

## **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of all who are involved in the educational process. No student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students.

### **Responsibilities**

Members of the school community – students, parents, and school staff – have the responsibility to promote regular attendance at school, orderly conduct and behavior, freedom from fear of insult, harassment or injury, and to provide maximum opportunities for learning for each student.

Therefore, while on or off school grounds, in school facilities, in district-approved vehicles, or at school-sponsored events, the responsibilities of students are:

1. To help maintain an overall atmosphere conducive to learning and to respect the principle that no student shall engage in any activity which disrupts or shows clear and convincing evidence of threatening to disrupt the school operation and/or interfere with the public or private rights of others.
2. To refrain from any conduct, which discriminates against other students on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability.
3. To attend classes, be on time, and attempt to complete a course of study as prescribed by the Board of Education.
4. To respect the property of the school by caring for it and protecting it from theft, and to refrain from theft of any property of the school, staff and other students.
5. To return all district property to the school, or reimburse the school at replacement value of each item, prior to transfer or withdrawal from the district, level change within the district, or graduation.
6. To promote the physical safety and personal security of all others, exercising in this pursuit, a high degree of self-discipline, and to not engage in assaultive behavior, including fighting with students, staff or other persons.
7. To refrain from all conduct which presents a threat to the safety and welfare of other students or school personnel.
8. to personally refrain from, and discourage others from bringing, carrying, possessing or using any kind of weapon.

9. To refrain from using possessing, buying, selling giving, purchasing, or exchanging alcohol, narcotics, drugs or controlled substances, including anabolic steroids and prescription drugs or other dangerous drugs and to refrain from selling or exchanging substances which the student represents as drugs or controlled substances.
10. To practice and encourage honesty in academic work and in all other transactions.
11. To respect the staff by obeying all reasonable requests with equanimity and avoiding the use of profanity or obscene gestures.
12. To be familiar with school rules and district policies regarding expectations for all students.

### **Student Rights**

All people are given basic rights. These rights cannot be denied because of temporary status as a student; no should students be denied the opportunity to learn about, and practice, human rights behavior in the school setting. Of equal importance is the right of school authorities, consistent with fundamental constitutional safeguards, to prescribe and control conduct in the schools.

### **Education**

Every student has the right to an education relevant to needs and ability – as provided by the state laws.

### **Freedom of Expression and Assembly**

Students have the right to assemble and express themselves by speaking, writing, distributing, wearing or displaying symbols of ethnic cultural, or political values such as buttons, badges, emblems, and armbands; or through any mode or dress or grooming style; or through any other medium or form of expression, except that the principal, or designee, may regulate expression, provided there is a factual basis for substantial disruption of school activities or constitutes a health or safety hazard. Students shall also have the right to refrain from expressing themselves in these student originated activities.

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### **CROSS REFS.:**

#### *Administrative Policies:*

ABC/JFB, Student Involvement in Decision Making

IGDB, Student Publications

JFC, Student Conduct

JFCH/JFCI, Student Use and Abuse of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol

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