

## Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities

The board recognizes that it has the responsibility to assure students the legal rights that are theirs by virtue of guarantees offered all persons under the federal and state constitutions and statutes. In connection with rights are responsibilities that must be assumed by students.

Among these rights and responsibilities are the following:

- civil rights, including the rights to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination; the responsibility not to discriminate against others.
- the right to attend free public schools; the responsibility to attend school as required by law and to observe school rules and regulations essential for permitting others to learn at school
- the right to due process of the law with respect to suspension, expulsion, unreasonable searches and seizures, or administrative decisions which the student believes has injured his rights
- the right to free inquiry and expression; responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights
- the right to privacy, which implies the right of a person to dress as he/she pleases within certain limits

It is the Board's belief that as part of the educational process, the students of the district should be made aware of their legal rights and also of the legal authority of the Board to make, or delegate authority to its staff to make, rules and regulations regarding the orderly operation of the schools.

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