

CODE OF CONDUCT: STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I. Student Rights

- A. The district is committed to safeguarding the rights given to all students under state and federal law. In addition, to promote a safe, healthy, orderly and civil school environment, all district students have the right to:
- B. Take part in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of: age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnic group, gender, genetic predisposition, marital status, national origin, parental status, race, religion, religious practice, sex, sexual orientation, or weight.
- C. Present their version of the relevant events to school personnel authorized to impose a disciplinary penalty in connection with the imposition of the penalty.
- D. Access school rules and receive an explanation of those rules from school personnel.
- E. Confidentiality with regard to their school records and classroom performance.
- F. Student behavior and performance shall be discussed by staff on a need-to-know basis only.

II. Student Responsibilities

- A. All district students have the responsibility to:
- B. Contribute to maintaining a safe and orderly school environment that is conducive to learning and to show respect to other persons and to property.
- C. Be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations dealing with student conduct.
- D. Attend school every day unless they are legally excused and be in class, on time, and prepared to learn.
- E. Work to the best of their ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward their highest level of achievement possible.
- F. React to direction given by teachers, administrators and other school personnel in a respectful, positive manner.
- G. Control their anger.
- H. Ask questions when they do not understand.
- I. Seek help in solving problems that might otherwise lead to physical or emotional confrontation.
- J. Abide by the school dress code.
- K. Accept responsibility for their actions.
- L. Conduct themselves as representatives of the district when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events and to hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship.
- M. Cooperate with school authorities in the investigation of incidents of violence or threats of violence.

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