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Section 200 Pupils

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### **Purpose**

This policy sets forth guidelines by which student rights and responsibilities are determined, consistent with law and regulations.

### **Authority**

The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and deportment of district students. At the same time, no student shall be deprived of equal treatment and equal access to the educational program, due process, a presumption of innocence, and

free expression and association, in accordance with Board policy and school rules.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

## **Guidelines**

Attendant upon the rights established for each student are certain responsibilities, which include regular attendance; conscientious effort in classroom work and homework; conformance to Board policies and school rules and regulations; respect for the rights of teachers, students, administrators and all others who are involved in the educational process; and expression of ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.[\[4\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

It shall be the responsibility of the student to:[\[7\]](#)

1. Be aware of all policies, rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct him/herself accordingly. Each student shall assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed in writing, it is in effect.[\[10\]](#)
2. Volunteer information in matters relating to the health, safety and welfare of the school community and the protection of school property.
3. Dress and groom to meet standards of safety and health, and not to cause substantial disruption to the educational processes.[\[12\]](#)
4. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school.
5. Comply with federal, state and local laws.
6. Exercise proper care when using district facilities, school supplies and equipment.[\[13\]](#)
7. Attend school daily and be on time to all classes and other school functions.[\[9\]](#)
8. Make up work when absent from school.
9. Pursue and attempt to satisfactorily complete the courses of study prescribed by local school authorities.
10. Report accurately in student media.[\[11\]](#)

11. Not use obscene language in student media or on school property.[\[11\]](#)

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, consistent with the Code of Student Conduct and Board policy.[\[10\]](#)[\[14\]](#)

A listing of students' rights and responsibilities shall be included in the Code of Student Conduct, which shall be distributed annually to students and parents/guardians.[\[4\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee may develop administrative regulations or school rules consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under specific conditions are properly recognized and maintained.

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