

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. The Board also recognizes all federal, state and local laws in connection with these rights, and reminds students that certain responsibilities accompany these rights.

It shall be the right of each district student:

1. to have a safe, healthy, orderly and courteous school environment;
2. to take part in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability;
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 in class;
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 bear responsibility for maintaining public health and safety on school property;
8. to dress in accordance with standards promulgated by the Board and the Superintendent; and
9. to make constructive contributions to the school, and to report fairly the circumstances of school-related issues.

Publication and Explanation

The rights and responsibilities of students (along with the discipline code) will be publicized and explained to students and provided in writing to all parents on an annual basis. The timing of the explanation and the manner of publication will be determined by the Superintendent. The Superintendent will annually advise the Board in writing of the manner and extent of the publication and explanation.

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

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