately, are not something that we are able to play with on the playground.
- Playground boundaries must be heeded, as they are the areas that are supervised.
- Teachers communicate in regards to all issues on the playground. We strive to be consistent in our language and in implementing the guidelines that have been outlined.
- Throughout our changing seasons, students need to dress appropriately for the weather. Students should know that items like mittens and hats need to be worn with jackets zipped up! There are extra supplies at the school should students forget theirs, but please make every effort to ensure that your child is dressed for the weather.

43.0 Requirements for High School Graduation

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Minimum 8 credits	Minimum 16 credits	Minimum 24 credits (five of which must be at the 30 level)
Compulsory courses are: ELA A10, ELA B10, History 10, Science 10, Math 10 3 electives at level 10 or higher	Compulsory courses are: ELA 20, Math 20 6 additional elective credits at level 20 or 30	Compulsory courses are: ELA A30; ELA B30; History 30; a science 20 or 30; a social science 20 or 30; 2 credits in PAA at the 10, 20 or 30 level; Wellness 10, Physical Education 20 or 30

44.0 NWCS Website/Facebook/Instagram

North West Central School's website can be found at <http://www.sunwestsd.ca/north-west-central> . It highlights our students and their activities and contains useful information such as the Student/Parent Handbook, the current school calendar, copies of the Thursday Note, class supply lists and information about our SCC. You will also find links to other important sites such as PowerSchool, RAZ Kids and Athletics. Please take some time to explore our website. If parents have pictures that could be added to the website or suggestion for the website, please let the office know. You can also see pictures on NWCS students and happening on Facebook and Instagram.



Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment

FAIR NOTICE

Sun West School Division is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.

What is a threat?

- An expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- May be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat related behaviors to the school principal.

What is the purpose of a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment?

- To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- To understand the factors that contribute to the threat maker's behavior
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all

What behaviors warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment will be initiated for behaviors including, but not limited to:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- Verbal/written threats to harm or kill (clear, direct, and plausible)
- Online threats to harm or kill others
- Possession of weapons (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- Fire starting
- Sexual intimidation or assault
- Gang related intimidation and violence

What Parents and Students Need to Know?

- Any threat must be reported to the school principal
- Investigation may involve the student services counsellor, the police of jurisdiction, or other community agencies
- Investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- Interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- Parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- Threatening behavior may result in disciplinary action
- An intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats.

The information in this brochure reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.

The complete West Central Community Threat Risk Assessment and Support Protocol may be found on the Sun West School Division's website at www.sunwestsd.ca.