

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 student 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 with respect to the student's education records.

Students have the right to know the behavior standards expected of them as well as to know the consequences of misbehavior.

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

Reluctant Learner

While education is a right of American youth, it is not an absolute right. To be eligible to enter and attend school, a student must have satisfactorily completed certain required school work, must be regular in attendance, must have proper conduct, and must be diligent in his/her studies. Consequently, attending school must be considered as a limited right or a privilege. The privilege of attending school is dependent

on several factors. The most important factor is continued performance of required duties as prescribed in Oregon Revised Statutes.

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](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1140](#)

Hazelwood Sch. District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

Bethel Sch. Dist. v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

Cross Reference(s):

JFC - Student Conduct