

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education's goal is to provide an environment in which a student's rights and freedoms are respected. The Board therefore assures district students that they shall have all the rights afforded them by federal and state constitutions, statutes and regulations.

It shall be the right of each district student:

1. to take part in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of race, sex, religion, creed, national origin, or disability;
2. to advocate for the change of any law, policy or regulation.
3. to present complaints to teachers or the school administration channels; established for the consideration of such complaints.
3. to attend school and participate in school programs unless suspended from instruction and participation for legally sufficient cause as determined in accordance with due process of law;
4. to have school rules and conditions available for review and, whenever necessary, explanation by school personnel;
5. to be suspended from instruction only after his/her rights pursuant to Education Law §3214 have been observed; and
6. in all disciplinary matters, to have the opportunity to present his/her version of the facts and circumstances leading to imposition of disciplinary sanctions to the professional staff member imposing such sanction.

It shall be the responsibility of each district student:

1. to be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct;
2. to work to the best of his/her ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward the highest level of achievement possible;
3. to conduct himself/herself, when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events, as a representative of the district and as such hold himself/herself to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship, and accept responsibility for his/her actions;
4. to seek help in solving problems that might lead to discipline procedures;
5. to be in regular attendance at school, and to arrive on time;
6. to contribute to the maintenance of an environment that is conducive to learning and to show due respect to other persons and to property;
7. to accept responsibility for his/her own actions;
8. to respect the rights of others, including the right to an education in an environment that is orderly and disciplined;
9. to respect school property and help keep it free from damage;
10. to comply with any lawful request, instruction or direction given by school personnel;
11. to dress in accordance with standards promulgated by the Board and the Superintendent; and
12. to contribute toward establishing and maintaining an atmosphere that generates mutual respect and dignity for all.

Cross-ref: 5310, Student Discipline
5311.3, Student Complaints and Grievances
5311.5, Student Dress Code
5313.1, Detention
8135, Safe Schools

Ref: Education Law §3214
8 NYCRR §100.2(l)(1)(i)

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