

EDENVALE HIGH SCHOOL

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Section 8(1) of SASA (Act 84 of 1996)
- SAGE
- Employment of Educators Act (76 of 1998)
- Control of access to Public Premises and Vehicles (Act 53 of 1985)
- Drugs and drug trafficking Act (Act 140 of 1992)
- Arms and ammunition Act (Act 75 of 1969)

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Edenvale High School aims to provide each learner a quality education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning with a continuous focus and an ethos of taking the school **FROM GOOD TO GREAT** by constantly finding new areas for improvement and brilliance. In order to maintain our high standard of discipline and education, there is a need for a partnership to exist between parents and the school.

It is for this reason that we ask our parents to accept the Edenvale High School Parents' Code of Conduct:

As a parent/guardian of a learner at Edenvale High School, I acknowledge my responsibility with regard to the school and its educational objectives. I undertake to support the school in all its efforts to build an educational institution of academic, cultural and sporting excellence.

I personally undertake, as far as possible and through leading by example, to instil in my child a sense of loyalty, pride and respect in Edenvale High School; that education is not only a right, but is to be viewed as a privilege and I hereby pledge to:

- 1. Ensure that my child attends school on a regular basis and is not absent without a legitimate reason (attending a funeral, illness, etc.). This includes my child attending and participating in the whole school programme and all compulsory school events that either take place during or after school hours, e.g. sport or cultural events, prize giving etc.
- 2. Apply and maintain a positive, respectful attitude both within me and my child while either at school or at home with regard to the leadership and management of the school and the rights of all its educators, staff, Governing Body and learners without discrimination.
- Make certain that my child adheres to and accepts all the school rules, policies and procedures as articulated in the Edenvale High School Learner's

Code of Conduct. This includes the demerit system that may alter from time to time or as deemed necessary by the Headmaster and his Deputies. I furthermore undertake as a parent not to make any invalid excuses for my child's non-adherence to the rules, but rather to apply a collaborative and supportive attitude towards this.

- 4. Ensure that my child is well groomed and neatly dressed in the full correct school uniform whether at school, on the sports field or in public. This includes making sure that all such clothing is in good condition, is clean and is clearly labelled.
- 5. Encourage my child to show respect for all Edenvale High School property (buildings, fields, equipment, desks, learning material etc.) and for the property of others at all times. This includes a non- tolerance attitude towards any acts of theft, defacement and vandalism
- 6. Teach my child to demonstrate respect for the leadership and management of Edenvale High School, its educators, staff, Governing Body and their rights as well as the rights of everybody in the community.
- 7. Ensure that my child is punctual and gets to school on time by undertaking to the best of my ability, to provide transport for my child to and from school every day and for all extra mural/curricular activities whether during or after school hours, e.g. sports days, holiday programmes, cultural events etc.
- 8. Practice good sportsmanship by encouraging all Edenvale High School learners while they are playing sport or representing the school in any other activity (cultural, social etc.) against other schools, teams or individuals. This includes refraining from "coaching" my child or any other learner from the side-lines; interfering with or questioning the decisions made by officials, umpires or referees; engaging in banter, negative comments or arguments with parents, coaches, staff, educators, learners and any visitors from either Edenvale High or other schools/organisations
- 9. Ensure that my child is equipped for the academic year with the correct books, stationery and equipment for each day and for every subject.
- 10. Regularly check that homework is complete and all work is up to date. This includes NOT sending excuse notes when my child has not done his or her homework or for any invalid reason.
- 11. Contact the school promptly in the event of illness or problems, which concern my child and ensuring that a written absentee note with justifiable explanation accompanies him/her when he/she returns to school.
- 12. Undertake to pay all school fees timeously as determined and ratified by the general parent body of the school at its annual budget meeting.
- 13. Support and work with the school to manage and contain any "social ills" that may become prevalent from time to time. This includes the on-going fight

against form of abuse; inter alia, drugs, vaping, alcohol and physical, emotional, social, cyber bullying, etc. I undertake to inform the school without fear of prejudice, of any problems concerning my child or any other learner that may be facing such problems. I furthermore accept that my child may be tested for any substance or alcohol abuse should the school deem it necessary.

- 14. Furthering point 13, I consent to my child being identified for counselling by the school counselling department for voluntary counselling in order to address the "social ills" mentioned above. All counselling is confidential however if the subject matter of the counselling is life threatening or illegal the parent will be contacted immediately.
- 15. Log onto the School Communicator on a regular basis so as to keep updated on all information and notifications that the school imparts via this means of communication.

LEARNERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

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It is for this reason that we ask our Learners to accept the Edenvale High School Learners Code of Conduct:

As a Learner at Edenvale High School, I acknowledge my responsibility with regard to the school and its educational objectives. I undertake to support the school in all its efforts to build an educational institution of academic, cultural and sporting excellence through my active participation in the whole school programme.

I personally undertake to lead by example, and to instil in myself and my fellow learners, however possible and to the best of my abilities, a sense of loyalty, pride and respect towards Edenvale High School. I understand that although education is right, it is also a privilege and I hereby pledge:

- To accept the responsibility to respect the rights of my educators as well as the rights of my peers.
- To be punctual on all occasions for all classes and school activities.
- To be diligent and apply a positive attitude towards all aspects of my
 academic schoolwork and all the various sports, cultural and social activities
 that the school has to offer and that I choose to participate in.
- To uphold and honour any commitment I make and to always give of my very best according to my abilities.
- To conform and adhere to all the rules, policies and procedures of the school.
- Attend school every day and only to be absent if I have a legitimate reason.
- To adhere to the dress code, be well groomed and neatly dressed in the full correct school uniform whether at school, on the sports field or in public.
- To be loyal to Edenvale High School by upholding its vision, ethos and traditions.

- To exercise self-discipline and self-control to the best of my abilities at all times.
- To be enthusiastic about my school's accomplishments and strive to achieve all its goals and objectives with proud and passionate participation.
- To be a "team player" and always to work towards and in the best interest of my school.
- To abhor all forms of dishonesty, theft and vandalism.
- To support the school in containing any "social ills" that may become prevalent from time to time. This includes the on-going fight against any form of abuse; inter alia, drugs, alcohol and physical, emotional, social, cyber bullying, etc. I undertake to inform the school without fear of prejudice, of any problems concerning myself or any other fellow learner who may be facing such problems. I furthermore accept that I may be tested for any substance or alcohol abuse should the school deem it necessary.
- To not forward any offensive and inappropriate comments, videos, voice recordings and / or images via social media that could be deemed harmful to the reputation of the school.
- To be accountable for any and all of my actions and behaviour.
- To accept praise and reward for any personal achievements with humility and appreciation and to accept any form of justifiable punishment as a result of my own personal indiscretions with pardon and absolution.
- To pursue utmost excellence in all academic, cultural and sporting activities and continually to add value and strive for future improvement in all aspects of my school life.

- To apply an attitude of good sportsmanship in everything that I participate in, be it in the classroom, on the sports field, on the stage or in any other public platform and also to encourage all my fellow learners while they are playing sport or representing the school in any other activity (cultural, social, etc.) against other schools, teams or individuals.
- To refrain from engaging in banter, negative comments or arguments with parents, coaches, staff, educators, learners or any visitors from either
 Edenvale High or other schools/organisations