

**STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board of Education's goal is to provide an environment in which a student's rights and freedoms are respected. Some of the major rights and responsibilities of students may be enumerated as follows:

1. The rights and limits of students respecting freedom of speech, press and assembly shall be in accordance with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The exercise of these rights shall not interfere with the rights of others, nor shall the right of free expression be utilized to present material which tends to be obscene or slanderous, or to defame character, or to advocate violation of federal, state or local laws, or official school policies, rules or regulations.
2. It is the right of each student to be provided courses of instruction and learning experiences adapted to his/her needs and abilities. It is his/her responsibility to be in regular attendance and to apply him/herself diligently.
3. It is the right of each student to use school buildings, furniture, equipment and supplies provided by the people for instruction. It is his/her responsibility to use them carefully and protectively, and to assume the cost of restoration in the case of deliberate misuse, damage or destruction to the full extent of the limits provided by law.
4. It is the right of each student to present complaints to teachers or administrative officials. It is his/her responsibility to present them respectfully and through the channels and procedures made known to him/her.
5. It is the right of each student to make proposals and suggestions for changes within the schools. It is his/her responsibility to make only those proposals which are meant to improve the total school program.

Cross-ref: S310, Student Discipline

S311.3, Student Complaints and Grievances

5311.S, Student Dress Code

5313.1, Detention

8135, Safe Schools

**8 NYCRR '100.2(I)(I)(i)**

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Note: Prior policy, Policy Manual (Student Rights and Responsibilities, JF)

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