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The Alexander City Board of Education possesses the responsibility to offer an education which shall be provided in an orderly, healthy atmosphere, both physical and emotional, and in which treatment of students is both firm and fair in all matters pertaining to school life.

Every student shall comply with all rules and regulations of both the State and the Board pertaining to pupil behavior. Codes of student conduct shall be based on maintaining within each school a proper atmosphere for learning. Codes of conduct shall be consistent with the policies of the Board, which in turn, shall be in full compliance with State and Federal provisions.

The Alexander City Board of Education shall make every effort to provide for the free expression of ideas by students unless this interferes with the educational process. No student shall have the right to interfere with the educational process of other students.

All students shall be free to express their points of view in an orderly manner in keeping with democratic ideals. All students shall have the freedom to exercise the right of free speech and to protest deprivation thereof, through proper channels, providing that such protection does not interfere with the educational program of the School System or result in harm to other individuals.

The Alexander City Board of Education shall not limit student expression of religious viewpoints or deny the rights of students to organize religious groups or activities, providing that such protection does not interfere with the educational program of the school system or result in harm to other individuals.

Students are allowed voluntary religious expression in class assignments, coursework, and artwork.

All students shall have the responsibility to grant the same rights and responsibilities to other individuals, to develop tolerance for the view points or opinions of others, and to recognize the rights of other individuals to form or hold different points of view.

**REFERENCE(S):**

**CODE OF ALABAMA**

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