

### Student code of conduct

Whistler Secondary students are proud of their school and have high expectations of each other as reflected in the school's Student Code of Conduct:



We **RESPECT** other people, public and personal property, and authority, by adhering to classroom, school and district rules.

We have the **RIGHT** to be treated with respect, to attend classes where the behaviour of all individuals contributes to a positive learning environment, and to be in a clean, well cared for, harassment free school.

We are **RESPONSIBLE** for ourselves, our choices and our actions

### School mission statement

In partnership with parents and the community, Whistler Secondary provides an environment that enables our students to realize their potential, to recognize their unique value as human beings, and to become productive, responsible citizens.

#### What we believe

At Whistler Secondary School we believe in the pursuit of excellence in all that we do and support each other in order to achieve our personal goals of success.



### Whistler Secondary

*A Community School*



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*A World Class Education in a World Class Recreational Venue*

## A school dedicated to the pursuit of excellence

Whistler Secondary is dedicated to the Pursuit of Excellence in all areas, particularly in academics, athletics and fine arts. The school is infused with a sense of enthusiasm, energy and passion that inspires students to make their dreams a reality, whether it's becoming a professional artist, winning an Olympic medal, embarking on a career in outdoor recreation or achieving an academic level of success that will open doors to the finest universities in the world.

### ■ Small, close knit community of learners



Whistler Secondary is a small, closely knit community of learners where grade 8 to 12 students receive individualized attention from their teachers and strong support from their parents and community. In addition to working hard academically, students

are encouraged to develop their unique talents and abilities by participating in self directed after-school activities such as guitar bands, choir, musical theatre and break dancing. These activities are supported by locally developed courses and students receive credits for their participation.



The school also promotes global stewardship and citizenship by sponsoring student leadership groups, running an extensive recycling program and supporting a nutritious hot lunch program. As a result, students not only receive a first-rate academic education,

but also develop into well rounded citizens who are sensitive to the needs of their community and the world at large.

### ■ Extra-ordinary community support

Teachers, support staff, parents and members of the Whistler community generously volunteer their time and expertise to the school. For example, community volunteers along with school staff coach a number of sports teams. The Whistler Honour Choir and school musical productions are joint school-community ventures and provide course credit for students. The Whistler Blackcomb Foundation donated \$275,000 to the Howe Sound School District so all secondary students have access to state-of-the-art technology.

The community also provides our graduates with numerous scholarships and bursaries.



The Whistler community reaffirmed its support for the school when it came together to help develop a Secondary Futures vision and action plan to 2009. The community expressed a desire to

become even more involved in supporting the school and to create new opportunities for students to be involved in the community. There was also a strong desire to see the school continue its Pursuit of Excellence in all areas and to offer students greater choice and flexibility. The community is proud of the school and, with the coming of the 2010 Olympics, believes the school has the potential of attracting students from across Canada and around the world who are interested in pursuing their dreams while receiving a first-rate education.

### ■ Flexible programs for youth

As you would expect from a school situated in one of the world's great outdoor recreation areas, Whistler Secondary offers several programs of "Choice" which are designed to meet the needs of individual students.

- The **Flex-Ed Program** was first designed to accommodate the training/study/work needs of all students, using a combination of on-line and

classroom learning. The Flex Ed program is particularly suited to meeting the learning needs of elite athletes and aspiring artists who must be away from school for significant amounts of time to train, perform and compete.

- The school's **Outdoor Recreational Leadership Program** is offered to students who want to develop leadership and cooperative skills through outdoor activities in winter and summer settings. Many students who complete the program find employment with local companies. The program also prepares students for entry into Capilano College's Outdoor Recreation Diploma Program and the Outdoor Adventure Program offered by the Thompson Rivers University.

- The **Smart Risk Program** is part of the school's culture and aims to raise student awareness and knowledge of the risks associated with outdoor recreational activities. Student leaders plan activities that promote having fun in winter sports and summer activities while also using risk assessment and management skills. These concepts are integrated into the science and physical education curricula. The program was developed by the SmartRisk Foundation in cooperation with its partners, the Canadian Avalanche Association and the Canadian Ski Patrol System.

