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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.

Guidelines

Attendant upon the rights established for each student are certain responsibilities, which include respect for the rights of others; obedience to properly constituted school authority; and compliance with the policy, rules and regulations of this district.

All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, audiovisuals, or other supplementary instructional material, to be used in the instructional program shall be available for inspection by the parents/guardians of students.

A student who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years possesses the full rights of an adult and may authorize those school matters previously handled by parents/ guardians.

All official school forms, excuse blanks, permission slips, etc. must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. This applies to all district students of any age.

Surveys/Evaluations

All surveys and instruments used to collect information from students shall relate to the district's educational objectives.

The parent/guardian shall be informed of the nature and scope of individual surveys and their relationship to the educational program of their child and the parent/guardian's right to inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party prior to administration or distribution to a student. Such requests shall be in writing and submitted to the building principal.

No student shall be required, without written parental consent for students under eighteen (18) years of age or written consent of emancipated students or those over eighteen (18) years, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of student or parent/guardian.
2. Mental and psychological problems of the student or family.
3. Sexual behaviors and attitudes.
4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior.
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships.
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent/guardian.
8. Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

However, such survey, analysis or evaluation may be conducted on a wholly voluntary basis, provided that the student and parent/guardian have been notified of their rights and of their right to inspect all related materials.

Students' responsibilities include school attendance, conscientious effort in classroom work and conformance to school rules and regulations. Most of all, students share with the administration and faculty a responsibility to develop a climate within the school that is conducive to wholesome learning and living.

No student has the right to interfere with the education of his/her fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of teachers, students, administrators, and all others who are involved in the educational process.

Students should express their ideas and opinions in a respectful, constructive and polite manner.

It is the responsibility of the students to conform with the following:

1. Be aware of all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct themselves in accordance with them. Students should assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed in writing, it is in effect.
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 fair standards of safety and health, and too not cause substantial disruption to the educational processes.
4. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school for all students enrolled therein.
5. Comply with Commonwealth and local laws.
6. Exercise proper care when using public facilities and equipment.
7. Attend school daily and be on time at all classes and other school functions.
8. Make up work when absent from school.
9. Pursue and attempt to complete satisfactorily the courses of study prescribed by Commonwealth and local school authorities.
10. Be appropriate in all verbal, written or physical representations that are associated with the school.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and promulgate procedures consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under varying conditions are properly described.

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 510](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 4.4](#)

[3. 22 PA Code 12.1](#)

[5. 22 PA Code 12.2](#)

[6. 22 PA Code 12.3](#)

7. Pol. 221

[8. 20 U.S.C. 1232h](#)

9. Pol. 105.1