

Rights and Responsibilities of Students

- A student has all rights expressed and guaranteed by the United States Constitution and by federal, state, and local laws.
- These rights do not permit a student to disrupt the educational process, to break school rules, to present a health or safety hazard, or to disregard directions of those in authority.
- Individual rights do not include infringing upon the rights of others in the school community.
- To the extent permitted by applicable law, students have the right to:
 - a public education without regard to gender, race, religion, or national origin;
 - an orderly school and classroom environment that will allow optimum learning, emphasizing the values of responsibility, kindness, fairness, and safety; and express themselves in speech, writing, or symbols, consistent with their constitutional rights and School Board policy.
- It is the responsibility of students to preserve a climate of mutual respect and trust in order that the dignity of the individual is protected and the pursuit of opportunities for each student may be realized.
- Students are responsible for:
 - knowing and complying with any rules or regulations of the School Board, as well as local, state, and federal laws;
 - attending school regularly, equipped with the materials needed to attend class and complete class assignments and/or requirements;
 - and contributing to a climate of mutual respect for all within each school so that the hopes and ambitions of all individuals may be realized.

Rights and Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians

- Parents have a duty to assist the school in enforcing the standards of student conduct and compulsory school attendance in order that education may be conducted in an atmosphere free of disruption and threat to persons or property, and supportive of individual rights.
- Parents or guardians should share with their children the importance of a quality education. They should encourage their children to develop self-discipline and to accept responsibility for learning.
- It is important for parents to work closely with teachers and school officials for the benefit of their children. This should include an effort to attend school functions when possible.
- Parents are responsible for their student's daily attendance and compliance with school rules.
- **Parents should provide the school with a current daytime phone number and respond immediately to requests for conferences.**
- At home, parents should provide a time and place for their children to study. Parents should enhance their children's learning by preparing them mentally, physically, and emotionally.