

## **STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

All students have the same civil rights. These rights are limited by the capacity of each student to discharge the particular responsibilities necessarily linked to each right. The rights and responsibilities set forth in no way limit the legal authority of school officials to deal with disruptive students.

### RIGHTS

1. Students have the right to expect that attending school will be productive
2. Rules and regulations should be developed as a cooperative venture on the part of all concerned and should be common knowledge to every student
3. Students have the right to expect that materials presented in courses are relevant and appropriate to the maturity level and intellectual ability of the student and that the various views related to topics or materials will be presented or introduced
4. Students will be permitted to use school facilities for approved extracurricular activities with proper faculty supervision and should be encouraged to participate in clubs, recreational events, and other related activities
5. Students have a right to education and to the equality of educational opportunity and the right to expect that punishments which deprive them of this right will be used only in extreme cases. Punishments should be reasonable, consistent, and fair, and resorted to only when students violate school rules
6. Students have the right to advocate change of any law, policy, or regulation. Students may exercise their right to

freedom of expression through speech, assembly, or other lawful means. The exercise of this right may not interfere with the rights of others or take place during school hours. Freedom of expression may not be utilized to present material which tends to be obscene or slanderous, or to defame character, or to advocate violation of federal, state, and local laws, or official school policies, rules, and regulations

7. Students may present complaints to teachers or administration officials. Adequate opportunities shall be provided for students to exercise this right through channels which will be established by the building principal for considering such complaints

### RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Students will attend school daily (except when ill), attend all classes and be on time
2. Students will come to class prepared with proper materials, such as textbooks, pencils and/or pens, etc.
3. Students will be aware of all rules and regulations and/or changes in these rules and regulations defining proper student behavior. Students will conduct themselves according to these guidelines
4. Students should be willing to volunteer information in disciplinary cases if they have knowledge
5. Students should willingly and dutifully serve that segment of the student body which they represent
6. Students will make sure that no individual or group of advocates is allowed to monopolize class time. Teachers will insist on courteous attention to unpopular views, including views contrary to the teacher's own personal opinions. The dignity of all should be respected and no one should be

allowed to abuse others. This freedom can only be exercised as long as it does not interfere with the educational process

7. Students will become involved actively in their own education after returning to school following absence for any reason. Students temporarily out of school should assume the responsibility for keeping up with work missed

8. Students should develop the best school record of which they are capable

9. Students will maintain a clean and pleasant atmosphere in the building and on the grounds

10. Students will follow the directions of teachers, administrators and other responsible school officials

A statement of student rights and responsibilities is contained in the student handbook distributed by each building principal. Each student is provided with a handbook and is held responsible for the information that it contains. The information serves as a guideline for administrators, all school personnel, students, parents, and other citizens of the school district.