

## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board recognizes 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.

Students are responsible for the way they exercise their rights, and must accept the consequences of their actions and recognize the boundaries of their rights. Each exercise of an individual's rights must demonstrate respect for the rights of others.

### *It is the Student's Right to:*

- Attend school in the district in which their parent or legal guardian resides
- Attend school until graduation from high school at public expense
- Obtain free textbooks needed in the course of study
- Attend school at no expense even though married
- Assist in making decisions affecting their life in school
- Express opinions verbally or in writing
- Expect that the school will be a safe place for them to gain an education
- Dress in such a way as to express individual personality
- File a grievance with the appropriate school official when accused of misconduct
- Be afforded a fair hearing with the opportunity to call witnesses on their own behalf, and to appeal case in event of disciplinary action
- Expect that where if they bear witness in a disciplinary case, their anonymity will be honored by the school
- Be represented by an active student government selected by free school elections
- Assist in the making of school rules

### *It is the Student's Responsibility to:*

- Attend school daily, except when ill, and to be on time to all classes
- Attend school until (16) sixteen years of age (beginning in the fall of 2009, the age is (18) eighteen)
- Pay admission to activities if attendance therein is voluntary
- Pursue and attempt to complete the course of study prescribed by the state and local authorities
- Express his/her opinions and ideas in a respectful manner so as not to offend or slander others
- Be aware of all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct themselves in accordance.
- Dress and appear so as to meet fair standards of propriety, safety, health and good taste

- Be willing to volunteer information in disciplinary cases should they have knowledge of importance
- Assist the school staff in running a safe school for all students enrolled therein
- Take an active part in student government by running for office, or voting for the best candidates; making their problems known to the staff through their representative
- Assume that until a rule is waived, altered or repealed that it is in full effect

As part of the educational process, students should be aware of:

- Their legal rights.
- The legal authority of the Board of Education.
- The delegated authorities of the staff to make rules regarding the operation of the school.

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