

Student Rights and Responsibilities

The Board has the responsibility to afford students the rights that are theirs by virtue of guarantees offered under 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:

1. Civil rights – including the rights to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination; the responsibility not to discriminate against others;
2. The right to attend free public schools; the responsibility to attend school regularly and to observe school rules essential for permitting others to learn at school;
3. The right to due process of law with respect to suspension, expulsion and decisions which the student believes injure his/her rights;
4. The right to free inquiry and expression; the responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights;
5. The right to privacy, which includes privacy in respect to the student's school records.

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

Students have the right to know the standards of behavior that are expected of them and the consequences of misbehavior.

The rights and responsibilities of students, including standards of conduct will be made available to students and their parents through handbooks distributed annually.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.061](#)
[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 337.150](#)
[ORS 339.155](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 659.850](#)
[ORS 659.865](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)
[OAR 581-021-0046](#)
[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)
[OAR 581-022-1140](#)

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).