

# Multnomah Education Service District

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## Student Rights and Responsibilities

The Board has the responsibility to afford students in MESD programs 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 right 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 to learn 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, as provided by law.

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

Student's rights and responsibilities, including standards of conduct, will be made available to students, their parents, guardians or persons in a parental relationship, and employees through information distributed at least annually.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125\(1\)\(2\)\(7\)](#)  
[ORS 337.150](#)  
[ORS 339.155](#)  
[ORS 339.240](#)

[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 Sch. District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).  
Bethel Sch. Dist. v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

**MESD Cross Reference:**

JB - Equal Educational Opportunity

JFCA - Student Dress and Grooming\*\*

JFCB - Care of School Property by Students\*\*

JFCC - Student Conduct on Buses

JFCF - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence - Students

JFCJ - Weapons in the District

JFG - Student Searches and Questioning\*\*

JFH - Student Complaints

JG - Student Discipline

JGB - Detention of Students\*\*

JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Students with Disabilities\*\*

JGE - Expulsion\*\*