

Student Rights and Responsibilities

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The district strives to provide learning experiences to assist all students in developing skills, competencies, and attitudes that are fundamental to an individual's achievement as a responsible, contributing citizen. In order to maintain and advance this effort, students have the responsibility and duty to:

- A. Pursue their course of studies and make reasonable efforts to learn;
- B. Attend school daily and be on time to all classes;
- C. Be aware of all rules governing student behavior and conduct themselves accordingly;
- D. Express opinions and ideas in a respectful manner so as not to libel or slander others;
- E. Dress in a manner which is not disruptive to the educational process nor a threat to the health and safety of themselves or others;
- F. Conduct themselves in a manner which will not be disruptive to their education nor disrupt or deprive others of their education;
- G. Respect the rights of others and exercise the highest degree of self-discipline in observing and adhering to established rules and regulations;
- H. Follow established procedures in seeking changes in those policies, rules, or regulations which affect themselves and with which they disagree;
- I. Identify themselves, upon request, to school district personnel or authorities in the school building, on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, or on school buses;
- J. Follow reasonable requests of school employees who are acting in the performance of their duties;
- K. Comply with the rules of the district and school and state and federal laws; and
- L. Submit to reasonable corrective action or punishment imposed by the district and its professional staff for violation of its rules.

It is the responsibility and duty of each student to pursue his or her course of study, comply with school and district, which are adopted in alignment with state law and/or rules and regulations, and submit to reasonable corrective action or punishment imposed by the school district and its agents for violations of the rules. These provisions do not lessen the responsibilities and duties of each student. In the interest of maintaining an orderly educational environment for all students, the district strives to assure that reasonable corrective action or punishment is imposed for just cause and in a fair and just manner.

The rights in district policy do not deny other rights provided in the constitution and the laws of the State of Washington or the rights retained by the people, nor to restrict the district from establishing and enforcing reasonable and lawful rules for the governance of the school and the conduct of students.

In addition, all students must accept their personal responsibility for the safety of all students and staff by promptly reporting the presence of any weapons or any other threat to the safety of the school.

Student Rights

In addition to other rights established by law, each student in the district possesses the following substantive rights:

- A. No student may be unlawfully denied an equal educational opportunity or be unlawfully discriminated against because of national origin, race, religion, economic status, sex, pregnancy, marital status, previous arrest, previous incarceration, or a physical, mental, or sensory disability.
- B. All students possess the constitutional right to freedom of speech and press and the constitutional right to peaceably assemble and to petition the government and its representative for redress of grievances, subject to reasonable limitations upon the time, place, and manner of exercising such rights.
- C. All students possess the constitutional right to be secure in their persons, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures.
- D. All students have the right to be free from unlawful interference in their pursuit of an education while in the custody of the district.
- E. No student will be deprived of the right to an equal educational opportunity in whole or in part by a school district without due process of law.