

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for student rights and responsibilities.

The board believes that an important part of each student's education is the right to make decisions and the responsibility to accept the results of these choices. The following has been adopted by the board with respect to student rights and responsibilities.

Rights

To attend school and classes regularly.

To take part in all school activities on an equal basis regardless of race, sex, creed, color, disability, religion, national origin, immigrant status or English-speaking status.

To establish and participate in student government activities.

To address the board of trustees on the same terms as any citizen.

To explore ideas and feel free to express various points of view.

To create school publications to express opinions and offer suggestions.

To receive counseling on educational, social and other types of services.

Responsibilities

To make the most of the opportunities offered at school.

To be aware of the school's rules and regulations and to conduct self accordingly.

To make constructive contributions to school.

To report fairly the circumstances of school-related issues.

To respect others' points of view.

To refrain from libel and obscenity and to observe reasonable rules for responsible journalism.

To exercise freedom of choice in availing oneself of such services.

To contribute to the maintenance of a learning environment and to show due respect to other persons and property.

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Legal references:

A. Federal statutes:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or sex.
2. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USC Section 1681, et seq. - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex.

B. U. S. Supreme Court:

1. Morse v. Frederick, 127 S. Ct. 2618 (2007).
2. Plyler vs. Doe, 1982.