

STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**Student Rights**

The District is committed to safeguarding the rights given to all students under state and federal law. In addition, to promote a safe, healthy, orderly, and civil school environment, all District students have the right to:

1. Take part in all District activities on an equal basis regardless of color, creed, national origin, religion, gender or sexual orientation or disability.
2. Present their version of the relevant events or, in the case of bullying, harassment or discrimination, report any such acts to school personnel authorized to impose a disciplinary penalty.
3. Access school rules and, when necessary, receive an explanation of those rules from authorized school personnel.
4. Learn in a safe and supportive school climate free from bullying, harassment and/or discrimination by other students and/or adults.

Student Responsibilities

All District students have the responsibility to:

1. Contribute to maintaining a safe and orderly school environment that is conducive to learning and to show respect to other persons and to property.
2. Be familiar with and abide by all District policies, rules and regulations dealing with student conduct.
3. Refrain from engaging in acts of bullying, harassment and/or discrimination as defined by the Dignity for All Students Act:
“All students shall have the right to freedom from bullying, harassment and discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender identity and expression, religion, religious practices, national origin, sexual orientation, weight, ethnic group, or disability.”
4. Attend school every day unless they are excused and be in class, on time and prepared to learn.
5. Work to the best of their ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward their highest level of achievement possible.
6. Respond to direction given by teachers, administrators, and other school personnel in a respectful, positive manner.
7. Work to develop mechanisms to control their anger.
8. Ask questions when they do not understand.
9. Seek help in solving problems that might lead to discipline.

10. Dress appropriately for school and school functions.
11. Accept responsibility for their actions.
12. Conduct themselves as representatives of the District when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events and to hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship.

Cross Reference: 5300, Code of Conduct

Reference: 8 NYCRR §100.2(1)

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