

## **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

All students in our schools deserve reasonable safeguards in the consideration of all matters affecting their school life. Careful attention must be given to procedures and methods whereby fairness and consistency in discipline shall be assured each student.

Special problems that arise in conducting school programs free from disruption and free from the kinds of distraction which impedes the learning of any student may make it necessary to discipline a student or even remove the student from the formal learning environment for a period of time.

Teachers and superintendents need discretionary powers in invoking disciplinary actions and procedures and in maintaining a climate conducive to learning and protection of life and property.

### **Rights**

Fair treatment for each student shall be such as to protect him/her from arbitrary and unreasonable decisions.

All decisions affecting students shall be based on careful and reasoned investigation of the facts.

All students shall be apprised of the school rules and procedures by which schools are governed and the processes by which discipline may be involved.

### **Responsibilities**

A student shall comply with the rules for government of schools, pursue the prescribed course of study and shall submit to the lawful authority of teachers or school officials.

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 in respect to the student's school records.

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 and their parents through information distributed annually.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

<a href="#"><u>ORS 332.061</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>ORS 339.240</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>OAR 581-021-0045</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ORS 332.072</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>ORS 339.250</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>OAR 581-021-0046</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ORS 337.150</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>ORS 659.850</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ORS 339.155</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>ORS 659.865</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>OAR 581-022-1140</u></a>

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 and Discipline