

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The board recognizes that it has the responsibility to assure students the legal rights that are theirs by virtue of guarantees offered all persons under the federal/state constitutions and statutes. In connection with rights are responsibilities that must be assumed by students.

A student is responsible for the way he/she exercises his/her rights, and he/she must accept the consequences of his/her actions and recognize the boundaries of his/her rights. Each exercise of an individual's rights must demonstrate respect for the rights of others.

The statements set forth the rights of students in the schools of the district and the responsibilities that are inseparable from these rights:

1. civil rights--including the rights to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination; the responsibility not to discriminate against others;
2. the right to attend free public schools; the responsibility to attend school regularly and to observe school rules essential for permitting others to learn at school;
3. the right to due process of law with respect to suspension and expulsion;
4. the right to free inquiry and expression; responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights; and
5. the right to privacy, which includes privacy in respect to the student's school records.

As part of the educational process, students should be made aware of their legal rights and of the legal authority of the board to make, and delegate authority to its staff to make, rules regarding orderly operation of the schools.

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