Policy

**STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Students, like all citizens, have certain rights guaranteed by the Constitution and other federal, state, and local laws. They are responsible for the way these rights are exercised and must recognize the boundaries of these rights, accepting the consequences of their actions.

Students may exercise their right to freedom of expression through speech. The exercise of this right may not interfere with the rights of others. Students may not use this freedom of expression to present material that is obscene or slanderous or to defame the character of another. They may not use this freedom to advocate violation of federal, state, and local laws or school policies, rules, and regulations.

Students have the right to a quality education and the responsibility to put forth their best efforts during the educational process. They have the responsibility to respect the rights of other students and all persons involved in the educational process.

Students have civil rights, including the right to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination. They have the responsibility not to discriminate against others.

Students have the right to attend free public schools. They have the responsibility to attend school regularly as required by law.

Students have the right to due process of the law with respect to suspension, expulsion, or any other administrative decision which they believe has injured their rights. They have the responsibility to observe school rules and regulations which permit others to learn at school.

Students have the right to free inquiry and expression. They have the responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights and to express themselves in a manner that does not materially or substantially disrupt the operation of the school or conflict with the school’s educational program.

Students have the right to know the standards of behavior that are expected of them and the consequences of not adhering to those standards. They have the responsibility to accept the consequences of misbehavior. As such, this policy will be included in school handbooks or otherwise communicated to students and parents/legal guardians at the beginning of each school year.

Students have the right to privacy regarding the content of student records as defined by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. Students have the responsibility to comply with reasonable requests from administration.

The district will accord all students privileges and rights without regard to race, religion, sex, color, disability, national origin, immigrant status, English-speaking status, or any other applicable status protected by local, state, or federal law.

This policy is designed for educational and informational purposes and is not intended to create, expand, or restrict any student rights or responsibilities.

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Legal References:

1. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
2. Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1701, *et seq*.
3. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C.A. Section 701, *et seq*.
4. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C.A. 12132.
5. Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 2000c, *et seq*.
6. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 2000d, *et seq*.
7. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1681, *et seq*.
8. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
9. Section 59-1-435 - Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act.
10. Section 59-63-40 - Discrimination on account of race, creed, color, or national origin prohibited.