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Rationale

“Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that ‘everyone should look upon his neighbour (without any exception) as ‘another self,’ above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity’.” (CCC 1931)

The CISVA is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment in which all students can strive for academic excellence, personal growth (spiritually, emotionally and physically) and responsible citizenship. Responsibility to promote Christian conduct is shared by students, staff and parents.

A safe and respectful environment is fostered when:

- Students feel safe;
- There is mutual respect among staff, students and parents;
- Parents, students and staff take an active role in promoting acceptance and tolerance of all persons;
- Appropriate conduct is taught and modeled;
- Disciplinary action is to be restorative in nature and just;
- Diagnosed disabilities are taken into consideration;
- Family special circumstances are considered.

Policy

All CISVA schools will have a Student Code of Conduct to inform the school community of expected conduct based on the principles of respect for the rights and dignity of all persons in order to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.

Procedure

Students of CISVA are expected to (but not limited to):

- Respect those in positions of rightful authority.
- Follow instructions given by staff members and volunteers.
- Know and obey the school’s student code of conduct and the school rules.
- Respect the rights and dignity of all persons in the school community.
- Refrain from participating in or promoting any behavior that would threaten, harass, bully, intimidate, assault (verbally and/or physically) or cause harm to any person.
- Report incidents of bullying or harassment that they witness in the school or at school activities.
- Refrain from abusive/suggestive language (e.g. language that degrades someone’s dignity because of race, religion, ethnicity, culture, sexual self identity, disability and/or socio-economic background). Refrain from misuse of computer technology, including personal electronic devices and/or multi-



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- media electronic devices.
- Work and socialize cooperatively and appropriately with everyone in the school community.
 - Not be in possession or be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and not be in possession of weapons in school or at school activities.
 - Respect all property.

The local CISVA school should develop a school code of conduct with input from students and parents as appropriate. The school's Code of Conduct and disciplinary policies should be reviewed annually. At the beginning of each school year students, parents, staff will receive a copy of the school's student code of conduct.

Reference: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools – A Guide - BC Ministry of Education BC Justice Institute Church's Teachings on Social Justice and Dignity of Persons CISVA Persons with Same-sex Attraction: Pastoral and Educational Considerations (May 2008) Cross-reference: Suspensions and Expulsions 426 Family Statement of Commitment 411	Approved: CISVA Board of Directors
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