

Student's Rights and Responsibilities

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One of the goals of school systems throughout the United States of America is the development in students of an appreciation of the democratic way of life. To achieve this goal the staff, students and parents must work cooperatively to avoid the extremes of regimentation and authoritarianism on the one hand, and anarchy and irresponsibility on the other. To this end, every student has certain rights and responsibilities. The following statements are basic to student-school relationships:

1. Provided no libelous and obscene expressions are used, and the activity does not disrupt the school program, the rights of students with respect to freedom of speech, press and assembly will be respected.
2. The High School will establish a representative student government with leadership elected by the students.
3. All students have the right to an education without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.
4. Students may be searched, according to a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, if there are "reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school." (Board Policy 5145.12).
5. The right to inspect desks and lockers assigned to students may be exercised by school officials to safeguard students and their property and school property with reasonable care for the Fourth Amendment Rights of Students. (Board Policy 5145.12).
6. Every member of the school community, including students, parents and staff has the responsibility to promote regular attendance, orderly conduct and behavior, freedom from fear of insult or injury, and maximum opportunities for learning on the part of each student.

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