

STUDENTS

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education, in support of the aims of public education, believes that all students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected by the Federal and State Constitutions and laws for persons of their age and maturity in the school setting, and that the behavior of students attending public schools should reflect standards of good citizenship required of members of a democratic society. Self-discipline (responsibility for one's actions) is one of the important goals of education.

Students may, during the school day, during non-instructional time, voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings that, consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, are not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee. *Non-instructional time* means time set aside by a school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

Citizenship and Moral Responsibilities

Students shall respect constituted authority, shall follow school rules and regulations and those provisions of law which apply to the conduct of students.

Citizenship in a democracy requires respect for the rights of others and demands cooperation with all members of the school community. Students' conduct shall reflect consideration of the rights and privileges of others.

High personal standards of courtesy, decency, morality, appropriate language, honesty, and wholesome relationships with others shall be maintained. Respect for real and personal property, pride in one's work, and achievement within one's ability shall be expected of all students.

Rights and Responsibilities

1. To attend school.
2. To expect that the school be a safe place.
3. To be involved in the establishment of reasonable school rules and regulations.
4. To understand and follow reasonable school rules and regulations.
5. To respect the rights and individuality of other students and school administrators and teachers.
6. To refrain from libel, slanderous remarks, and obscenity in verbal and written expression, on social networks, or in any format.
7. To dress and groom in a manner that meets reasonable standards of health, cleanliness and safety, and that is not disruptive to the educational program.

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8. To refrain from gross disobedience or misconduct or behavior that materially and substantially disrupts the educational process.
9. To maintain the best possible level of academic achievement.
10. To respect the exercise of authority by school administrators and teachers in maintaining discipline in the school and at school sponsored activities.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7904
105 ILCS 20/5

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, 89 S. Ct. 733 (1969).

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